

CITY OF WILLIAMSTON
CITY COUNCIL
JANUARY 24, 2005
MINUTES

1. Call To Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Mayor Kenneth Zichi and the Pledge of Allegiance was given.

3. Roll Call: Mayor Kenneth Zichi, Mayor Pro-tem Larry Wittrup, Council Members James DeForest, George Monroe, Scott VanAllsburg, and Robert Hanna. Absent: Penny Davis.

MOTION BY DEFOREST, SECOND BY WITTRUP, TO EXCUSE DAVIS. MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

Also Present: City Manager Lisa Hitchcock, Deputy Clerk Holly Thompson, City Attorney Timothy Perrone, Police Chief Tom Ambbs, Executive Secretary Catherine Garnham, JFM Productions, Enterprise Reporter Will Whelton, Library Foundation Representatives Susan Graff, Ernie St. Pierre, Francis Schafer, John Fishbeck, and NIESA Representative Jamie Janson.

4. Approval of Agenda: MOTION BY DEFOREST, SECOND BY WITTRUP, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

5. Audience Participation: Mayor Zichi called for public comment at this time and there was none.

6. Council Minutes of January 10, 2005: On page 2, item 9b., add "NIESA Representative Hanna with VanAllsburg as alternate" and move "*Councilmember Davis left at 7:22 p.m." to after item 9c. MOTION BY DEFOREST, SECOND BY WITTRUP, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 10, 2005 AS AMENDED. MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

7. Accounts Payable: Councilman Hanna reported that the accounts payable totaled \$250,669.03 and included payroll, insurance, consultants, utilities, DDA/TIFA Tax Recovery, Taxes, and Attorney fees. Reference #'s 4052-4141. MOTION BY HANNA, SECOND BY WITTRUP, TO APPROVE THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AS PRESENTED. YES: MONROE, VANALLSBURG, HANNA, ZICHI, DEFOREST, WITTRUP. NO: NONE. MOTION PASSED.

8. Action Items

8a. Second Reading – Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Adult Entertainment Business Ordinance #291: MOTION BY DEFOREST, SECOND BY WITTRUP, TO APPROVE THE SECOND READING OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO THE ADULT

ENTERTAINMENT BUSINESS ORDINANCE #291 AS PRESENTED. YES: ZICHI, DEFOREST, WITTRUP, MONROE, VANALLSBURG, HANNA. NO: NONE. MOTION PASSED.

8b. Second Reading – Amendment to Adult Entertainment Business Licensing and Regulation Ordinance #292: MOTION BY DEFOREST, SECOND BY WITTRUP, TO APPROVE THE SECOND READING OF THE AMENDMENT TO THE ADULT ENTERTAINMENT BUSINESS LICENSING AND REGULATION ORDINANCE #292 AS PRESENTED. YES: MONROE, VANALLSBURG, HANNA, ZICHI, DEFOREST, WITTRUP. NO: NONE. MOTION PASSED.

8c. Engineering Proposal for Development: MOTION BY DEFOREST, SECOND BY WITTRUP, TO APPROVE THE AGREEMENT WITH CAPITAL CONSULTANTS AS PRESENTED FOR ENGINEERING PROPOSAL FOR DEVELOPMENT CONTINGENT UPON THE CITY MANAGER ACQUIRING AGREEMENTS FROM THE DEVELOPERS ENSURING THEIR COOPERATION AND FINANCIAL COMMITMENT TO COVER ALL COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROPOSAL. COST TO BE A LUMP SUM FEE OF \$96,225 FOR SERVICES INCLUDING NEW BOUNDARY AND TOPOGRAPHIC SURVEYS, OR \$82,525 FOR SERVICES UTILIZING EXISTING BOUNDARY AND TOPOGRAPHIC SURVEYS. YES: WITTRUP, MONROE, VANALLSBURG, HANNA, ZICHI, DEFOREST. NO: NONE. MOTION PASSED.

8d. Property & Building Committee: MOTION BY DEFOREST, SECOND BY WITTRUP, TO APPOINT LISA HITCHCOCK, JEFF HULL, LYNN WILSON, GEORGE MONROE, AND LARRY WITTRUP TO THE PROPERTY AND BUILDING COMMITTEE. YES: VANALLSBURG, HANNA, ZICHI, DEFOREST, WITTRUP, MONROE. NO: NONE. MOTION PASSED.

8e. Appointment of Election Commission: MOTION BY DEFOREST, SECOND BY WITTRUP, TO APPOINT LISA HITCHCOCK, HOLLY THOMPSON, AND ALAN DOLLEY TO THE ELECTION COMMISSION. YES: MONROE, VANALLSBURG, HANNA, ZICHI, DEFOREST, WITTRUP. NO: NONE. MOTION PASSED.

9. Discussion Items

9a. Library Building: A cost benefit analysis was done by a consultant for the Library Foundation to determine the cost of relocating the library. The primary concern was to keep the library in the downtown area. There are many options being discussed. The Library Foundation has been offered an option to purchase the property at 226 and 304 W. Grand River Ave. They have until February 15th to exercise their option to buy. Mayor Zichi stated that the options available for a new library need to be put in front of the public for their opinion. He also informed them that the City is looking into the possibility of renting the Community Center building to temporarily house the library while a new one is built on the current library site. Robert St. John recommended that the information for new library options be made public as soon as possible. An annual report and relocation report from the Williamston Library Foundation was submitted to the Council.

9b. Lighting Ordinance: Mayor Zichi commented that the Lighting Ordinance is currently being reviewed by the Planning Commission.

11. Staff Reports

11a. City Manager: Lisa Hitchcock submitted a written report and reminded the Council about the Joint Board Meeting on January 31st at 7:00 p.m. in the East Annex. The main topic of the meeting will be a presentation of the Sanitary Sewer Master Plan.

11b. City Attorney: No report.

11c. Police Chief: Tom Ambs reported that the Police and Kids program has received \$2300 in donations but commented that they do not have enough funds to support the program until the end of the year.

11d. Utilities Director: Leroy Smith submitted a written report.

12. Committee/Sub-Committee Reports

12a. Legislative Director: Councilman DeForest commented that the MML Newsletter stated that state shared revenues are down. Councilman DeForest, Mayor Zichi and Councilman VanAallsburg asked the City Manager to sign them up for the Legislative Conference.

13. Audience Participation: NIESA Representative Jamie Janson distributed copies of NIESA statistics and thanked the Williamston Police Department for their assistance with the 200+ car pile up on I-96. The City commented that NIESA had done a wonderful job as well.

14. Council Member Comments: DeForest commented that he appreciated all of the emergency services on January 12th, and added that there was a great response time. Wittrup agreed with DeForest's comments. Wittrup questioned the impact on Bismark St. when Church St. was closed due to the water main reconstruction.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by: _____
Holly M. Thompson, Deputy Clerk

Kenneth V. Zichi, Mayor

Date Approved: _____