

**CITY OF WILLIAMSTON
CITY COUNCIL
OCTOBER 28, 2024
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

1. Call to Order:

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Tammy Gilroy, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Roll Call:

Mayor Tammy Gilroy, Mayor Pro-tem Brandon Lanyon, Council members Terry Hansen, Tom Pratt, Steve Jenkins, Scott VanAllsburg, and Dan Rhines. Absent: None.

Also present: City Manager John Hanifan, City Clerk Holly Thompson, Police Chief Jeff Weiss, City Attorney Timothy Perrone, JFM Productions, citizens Jerry Fulcher, John Bollman, John Haynes, and other members of the public.

4. Approval of Agenda:

Motion by **Lanyon**, second by **Hansen**, to approve the agenda as presented. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

5. Audience Participation:

Earl Wolf invited all to the 3rd Annual Veterans Day banquet, a fundraiser for the Williamston Museum at the Depot, on Monday, November 11. The program will be the Walter Estes story.

6. Annual Audit Presentation Fiscal Year 2023/2024:

Auditor Christina Schaub of Roslund, Prestage & Company presented their firm's audit findings for the City of Williamston 2023/2024 fiscal year finances. A written summary and audit were submitted for Council review.

7. Council Meeting Minutes of October 14, 2024:

Motion by **Hansen**, second by **Lanyon**, to approve the October 14, 2024, minutes as presented. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

8. Accounts Payable:

Motion by **Lanyon**, second by **Jenkins**, to approve the October 28, 2024 accounts payable as presented, reference #'s 77888-77918, EFT 1180, and ACH 1154-1179 from dates 10/14/24 through 10/21/24 for a total of \$110,504.59. Yes: Gilroy, Lanyon, Hansen, Pratt, Jenkins, VanAllsburg, Rhines. No: None. **Motion passed.**

9. Action Items

9a. Budget Amendment Request- Police Department:

Motion by **Rhines**, second by **Lanyon**, to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$20,826.00 for the replacement of the Police Department server. Yes: Gilroy, Lanyon,

Hansen, Pratt, Jenkins, VanAllsburg, Rhines. No: None. **Motion passed.**

10. Discussion Items

10a. Construction Project Update(s):

Manager Hanifan reported the Williams Street and Lloyd Street punch lists are completed. We are keeping an eye on the easements/grass. Trees have been planted on North Putnam. The Consumers Energy project on West Grand River is close to being done. We have had to remind contractors that construction activities should only be between 7am and dusk. The next project will be the Red Cedar water main crossing and the alley water main near City Hall.

10b. Master Plan Update:

Manager Hanifan reported the Planning Commission meets next week on Thursday, November 7, instead of Tuesday due to the General Election. The Master Plan continues to be discussed/reviewed.

10c. "Main Four" Safety Improvements:

Manager Hanifan said there is nothing new to report. MDOT is still reviewing our submission for the four corners improvements/enhanced crosswalk treatments.

11. Department Head Reports

12a. City Manager:

Manager Hanifan reported the Saturday downtown trick-or-treating was well attended and a great weekend. The Williamston Events group has set a goal of 100 participants for the Light Parade.

12b. Police Chief:

Chief Weiss reported he was a celebrity server at the Taste of Williamston event and it was a great night. The Saturday trick-or-treating was a great event and they gave away a lot of candy. NIESA was stationed at the police station, too. They have been ticketing for the no parking on City streets from 2-5am from October 1-March 31. Reserves will be on duty on Halloween night. They have been interviewing officer recruits.

13. Committee/Sub-Committee Reports:

Councilman Jenkins reported the TIFA Board passed a member attendance policy.

14. Audience Participation:

Mayor Gilroy called for public comments at this time and there were none.

15. Council Member Comments:

Councilman Hansen acknowledged the Mayor's hippy Halloween outfit.

Councilman Jenkins said he loves all the family friendly food and events activities fun in Williamston.

Mayor pro-tem Lanyon said he appreciated the phenomenal audits and thanked the

Treasurer, City Manager, and staff for all the great work and knowing the City is run efficiently. He was an election inspector last weekend for early voting and commended the Clerk staff on all the work they put in on elections. He has great trust in our elections and how they are run. All the Williamston events have been great.

Councilman VanAllsburg stated all the decorated light poles are great.

Councilman Rhines echoed the others on a great audit and gave credit to the City staff. Good luck to the Williamston boys soccer and football teams.

Mayor Gilroy thanked the amazing, competent staff in every single position. The audit shows the City is in good financial shape. Budget workshops will be coming up soon. Everything in Williamston is off the charts and so much fun. Williamston has so much to offer.

16. Adjourn to the Call of the Chair:

Mayor Gilroy adjourned the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

***Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted by:

Barbara J. Burke, Deputy Clerk

Tammy Gilroy, Mayor

Date Approved: _____