

**CITY OF WILLIAMSTON  
CITY COUNCIL  
JUNE 27, 2005  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**1. Call To Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Kenneth Zichi and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**3. Roll Call:** Mayor Kenneth Zichi, Council Members Scott VanAllsburg, Robert Hanna, James DeForest, Penny Davis, George Monroe. Absent: None.

Also Present: City Manager Lisa Hitchcock, Deputy Clerk Holly Thompson, City Attorney Tim Perrone, JFM Productions, Tim Grossman, and DDA Member Jarrod Bradford.

**4. Approval of Agenda:** Add item 8f. Bridge Plaque Presentation and 8g. Resolution 11-05 as Amended. **MOTION BY DEFOREST, SECOND BY HANNA, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED. MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.**

**5. Audience Participation:** Jason Miller commented that Williamston is a small town and the City needs to make considerations for hiring within the community if possible for employees and services to support the community.

**6. Council Minutes of June 13, 2005:** **MOTION BY DEFOREST, SECOND BY HANNA, TO APPROVE THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 13, 2005 AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.**

**7. Accounts Payable:** George Monroe reported that the accounts payable totaled \$117,909.35 and included payroll, streetscape payments, appraisals, utilities, and other miscellaneous supplies and services. Reference #'s 4880-5957. **MOTION BY MONROE, SECOND BY HANNA, TO APPROVE THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AS PRESENTED. YES: DEFOREST, DAVIS, HANNA, MONROE, VANALLSBURG, ZICHI. NO: NONE. MOTION PASSED.**

**8. Action Items**

**8a. Recommendation of Board Member to Williamston Community Library Foundation:** The Council had previously appointed Penny Davis to serve as the alternate for Larry Wittrup on the Library Foundation. **MOTION BY ZICHI, SECOND BY VANALLSBURG, TO RECOMMEND PENNY DAVIS TO SERVE ON THE WILLIAMSTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY FOUNDATION AS CITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE TO REPLACE LARRY WITTRUP. MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.**

**8b. Proposed Contract with Williamston Community Library Foundation:** MOTION BY DEFOREST, SECOND BY HANNA, TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WILLIAMSTON AND THE WILLIAMSTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY FOUNDATION TO TURN OVER THE FUNDS RAISED FOR BUILDING A NEW LIBRARY IN WILLIAMSTON TO THE LIBRARY FOUNDATION. YES: HANNA, ZICHI, DEFOREST, DAVIS, MONROE, VANALLSBURG. NO: NONE. MOTION PASSED.

**8c. Budget Amendments:** MOTION BY DEFOREST, SECOND BY HANNA, TO APPROVE THE BUDGET AMENDMENTS AS PRESENTED FOR FUND 246 TIFA 2A, DEPARTMENT 000 DECREASED BY \$500, AND DEPARTMENT 729 INCREASED BY \$115,000; FUND 247 TIFA 2B DEPARTMENT 000 INCREASED BY \$52,000 AND DEPARTMENT 729 INCREASED BY \$110,500; FUND 248 DDA, DEPARTMENT 729 INCREASED BY \$50,000, DEPARTMENT 906 INCREASED BY \$2,000, AND DEPARTMENT 990 DECREASED BY \$20,200; FUND 590 SEWER, DEPARTMENT 000 DECREASED BY \$458,511, DEPARTMENT 483 INCREASED BY \$56,500, DEPARTMENT 544 DECREASED BY \$200,000, DEPARTMENT 548 DECREASED BY \$35,000, DEPARTMENT 549 DECREASED BY \$45,000, AND DEPARTMENT 906 DECREASED BY \$170,000; FUND 591 WATER, DEPARTMENT 000 DECREASED BY \$131,115, DEPARTMENT 483 INCREASED BY \$26,110, DEPARTMENT 544 DECREASED BY \$450,000, DEPARTMENT 550 DECREASED BY \$975,000, AND DEPARTMENT 906 DECREASED BY \$65,000. YES: DAVIS, MONROE, VANALLSBURG, HANNA, ZICHI, DEFOREST. NO: NONE. MOTION PASSED.

**8d. Election of Mayor Pro-tem:** MOTION BY VANALLSBURG, SECOND BY DEFOREST, TO ELECT ROBERT HANNA AS MAYOR PRO-TEM. MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

**8e. DDA Re-appointment:** MOTION BY DEFOREST, SECOND BY HANNA, TO CONCUR WITH THE MAYOR'S RE-APPOINTMENT OF BARB VANDENBERG TO THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6/30/09. MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

**8f. Bridge Plaque Presentation:** Mayor Zichi presented the bridge plaque to the Depot Museum President Jane Johnson with the understanding that if the Depot Museum no longer wants to display the plaque they are to return it to the City.

**8g. Resolution 11-05 as Amended:** MOTION BY DEFOREST, SECOND BY HANNA, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 11-05 AS AMENDED BY DECREASING THE MILLAGE LEVIED TO 15.1342 MILLS. YES: MONROE, VANALLSBURG, HANNA, ZICHI, DEFOREST, DAVIS. NO: NONE. MOTION PASSED.

## **9. Discussion Items**

**9a. City Council Vacancy:** Jarrod Bradford of the DDA introduced himself and announced that he has submitted his application for City Council appointment. The Council will be accepting applications until July 6<sup>th</sup> for the City Council vacancy.

## **11. Staff Reports**

**11a. City Manager:** Lisa Hitchcock submitted a written report and added that she and Deputy Clerk Holly Thompson attended the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks Conference in Frankenmuth. The Fraternal Order of Police negotiations will be getting underway soon. Police Chief interviews have been completed. City staff members are considering having the sidewalk survey conducted by a GM job bank employee.

**11b. City Attorney:** Tim Perrone reported that the charter amendments may need to be clarified and reduced to get three acceptable amendments.

**11c. Planning & Development Report:** Lynn Wilson submitted a written report for Council review.

**11d. Community Development Director Report:** Alison Alfredson submitted a written report for Council review.

**11e. Water & Wastewater Reports:** A written report was submitted for Council review.

## **12. Committee/Sub-Committee Reports**

**12a. Legislative Director Report:** None.

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

**14. Council Member Comments:** Councilman VanAllsburg commented that Mark Chatterly is designing a sculpture for the planter box in front of City Hall. Councilman Hanna wanted to thank the small community in Canada that was so helpful to him and his friends after the car accident they were in there. Councilman Monroe commented that he has done an interview with a student from the University of Indiana regarding his views as a Council member. Mayor Zichi commented that Jubilee went well despite bridge construction. He was very impressed with the antique car show in the park. He encouraged people to attend ArtFest on July 16<sup>th</sup> and added that blues band Root Doctor will be there as part of the entertainment.

**Meeting Adjourned at 7:45 p.m.**

**Respectfully Submitted by:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Holly M. Thompson, Deputy Clerk**

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**Kenneth V. Zichi, Mayor**

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