

**CITY OF WILLIAMSTON
CITY COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 12, 2007
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

1. Call To Order:

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

3. Roll Call:

Mayor Kenneth Zichi, Mayor Pro-tem Robert Hanna, Council Members Penny Davis, Timothy Grossman, Michelle Hyne, George Monroe, and Scott VanAllsburg. Absent: None.

Also Present:

City Manager Lisa Hitchcock, City Attorney Timothy Perrone, and citizens Mike Thomas, Harriette Dunckel, John Pratt, Michelle Diamond, Debra Simmons, Rob Couturier, Richard Couturier, Traci Smith, Carmen Siciliano and Tina S. Gray.

4. Approval of Agenda:

Add, 8b. Treasurer & Deputy Treasurer Bonuses, 9b. Financial Situation Regarding Tornado, and 9c. City Manager Performance Review.

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

5. Audience Participation:

John Pratt thanked the community and DPW for disaster support. He asked if the Council could direct the DPW to remove the trees from the river. He also commented that he has been contacted by residents stating they had been contacted about trees in their yard being tagged and removed. He does not encourage the removal of the trees at this time.

6. Council Minutes of October 22, 2007:

Motion by **Hanna**, second by **Monroe**, to approve the Council minutes of October 22, 2007 as presented. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

7. Accounts Payable:

Councilman Hanna reported that the accounts payable totaled \$140,490.01 and included insurance, attorneys, consultants, utilities, and other miscellaneous supplies and services. Reference #'s 9654-9800.

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

8. Action Items

8a. Resolution Regarding the Community Center:

Motion by **Hanna**, second by **Monroe**, to complete the sale of the Community Center and move on to the next step of setting a public hearing for 7:05 pm on November 26th to consider the sale of property with a value over \$100,000. Yes: Monroe, VanAllsburg, Hanna, Zichi, Grossman, Davis. No: Hyne. **Motion passed.**

Motion by **Hanna**, second by **Monroe**, to refer this to the Parks and Recreation Commission for an amendment to the Park Plan. Yes: Zichi, Grossman, Davis, Monroe, VanAllsburg, Hanna. No: Hyne. **Motion passed.**

8b. Treasurer & Deputy Treasurer Bonuses:

Motion by **Monroe**, second by **Davis**, to have the personnel committee review the issue and discuss it at the next meeting. Yes: VanAllsburg, Hanna, Zichi, Hyne, Grossman, Davis, Monroe. No: None. **Motion passed.**

9. Discussion Items

9a. Donation Fund:

Mayor Zichi stated a donation fund has been established for contributions pertaining to the tornado damage. Attorney Perrone will have an opinion for the next meeting regarding tax considerations for donors.

9b. Financial Status Regarding Tornado:

An estimate of \$125,000-\$200,000 was given. A report will be submitted at the next meeting. Total costs will be unknown until all trees can be reviewed to see how many need to be cut down and how many stumps there are to remove.

9c. City Manager Performance Review:

Forms had been sent to all Council members. Council expressed it would be unfair to leave this for the new Council to complete. It was requested to address this issue as an action item at the next meeting.

11. Staff Reports

11a. City Manager:

No report.

11b. City Attorney:

No report.

11c. Treasurer:

Treasurer Dolley submitted an October financial printout for Council review.

13. Audience Participation:

Attorney Tina Gray, representing R & R Fence addressed Council regarding pending litigation between her client, R & R Fence and the City. Ms. Gray requested to speak to Council in closed session. Attorney Perrone stated he did not feel this request met the qualifications for a closed session as the intent of closed session is for the City to

strategize on the issue and the intent is that the discussion in public would harm the City's position.

14. Council Member Comments:

Councilman Hanna thanked the Holt football team for helping clean up McCormick Park and pointed out the rendition of a proposal for the Summit Cemetery that will be used for cremation remains.

Councilman VanAllsburg congratulated the Williamston Cross Country Team on their State Championship.

Mayor Zichi commented that the Chamber Light Parade will be December 1, 2007.

15. Closed Session- Pending R&R Fence Litigation:

Motion by **Hanna**, second by **Grossman**, to go into closed session to discuss the pending litigation with R&R Fence. Yes: Zichi, Hyne, Grossman, Davis, Monroe, VanAllsburg, Hanna. No: None. **Motion passed.**

*Closed Session started at 8:47 p.m.
Councilmember Hyne left at 9:40 p.m.

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

*Closed Session ended at 9:52 p.m.

Action on Closed Session:

No action taken on closed session.

Adjournment:

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

Meeting Adjourned at 9:53 p.m.

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Respectfully Submitted by: _____
Lisa K. Hitchcock, City Manager/Clerk

Kenneth V. Zichi, Mayor

Date Approved: _____