

**CITY OF WILLIAMSTON  
CITY COUNCIL  
MAY 22, 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, Steve Jenkins, Scott VanAllsburg, and Terry Hansen. Absent: Dan Rhines.

Also present: City Manager John Hanifan, City Clerk Holly Thompson, City Treasurer Tom Mead, City Attorney Timothy Perrone, Police Chief Bob Young, Engineer/DPW Director Scott DeVries, Spicer Group Representative John Bradley, and JFM Productions.

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

**4. Approval of Agenda:**

Motion by **VanAllsburg**, second by **Jenkins**, 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 May 8, 2023:**

Motion by **Jenkins**, second by **Hansen**, to approve the May 8, 2023, minutes as presented. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

**7. Accounts Payable:**

Motion by **Lanyon**, second by **VanAllsburg**, to approve the May 22, 2023, accounts payable as presented, reference #'s 76722-76751, and ACH 426-432 and EFT 431 from dates 5-4-23 through 5-11-23 for a total of \$38,333.15. Yes: VanAllsburg, Gilroy, Lanyon, Hansen, Pratt, Jenkins. No: None. **Motion passed.**

**8. Public Hearing for Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Budget:**

Mayor Gilroy opened the public hearing at 7:05 p.m.

Manager Hanifan gave a power point presentation summarizing the 2023/2024 Fiscal Year Draft Budget.

No comments from the public were received.

Mayor Gilroy closed the public hearing at 7:25 p.m.

**9. Action Items**

**9a. Re-appointment of Narda Murphy to the Downtown Development Authority for a Term to Expire 06/30/27:**

Motion by **Lanyon**, second by **Pratt**, to re-appoint Narda Murphy to the Downtown Development Authority for a term to expire 06/30/27. Yes: Gilroy, Lanyon, Hansen, Pratt, Jenkins, VanAllsburg. No: None. **Motion passed.**

**9b. Re-appointment Earl Wolf to the Parks and Recreation Commission for a Term to Expire 06/30/26:**

Motion by **Hansen**, second by **Jenkins**, to re-appoint Earl Wolf to the Parks and Recreation Commission for a term to expire 06/30/26. Yes: Lanyon, Hansen, Pratt, Jenkins, VanAllsburg, Gilroy. No: None. **Motion passed.**

**9c. Metro Act Application:**

Motion by **Lanyon**, second by **Pratt**, to approve the 123.Net Metro Act Application as presented. Yes: Hansen, Pratt, Jenkins, VanAllsburg, Gilroy, Lanyon. No: None. **Motion passed.**

**9d. Volunteers Park – West Fence and Gate Proposal:**

Motion by **Hansen**, second by **VanAllsburg**, to authorize the installation of decorative fencing and a maintenance gate for Volunteers Park in accordance with the proposal from Clery Fence of Dansville, Michigan in the amount of \$15,100.00. Yes: Pratt, Jenkins, VanAllsburg, Gilroy, Lanyon, Hansen. No: None. **Motion passed.**

**9e. Trent Allen Memorial Basketball Courts – Crack Repair and Resurfacing Proposal:**

Motion by **Pratt**, second by **Lanyon**, to authorize the Crack Sealing and Resurfacing proposal with McKearney Asphalt & Sealing Inc. of Lansing, Michigan in the amount of \$10,995.00. Yes: Jenkins, VanAllsburg, Gilroy, Lanyon, Hansen, Pratt. No: None. **Motion passed.**

**10. Discussion Items**

**10a. Road Diet:**

Manager Hanifan reported the plans are complete and they are looking forward to the public open house on June 21<sup>st</sup>. He has received some public response already that has been overwhelmingly positive.

**10b. Construction Project Update(s):**

Manager Hanifan reported Engineer DeVries put together a drafted construction schedule that was shared on social media. He thanked Deputy Burke for her help in the wording and design of the notice. If people have questions about any City projects, he encouraged them to call City Hall directly to get answers.

**12. Department Head Reports**

**12a. City Manager:**

Manager Hanifan submitted a written report for Council review. He added the McCormick Park cleanup went very well and was busy. He added Earl Wolf and Heather Galecka are great park supporters.

**12b. Police Chief:**

Chief Young reported staffing is still an ongoing issue. They currently have four full-time and no part-time officers. He encouraged people to apply if interested.

**13. Committee/Sub-Committee Reports:**

Councilman VanAllsburg reported the Cemetery Board met and discussed a pine tree that was planted at a grave site that a neighboring plot owner does not like.

Councilman Jenkins reported the TIFA Board approved the repair of the salt barn door and waiver to the contractor saying they are no longer obligated to repair the building. They also approved their budgets and elected officers.

**14. Audience Participation:**

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

**15. Council Member Comments:**

Councilman Jenkins commented people are always asking him about the high water/sewer rates.

Councilman VanAllsburg commented Williamston is not high on water/sewer rates, they are in the middle.

Councilman Hansen commented trolls do not exist and will not be on the Putnam bridge.

Mayor Gilroy commented summer is a busy time in Williamston with the bandshell concerts, farmers' market, Jubilee, and other summer events. She encouraged people to visit the new Nikko's and Twisters for ice cream.

**16. Closed Session- Capitol City Labor Program Collective Bargaining allowed under MCL 15.268(c):**

Motion by **Lanyon**, second by **VanAllsburg**, to go into closed session to discuss the Capitol City Labor Program Collective Bargaining allowed under MCL 15.268(c). Yes: Jenkins, VanAllsburg, Gilroy, Hansen, Lanyon, Pratt. No: None. **Motion passed.**

Closed Session started at 7:59 p.m.

Motion by **Lanyon**, second by **VanAllsburg**, to return to open session. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

Closed Session ended at 8:22 p.m.

**17. Adjourn to the Call of the Chair:**

Mayor Gilroy adjourned the meeting at 8:23 p.m.

**\*Meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.**

**Respectfully Submitted by:**

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**Holly M. Thompson, City Clerk**

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**Tammy Gilroy, Mayor**

**Date Approved:** \_\_\_\_\_