

**CITY OF WILLIAMSTON  
CITY COUNCIL  
OCTOBER 22, 2007  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**1. Call To Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Williamston City Hall Council Chambers by Mayor Kenneth Zichi and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited led by Boy Scout Pack 263.

**3. Roll Call:**

Mayor Kenneth Zichi, Mayor Pro-tem Robert Hanna, Council Members Timothy Grossman, Michelle Hyne, George Monroe, and Scott VanAllsburg. Absent: Penny Davis.

Also Present:

City Manager Lisa Hitchcock, Deputy Clerk Holly Thompson, City Attorney Dave Stoker, Police Chief Mark Hetfield, 55<sup>th</sup> District Judge Tom Boyd, Cub Scout Pack 263 Nicholas, Eli, and Mitchell, *Enterprise* Reporter Will Whelton, and citizens Dan Dailey, Terri Campbell, Mike Thomas, Kevin & Traci Smith, and Robert & Eleanor St. John.

Motion by **Hanna**, second by **Grossman**, to excuse Davis. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

**4. Approval of Agenda:**

Add 10a. Tornado Re-cap.

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

**5. Audience Participation:**

Judge Tom Boyd discussed his plans to expedite the domestic violence offenders through the hearing process. He explained the differences between domestic violence and assault and battery and distributed information to the Council regarding the issue.

**6. Council Minutes of October 8, 2007:**

Motion by **Hanna**, second by **Grossman**, to approve the Council minutes of October 8, 2007 as presented. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

**7. Accounts Payable:**

The accounts payable totaled \$198,926.17 and included insurance, consultants, sidewalk replacement, the purchase of the Elgin sweeper, and other miscellaneous supplies and services. Reference #'s 9578-9629.

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

**8. Public Hearing- Seeley Inc., DBA Midway Engravers:**

Mayor Zichi opened the public hearing at 7:13 p.m.

Manager Hitchcock explained the application for the Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption from Seeley Inc., DBA Midway Engravers. She added that the public hearing was published as required.

Mr. Seeley commented that the addition will add three new positions in the company. The tax abatement would be 50% on the addition only.

Mike Thomas encouraged the City Council to act positively on the resolution to bring more money into the City.

Mayor Zichi closed the public hearing at 7:22 p.m.

**9. Action Items**

**9a. Resolution #11-07 Seeley Inc., DBA Midway Engravers Industrial Facility Tax Exemption Application:**

Motion by **Hanna**, second by **Grossman**, to approve the agreement for the Seeley Inc., DBA Midway Engravers Industrial Facility Tax Exemption as presented. Yes: Monroe, VanAllsburg, Hanna, Zichi, Hyne, Grossman. No: None. **Motion passed.**

Motion by **Hanna**, second by **Grossman**, to approve resolution #11-07 as amended. Yes: Monroe, VanAllsburg, Hanna, Zichi, Hyne, Grossman. No: None. **Motion passed.**

**9b. Deer Creek Parking Lot Paving:**

Motion by **Hanna**, second by **Grossman**, to table the Deer Creek Parking Lot Paving until the next meeting. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

**9c. Michigan Municipal League Board of Directors Election:**

Motion by **VanAllsburg**, second by **Hanna**, to approve the ballot from the Michigan Municipal League as presented. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

**9d. 2006 & 2007 Non-Union Step Tables and Step Increases:**

Motion by **Hanna**, second by **Monroe**, to approve the pay raises in the tables for 2006 and 2007 as presented for the non-union employees. Yes: Hanna, Zichi, Grossman, Monroe, VanAllsburg. No: Hyne. **Motion passed.**

**9e. Employee Health Care:**

Motion by **Hanna**, second by **Grossman**, to approve flex plan 2 with the option of flex plan 3 as presented for employee health care. Yes: Grossman, Monroe, VanAllsburg, Hanna, Zichi, Hyne. No: None. **Motion passed.**

**10. Discussion Items**

**10a. Tornado Re-cap:**

Mayor Zichi commented that he is proud to be from Williamston. The EMS, Police, DPW, and Mutual Aid Response were very quick and went smoothly. He commented that he had two complaints: the gawkers and the emergency notification only wanted information about the negatives. He would be in favor of investing in an emergency transmission system that would run 24/7.

Manager Hitchcock reported that the DPW has put in a lot of overtime. The Cities of Perry, Fowlerville, Webberville, Mason, and Leslie have helped with the clean up. The water system never lost pressure and power was restored to most places by Friday night.

Chief Hetfield commented that everything went perfectly and smoothly with emergency response.

Member Hyne commented that the officers were great but Craig Banwell lost a lot of food. She thanked her neighbors for helping her and commented that she knows of someone that has offered to give the City a 25 foot evergreen for the front of City Hall.

Manager Hitchcock explained the procedures of putting limbs and branches at the curb. She added that Granger will pick up more garbage this week than usual.

## **12. Staff Reports**

### **12a. City Manager:**

No report.

### **12b. City Attorney:**

No report.

### **12c. Assessor:**

Assessor Watkins submitted a letter regarding the creation of an assessor's plat for Council review.

### **12d. WWTP:**

A monthly summary for the waste water treatment plant for September was submitted for Council review.

## **14. Audience Participation:**

Robert St. John thanked the Council and City staff for beginning to repair the sidewalk sections so quickly.

## **15. Council Member Comments:**

Councilman Monroe commented that he was glad to see the pictures of the tornado damage.

Councilman Grossman encouraged everyone to vote November 6.

Councilman Hanna commented that he is impressed with the can-do attitude of Williamston.

Councilmember Hyne thanked everyone for everything they've done and encouraged everyone to vote.

Councilman VanAllsburg commented that he is grateful to be a part of a community that handled the disaster so well and added that the tree in front of City Hall had 70 rings.

Mayor Zichi thanked the community for everything they have done.

**16. Closed Session – Property Purchase:**

Motion by **Hanna**, second by **Grossman**, to go into closed session. Yes: Monroe, VanAllsburg, Hanna, Zichi, Hyne, Grossman. No: None. **Motion passed.**

Closed Session started at 9:10 p.m.

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

Closed Session ended at 9:26 p.m.

**Action on Closed Session:**

Motion by **Hanna**, second by **VanAllsburg**, to support the TIFA 2B in their proposal for property purchase. Yes: Hanna, Zichi, Hyne, Grossman, Monroe, VanAllsburg. No: None. **Motion passed.**

**17. Adjournment:**

Motion by **Hyne**, second by **Grossman**, to adjourn. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

**Meeting Adjourned at 9:27 p.m.**

**\*THE PRECEDING MINUTES ARE A SYNOPSIS OF A CITY COUNCIL MEETING AND DO NOT REPRESENT A VERBATIM RECORD.**

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

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Kenneth V. Zichi, Mayor

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