

**CITY OF WILLIAMSTON  
CITY COUNCIL  
APRIL 23, 2007  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**1. Call To Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Mayor Ken Zichi and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**3. Roll Call:**

Mayor Ken Zichi, Mayor Pro-tem Robert Hanna, Council Members George Monroe, and Brian O'Connell. Absent: Penny Davis, Michelle Hyne, and Scott VanAllsburg.

Also Present:

City Manager Lisa Hitchcock, City Attorney Dave Stoker, JFM Productions, citizens Mitch Adelman, Jim and Barb Vandenberg, Bill St. John, Mike Thomas, Larry Wittrup, Art Crawford, Suzanne Miel-Uken, and Ron Uken.

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

**4. Approval of Agenda:**

Add 7a. Mayor Proclamation, 8c. Charitable Gaming License, and 8d. FOP Contract Ratification. Delete item 15.

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

**5. Audience Participation:**

Art Crawford commented that the drive at Southfield Drive and Foxborough Drive are being used as a thoroughfare and asked the status of the gates.

Manager Hitchcock will check with the engineer to see when they will be installed.

**6. Council Minutes of April 9, 2007:**

Motion by **Hanna**, second by **O'Connell**, to approve the Council minutes of April 9, 2007 as presented. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

**7. Accounts Payable:**

Councilman Hanna reported that the accounts payable totaled \$52,369.12 and included insurance, utilities, street lights, and other miscellaneous supplies and services. Reference #'s 8554-8611.

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

**7a. Mayor Proclamation:**

Mayor Zichi presented a proclamation to Jim and Barb Vandenberg for owning the True Value Hardware for ten years.

**8. Action Items**

**8a. 317 S. Circle Water/Sewer Bill Dispute:**

Ron Uken commented that he received a call from the City that there was an unusual increase in the water usage by 60,000 gallons of water. He stated that there was no indication of a water leak. He asked that the Council reduce the bill.

Mayor Zichi questioned if there is an outside faucet that could have been used by someone else.

Ron Uken indicated that there was, but there was no evidence of use.

Mayor Zichi commented that professionals are telling the City that meters tend to fail in the opposite direction.

Motion by **O'Connell**, second by **Hanna**, to reduce the water bill for 317 S. Circle St. by the usage charges. Yes: Hanna, Zichi, O'Connell, Monroe. No: None. **Motion passed.**

**8b. Set Budget Workshop Dates:**

Motion by **Hanna**, second by **Monroe**, to set budget work shops for May 12, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. and May 19, 2007 at 12:00 p.m. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

**8c. Charitable Gaming License:**

Motion by **Hanna**, second by **O'Connell** to approve the resolution for charitable gaming license for the Williamston Creative Minds Boosters. Yes: Zichi, O'Connell, Monroe, Hanna. No: None. **Motion passed.**

**8d. FOP Contract Ratification:**

Motion by **Hanna**, second by **Monroe**, to approve the Fraternal Order of Police contract as presented by the City Manager. Yes: Hanna, Zichi, O'Connell, Monroe. No: None. **Motion passed.**

**9. Discussion Items**

**9a. Riverwood Condominium Association Request for Traffic Enforcement:**

Manager Hitchcock reported that Riverwood is patrolled but traffic citations are not written. The Association would need to approve a formal agreement requesting traffic enforcement.

Mayor Zichi commented that the speed limit would need to be raised to twenty-five miles per hour.

Councilman Hanna commented that there are cars that are driving over twenty-five miles per hour.

This will be on the next agenda pending a written request.

## **11. Staff Reports**

### **11a. City Manager:**

Manager Hitchcock submitted a written report and added that she received an e-mail from the engineers stating the work on the water tower was not being done to standards.

### **11b. City Attorney:**

None.

### **11c. Police Chief:**

Chief Hetfield submitted a written report for Council review.

### **11d. Community Development Director:**

Director Alfredson submitted a written report for review.

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

### **12a. Legislative Director:**

Councilman O'Connell reported that the Michigan Municipal League ~~House of Representatives~~ **House of Representatives** voted to reject the ~~cuts to revenue sharing~~ **cuts to revenue sharing** revenue sharing changes. The Industrial Tax Bill that is now in the Senate and has been in the process for several years. There may be an increase in the tax for Canadian trash to come into Michigan. The change ~~will~~ **may** affect Michigan's garbage prices.

### **13. Audience Participation:**

Robert St. John commented that last year there were citizens asking for a paved turn around at Hickory Lane and nothing seems to be moving forward.

Mayor Zichi responded that he will see if it can move forward with the school.

## **14. Council Member Comments:**

Councilman Hanna commented that the NIESA ground breaking is Tuesday, April 24, 2007, at 10:00 a.m.

Mayor Zichi commented that it was nice to see people at the budget workshop.

**15. Adjournment:**

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

**Meeting Adjourned at 7:59 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lisa K. Hitchcock, City Manager

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Kenneth V. Zichi, Mayor

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