

**CITY OF WILLIAMSTON
CITY COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 13, 2023
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 Tommy Pratt, Steve Jenkins, Scott VanAllsburg, Dan Rhines, and Terry Hansen. Absent: None.

Also present: City Manager John Hanifan, City Clerk Holly Thompson, Police Chief Jeff Weiss, City Attorney Timothy Perrone, Officer Tryon Calkins, JFM Productions, and a resident.

4. Approval of Agenda:

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

5. Audience Participation:

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

6. Council Meeting Minutes of October 23, 2023:

Motion by **Rhines**, second by **Jenkins**, to approve the October 23, 2023, minutes as presented. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

7. Accounts Payable:

Motion by **Lanyon**, second by **Rhines**, to approve the November 13, 2023, accounts payable as presented, reference #'s 77098-77148, ACH 596-624, and EFT 607 from dates 10/18/23 through 11/03/2023 for a total of \$382,479.49. Yes: VanAllsburg, Rhines, Gilroy, Lanyon, Hansen, Pratt, Jenkins. No: None. **Motion passed.**

8. Action Items

8a. AFSCME Contract Approval:

Motion by **Hansen**, second by **Lanyon**, to approve the agreement with AFSCME with the effective dates of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2026. Yes: Rhines, Gilroy, Lanyon, Hansen, Pratt, Jenkins, VanAllsburg. No: None. **Motion passed.**

8b. North Putnam Street MDOT Contract Amendment:

Motion by **Jenkins**, second by **Lanyon**, to amend contract #23-5061 and authorize Mayor Gilroy and Clerk Thompson to sign on behalf of the City of Williamston. Yes: Gilroy, Lanyon, Hansen, Pratt, Jenkins, VanAllsburg, Rhines. No: None. **Motion passed.**

8c. Department of Public Works Staffing Plan:

Motion by **Rhines**, second by **Pratt**, to approve the staffing plan for the Department of Public

Works; and advertise for DPW Operations Supervisor. Yes: Lanyon, Hansen, Pratt, Jenkins, VanAllsburg, Rhines, Gilroy. No: None. **Motion passed.**

9. Discussion Items

9a. Road Diet:

Manager Hanifan reported the Road Diet has been selected for federal funding with the construction beginning hopefully in 2024.

9b. Construction Project Update(s):

Manager Hanifan reported Iron Horse Construction is making great progress on North Putnam paving up to Church Street with the project still on track for being completed on time.

A schedule is being developed for the Lloyd Street project.

The old pavilion in McCormick Park has been removed. The project should progress quickly.

11. Department Head Reports

11a. City Manager:

Manager Hanifan reported that tonight Bob Ford of Landscape Architects & Planners and Earl Wolf are presenting to the Ingham County Parks and Recreation Commission on our two grants – the Memorial Trail and the river clearing projects.

11b. Police Chief:

Chief Weiss reported there are two recruits graduating from the Police Academy on March 22 and May 3, 2024 which will bring the Police Department to full staffing.

11c. Treasurer:

A budget printout was provided for Council review.

11d. Building Department:

A written report was provided for Council review.

12. Committee/Sub-Committee Reports:

Councilman Pratt reported NIESA is working on their 2024 budget for consideration at the December meeting.

Councilman Hansen commented the Parks Commission has a 120-page Parks and Recreation Master Plan in place to be eligible for funding. He also commented PBS was taking pictures and working with Kent Hall on a story regarding Honor For All.

Mayor Gilroy reported the DDA is continuing to work on a marketing plan.

14. Audience Participation:

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

15. Council Member Comments:

Councilman Jenkins asked if the City ever received the art grant.

Councilman VanAllsburg commented he was on Council when they sold the Community Center building but cannot recall why it was sold. He wondered if the City should pursue creating another community center.

Mayor Gilroy commented leaf pickup is still going for a little while longer. There is no parking on the City streets from 2am-5am. The downtown looked beautiful for fall and she's excited about the Light Parade coming up on December 2nd.

16. Adjourn to the Call of the Chair:

Mayor Gilroy adjourned the meeting at 7:41 p.m.

***Meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted by:

Holly M. Thompson, City Clerk

Tammy Gilroy, Mayor

Date Approved: _____