

**CITY OF WILLIAMSTON
CITY COUNCIL
JULY 10, 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, Councilmembers George Monroe, Scott VanAllsburg, Michelle Hyne, Brian O'Connell, and Penny Davis.
Absent: None.

Also Present:

Deputy Clerk Holly Thompson, City Attorney Timothy Perrone, JFM Productions, Zoning Board of Appeals members Robert St. John and John Pratt, Planning Commissioner Frank Buzzitta, EDC/TIFA members Mike Thomas, Pam Jeffers, and Dan Frank, citizens Terri Campbell and Helen Soderberg.

4. Approval of Agenda:

Add 8c. Planning Commission Appointments.

Motion by **Hanna**, second by **Davis**, to approve the agenda as amended.

Motion passed by voice vote.

5. Audience Participation:

Chris Smith from Wireless Capital Partners distributed information about his company and explained what they do. WCP provides a buy out of a cell tower lease. Council recommended that he would need to work with the City Manager. Helen Soderberg asked when discussion took place about the upcoming bond payments.

Mayor Zichi responded that the bonds are from the 1980's and are coming due. Helen Soderberg commented that she does not see the sense in raising rates again because of decisions made in the 80's.

Mayor Zichi commented that the Council knew they would have to raise rates to cover the water/sewer debt.

Councilmember Hyne commented that she would have rather taken a more aggressive approach to the budget and made cuts to the General Fund to cover the water/sewer increases.

Councilman Monroe commented that the waterlines that are being replaced on E. Riverside Street look horrible and without funding the water lines will not be able to be replaced.

Robert St. John asked if the City will consider another meeting to update the public on the future of the water/sewer like was previously done in 2004.

Mike Thomas asked what the status was of the CSX proposal. He talked to the City Manager and it had not been sent since at the end of June. Council commented that they were unaware that it had not been sent. Mayor Zichi commented that he will check the status with the City Manager.

6. Approval of Minutes of June 12, 2006 and June 26, 2006:

On page 3, 2 lines down, change "\$250,000" to "\$750,000". On page 4, 11 lines down add "Hyne also commented that based on the increases for the Community Center and Waste Water Treatment Plant ?????".

Motion by **Hanna**, second by **O'Connell**, to approve the regular Council minutes of June 12, 2006 as amended. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

On page 4, i. 15 lines down, delete "does not" and "that" and change "feel" to "feels" and 23 lines down change "hi" to "his". On page 5, 10 lines from the bottom delete ", look at it" and add 6 lines from the bottom "Council member Hyne stated that there are over 130 homes for sale in the City." On page 6, 14 lines from the bottom add "Hyne stated that on June 26th she was able to obtain the information after following up with the City Manager."

Motion by **Hanna**, second by **Davis**, to approve the regular City Council minutes of June 26, 2006 as amended. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

7. Accounts Payable:

Councilman Hanna reported that the accounts payable totaled \$76,140.66 and included insurance, engineering fees, utilities, lease payments on the vactor truck and Community Center, attorney fees, and other miscellaneous supplies and services. Reference #'s 6950-6998.

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

8. Action Items

8a. Consider Truck Purchase:

Mayor Zichi reported that the truck, a 2006 Chevy Silverado work truck, is for the Department of Public Works. Councilman O'Connell commented that he thinks the DPW trucks look like they are in very good condition. He would like the Blue Book value of the trucks that are being traded in or sold to determine if it is worth it to keep the trucks or not. Councilman VanAllsburg asked if there are any problems with the trucks that are being replaced. Mayor Zichi indicated that he did not know. The trucks are replaced on rotation. Helen Soderberg commented that it would not be a good idea to spend \$24,765 on a truck with the water/sewer rates being raised.

Motion by **VanAllsburg**, second by **Monroe**, to approve the purchase of the 2006 Chevy Silverado for the Department of Public Works in the amount of \$24,675 as presented. Yes: Monroe, VanAllsburg, Hanna, Zichi, Davis. No: Hyne, O'Connell. **Motion passed.**

8b. Resolution #10-06 Pilot Asset Management Project:

Motion by **Hanna**, second by **O'Connell**, to approve resolution #10-06 for the Pilot Asset Management Project as presented. Yes: Zichi, Hyne, O'Connell, Davis, Monroe, VanAllsburg, Hanna. No: None. **Motion passed.**

8c. Planning Commission Appointments:

The Planning Commission recommended the appointment of William Schall to the Zoning Board of Appeals and George Bohart to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Motion by **Hanna**, second by **Davis**, to concur with the Mayor's appointment of William Schall to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term to expire 01/01/08 and George Bohart to the Parks and Recreation Commission for a term to expire 06/30/07. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

11. Staff Reports

11a. City Manager:

Lisa Hitchcock submitted a written report for Council review.

11b. City Attorney:

No report.

11c. Planning & Development Administrator:

Lynn Wilson submitted a written report for Council review.

12. Committee/Sub-Committee Reports

12a. Legislative Director:

No report.

13. Audience Participation:

Helen Soderberg commented that she was unable to find the financial history Mayor Zichi put in the packet. She also asked if the City is considering paving Mullet Street. Mayor Zichi replied that the City is looking into getting a grant to pave the road.

14. Council Member Comments:

Councilmember Hyne congratulated Dawn Marie Joseph, Bev O'Malia, Jeff Hull, Harriet Dunckel, **Marilyn Burns from the Lions Club**, and Laura Maynard for receiving awards from the Jubilee Committee.

Mayor Zichi reminded everyone that the ArtFest is Saturday, July 15th at McCormick Park.

Councilman Hanna commented that NIESA will be sending a mailing pending NIESA board approval regarding the August 8th millage issue.

Councilman VanAllsburg commented that he appreciates the Mayor's excellence he puts into his job.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

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

Kenneth V. Zichi, Mayor

Date Approved: _____