

**CITY OF WILLIAMSTON
CITY COUNCIL
JULY 24, 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 Brian O'Connell, Penny Davis, George Monroe, Scott VanAllsburg, and Michelle Hyne. Absent: None.

Also Present:

City Manager Lisa Hitchcock, Deputy Clerk Holly Thompson, City Attorney Bonnie Toskey, JFM Productions, EDC members Mike Thomas and Dan Frank, ZBA member Robert St. John, Planning Commissioner Frank Buzzitta, Library Foundation Representative Susan Graff, and citizens Charles and Ruth Hagland.

4. Approval of Agenda:

Add 9b. Community Center Library Move.

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

5. Audience Participation:

Frank Buzzitta distributed the "Walk in Williamston" flier and also the list of freebies during the Walk the Bridges event.

6. Council Minutes of July 10, 2006 and Special Meeting Minutes of May 12, 2006:

On page 3, 4 lines from the bottom, add "Marilyn Burns from the Lions Club" after "Dunckel,".

Motion by **Hanna**, second by **O'Connell**, to approve the regular Council minutes of July 10, 2006 as amended. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

On page 2, at the bottom change "February 27" to "May 12".

Motion by **Hanna**, second by **VanAllsburg**, to approve the special meeting minutes of May 12, 2006 as amended. **Motion passed.**

7. Accounts Payable:

Councilman Hanna reported that the accounts payable totaled \$68,463.20 and included insurance, utilities, Community Center expenses, and other miscellaneous supplies and services. Reference #'s 6999-7082.

Motion by **Hanna**, second by **O'Connell**, to approve the accounts payable as presented. Yes: Hyne, O'Connell, Davis, Monroe, VanAllsburg, Hanna, Zichi.
Motion passed.

8. Action Items

8a. Request from Great Parents, Great Start Program for Use of Community Center:

???? **A representative** requested on behalf of Great Start Ingham to use room 23 of the Community Center free of charge. She stated that they do clean up after themselves. The program is run through the Ingham County Intermediate School District and does not have room rental budgeted. The purpose of the program is to provide early childhood programs and services within Ingham County to promote school readiness of all children birth through age five and parent involvement in education through interagency collaboration.

Motion by **VanAllsburg**, second by **Davis**, to waive the rental fee for room 23 of the Community Center for the Great Start Ingham program. Yes: Hanna, Zichi, Hyne, O'Connell, Davis, Monroe, VanAllsburg. No: None. **Motion passed.**

8a. Request from Charles and Ruth Hagland for Reduced Rate of Community Center Gymnasium:

Ruth Hagland commented that they are using the Community Center Gymnasium for Ballroom Dancing with one other couple. They believe the cost of \$20 an hour is too high for the amount of people that are using the room.

Motion by **VanAllsburg**, second by **Monroe**, to reduce the rate to \$10 per hour for everyone using the Community Center gymnasium. Yes: Monroe, VanAllsburg. No: O'Connell, Davis, Hanna, Zichi, Hyne. **Motion failed.**

Motion by **O'Connell**, second by **Hanna**, to allow groups of six or less use the Community Center gymnasium for \$10 an hour until October 1st with a review done at that time. Yes: Zichi, Hyne, O'Connell, Monroe, VanAllsburg, Hanna. No: Davis. **Motion passed.**

8b. Governing Body resolution for Charitable Gaming License for CADL:

Motion by **Hanna**, second by **VanAllsburg**, to approve the resolution for Charitable Gaming License for the Capital Area District Library as presented. Yes: Davis, Monroe, VanAllsburg, Hanna, Zichi, Hyne, O'Connell. No: None.
Motion passed.

8d. June 12, City Council Minutes:

No action taken.

8e. Water Tower Interior Painting Bids:

Manager Hitchcock explained that the company that submitted the lower bid is very slow, and she would like the water tower interior painting done as quickly as

possible. She recommended that the Council accept the bid from LC United. The project will take place from September through November.

Motion by **Hanna**, second by **O'Connell**, to accept the bid from LC United in an amount not to exceed \$62,000 as presented. Yes: O'Connell, Davis, Monroe, VanAllsburg, Hanna, Zichi, Hyne. No: None. **Motion passed.**

9. Discussion Items

9a. CDBG Grant for Felpausch Expansion Project:

Manager Hitchcock reported that the alley behind Felpausch will become pedestrian only. The water main will need to be moved. The City would be eligible for \$360,000 in CDBG funding. The store expansion will add 18 full time employees. The intent is to have all of the grant money go towards infrastructure. The City would be responsible \$36,000 of the grant which may be able to be tied into the façade improvement grant.

Councilman O'Connell asked if Felpausch could be required to pay the City's portion of the money back if they default in the agreement.

Manager Hitchcock responded that it could be included.

9b. Community Center Library Move:

Councilman O'Connell commented that he is concerns that the safety specifications are met before the library moves into the Community Center. He wants to be sure the building is properly inspected and has barrier free access. Manager Hitchcock responded that the Building Inspector will issue an occupancy permit when all of the conditions have been met. Some of the issues will be grandfathered in. The bathrooms are not being modified at all.

11. Staff Reports

11a. City Manager:

Manager Hitchcock reported that the well project is waiting for the control to be installed at the water tower and well. The Well #8 project done by Goldstein Enterprises has not met completion. There are still water main break issues on E. Riverside St. A storm drain was found that no one knew was there. Hydrant flushing will be from July 23rd-July 28th. Hitchcock thanked everyone for their well wishes.

11b. City Attorney:

Attorney Toskey commented that it may be time for the City Council to revise the board rules.

11c. Community Development Director:

Director Alfredson submitted a written report for Council review.

11d. Police Chief:

Chief Hetfield submitted a written report for Council review.

11e. Treasurer:

Treasurer Dolley submitted a financial printout for Council review.

12. Committee/Sub-Committee Reports

12a. Legislative Director:

Councilman O'Connell commented that the MML Executive Director wrote a letter to the Legislature opposing the proposal to stop overspending in government. The spending would be capped at inflation with anything over that requiring a vote of the people. O'Connell did not recommend supporting the MML Executive Director on this issue.

13. Audience Participation:

Dan Frank questioned if there will be another meeting with Glen Granger regarding the Industrial Park Loop Road. Manager Hitchcock responded that she will be setting up a meeting with Mr. Granger soon.

14. Council Member Comments:

Councilman Monroe commented that he has taken his house off the market and plans to stay.

Councilmember Davis commented that a couple of boys were caught stealing mail in her subdivision.

Councilmember Hyne clarified her comment in the May 22nd minutes to reflect that she supports the opposite and did not support a screened fireplace but something that would contain ashes.

Councilman Hanna encouraged everyone to vote at the August 8th Primary Election that will include the NIESA millage.

Mayor Zichi commented that the ArtFest was a success. He was disappointed on the lack of coverage it received in the papers. He also encouraged everyone to vote at the August 8th Primary.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

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

Kenneth V. Zichi, Mayor

Date Approved: _____