

**CITY OF WILLIAMSTON
CITY COUNCIL
APRIL 10, 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, Councilmembers Tommy Pratt, Scott VanAllsburg, Dan Rhines, and Terry Hansen. Absent: Steve Jenkins.

Also present: City Manager John Hanifan, City Clerk Holly Thompson, City Treasurer Tom Mead, City Attorney Timothy Perrone, City Engineer/DPW Director Scott DeVries, Spicer Group Representative John Bradley, JFM Productions, and citizens Jack Smith and Kent Hall.

Motion by **Pratt**, second by **Hansen**, to excuse Jenkins. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

4. Approval of Agenda:

Motion by **Lanyon**, second by **VanAllsburg**, to approve the agenda as amended by removing item 8b. 2023 North Putnam Street Project – Engineering Contract. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

5. Audience Participation:

Kent Hall commented they are working on the getting National recognition for the Honor for All Trail. Forty-seven states have joined the Honor for All recognizing Post Traumatic Stress Injury (PTSI).

Jack Smith commented he would like to work with the City on a tree replacement policy if there is not one already in place.

6. Council Meeting Minutes of March 27, 2023:

Motion by **Hansen**, second by **Rhines**, to approve the March 27, 2023, minutes as presented. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

7. Accounts Payable:

Motion by **Lanyon**, second by **VanAllsburg**, to approve the April 10, 2023, accounts payable as presented, reference #'s 76623-76662, and ACH 408-410 from dates 3-24-23 through 3-29-23 for a total of \$57,923.06. Yes: VanAllsburg, Rhines, Gilroy, Lanyon, Pratt, Hansen. No: None. **Motion passed.**

8. Action Items

8a. 2023/2024 Fiscal Year Draft Budget:

Motion by **Rhines**, second by **VanAllsburg**, to set the budget work session for May 8, 2023. Yes: VanAllsburg, Rhines, Gilroy, Lanyon, Hansen, Pratt. No: None. **Motion passed.**

Motion by **Hansen**, second by **Lanyon**, to set the following public hearings for May 22, 2023: 2023-24 Millage Rates, 2023-24 Utility Rates and Fees, and 2023-24 Fiscal Year Budget. Yes: Rhines, Gilroy, Lanyon, Hansen, Pratt, VanAllsburg. No: None. **Motion passed.**

8b. Sensus Water Meters – FCC Radio License Renewal:

Motion by **Pratt**, second by **Lanyon**, to approve the FCC radio license renewal agreement through Sensus for the Water Meter reading system to be signed by the Mayor. Yes: Gilroy, Lanyon, Hansen, Pratt, VanAllsburg, Rhines. No: None. **Motion passed.**

9. Discussion Items

9a. Road Diet:

Engineer DeVries reported Spicer Group is completing the bid quantities to be turned over to the City and MDOT for review in the next few weeks.

11. Department Head Reports

11a. City Manager:

Manager Hanifan reported financials through February are available for Council review. Staff is work on preparing the upcoming budgets and will also be looking at creating RFP's for services after the new budget is adopted.

11b. Building Department:

A written report was submitted for Council review.

12. Committee/Sub-Committee Reports:

None.

13. Audience Participation:

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

15. Council Member Comments:

Councilman Rhines commented Matt Mulford of Artisan Alcove located in the upstairs of Kellers Plaza did great artwork for the new Jubilee logo. The Jubilee committee is working on adding a couple concerts this year. The Jubilee theme is "farming". He also pointed out the City does offer and one for one tree replacement when doing projects.

Councilman VanAllsburg commented it takes a while for new trees to grow and it looks bare when all the mature trees are taken down.

Councilman Lanyon stated he is excited to see the Putnam Street construction begin. The tree removal people have been very respectful.

Councilman Hansen commented flushable wipes are just a marketing gimic and not actually flushable. They get stuck in the wastewater plant and must be removed regularly.

Mayor Gilroy thanked the Chamber of Commerce for a great "Decades" event on Saturday.

The four corners were decorated in different decades and she was able to judge them. She also commented there were many artisans displaying their work including the Williamston City Clerk’s photography in the upstairs of Keller’s Plaza, food trucks were available, and live music was going on all day at the four corners. Many things are going to start happening in Williamston as the weather warms like the Farmers’ Market and Thursday Night Concert Series. She encouraged everyone to get out there and enjoy everything going on in Williamston.

16. Adjourn to the Call of the Chair:

Mayor Gilroy adjourned the meeting at 7:29 p.m.

***Meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted by:

Holly M. Thompson, City Clerk

Tammy Gilroy, Mayor

Date Approved: _____