

**CITY OF WILLIAMSTON
CITY COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 25, 2006
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, Mayor Pro-tem Robert Hanna, Council Members George Monroe, Scott VanAllsburg, Michelle Hyne, and Penny Davis. Absent: Brian O'Connell.

Also Present:

City Manager Lisa Hitchcock, Deputy Clerk Holly Thompson, City Attorney Dave Stoker, JFM Productions, citizens Terri Campbell, Mike Thomas, Dan Frank, and John Pratt.

Motion by **Hanna**, second by **Hyne**, to excuse O'Connell. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

4. Approval of Agenda:

Add item 15. Closed Session for AFSCME and FOP Union Negotiations. **Hyne questioned the amount of notice given for the closed session.**

Motion by **Hanna**, second by **VanAllsburg**, to approve the agenda as amended. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

5. Audience Participation:

Mike Thomas of 207 E. Riverside asked the Council to consider omitting the Pledge of Allegiance from their agenda.

6. Council Minutes of September 11, 2006:

Motion by **Hanna**, second by **Monroe**, to approve the regular Council minutes of September 11, 2006 as presented. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

7. Accounts Payable:

Councilman Hanna reported that the accounts payable totaled \$236,978.91 and included insurance, utilities, consultants, attorneys, and other miscellaneous supplies and services. Reference #'s 7288-7352. **Hyne questioned a payment for approximately \$108,000.**

Motion by **Hanna**, second by **Davis**, to approve the accounts payable as presented. Yes: Hanna, Zichi, Hyne, Davis, Monroe, VanAllsburg. No: None. **Motion passed.**

8. Action Items

8a. Community Center Waiver Request from Capital Area Literacy

Coalition:

Motion by **Hyne**, second by **VanAllsburg**, to table this item until a representative of the Capital Area Literacy Coalition can be present to answer questions.

Motion passed by voice vote.

9. Discussion Items

9a. Industrial Park Phase II:

Mayor Zichi reported that Glen Granger ~~will not~~ **does not want to** construct the road that was agreed upon in the purchase agreement between Granger and the City and EDC. Mr. Granger believes there will be a marketability problem if the road is constructed. Zichi believes the proposed road is important to defer traffic off of Williamston Road. The Council was in agreement that they want the contract adhered to but were flexible about the location of the road.

Manager Hitchcock reported that she met with the Michigan Economic Development Corporation regarding the certification of the Industrial Park. They also felt that a road and utilities in the Industrial Park Phase II would be more marketable.

Mike Thomas added that the next meeting with Glen Granger will be October 3rd at 4:00 p.m.

11. Staff Reports

11a. City Manager:

Manager Hitchcock submitted a written report for Council review. Councilman Hanna asked if Robin Yarmack of the RCRA had submitted their budget to the City. Manager Hitchcock answered that she would follow up on it.

11b. City Attorney:

Attorney Stoker reported that the cable television issue did not pass and has been tabled until after the election.

11c. Police Chief:

Chief Hetfield submitted statistics for August 2006 for Council review.

12. Committee/Sub-Committee Reports

12a. Legislative Director:

No report.

12b. Planning Commission Minutes of September 7, 2006:

Councilman VanAllsburg went on record to say that he does not want to see the Lighting Ordinance less technical.

13. Audience Participation:

None.

14. Council Member Comments:

Mayor Zichi commented that he and Director Alfredson have organized a Cool Cities Advisory Committee to work on getting a Cool Cities grant for Williamston. He asked Council to contact him about any ideas or suggestions.

Michelle Hyne commented that she submitted a ~~letter~~ **communication** to the Parks and Recreation Commission regarding the free use of a flat bottom boat and commercial mower to maintain the island.

Mayor Zichi commented that the DDA's goal is to reduce the maintenance of the island by planting native plants to grow on the island.

Councilman VanAllsburg commented that he supports making the island a native planting area but wants to see a sculpture there.

15. Closed Session for AFCSME and FOP Union Negotiations:

Motion by **Hanna**, second by **VanAllsburg**, to enter into closed session to discuss the AFSCME and FOP Union negotiations. Yes: Davis, Monroe, VanAllsburg, Hanna, Zichi, Hyne. No: None. **Motion passed.**

Closed Session started at 7:47 p.m.

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

Closed Session ended at 8:29 p.m.

Action on Closed Session: There was no action taken on closed session.

16. Adjournment:

Motion by Hanna, second by **VanAllsburg**, to adjourn. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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

Kenneth V. Zichi, Mayor

Date Approved: _____