

**CITY OF WILLIAMSTON
CITY COUNCIL
MAY 27, 2008
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

1. Call To Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers by Mayor Michelle Hyne and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Roll Call:

Mayor Michelle Hyne, Mayor Pro-tem John Pratt, Council Members Carmen Siciliano, Traci Smith, Scott VanAllsburg, and Ken Zichi. Absent: None.

Also Present:

City Manager Lisa Hitchcock, Deputy Clerk Holly Thompson, City Attorney Dave Stoker, and John Gormley, Police Chief Mark Hetfield, Community Development Director Michelle Aniol, JFM Productions, citizens Terri Campbell, Leo Sheets, Marlene Epley, William and Melanie Schall, Dawn Marie Joseph, Dave Okowit, Brooke Locke, Marla Swartz, Frank Kolasa, Richard Couturier, Rob Couturier, Dick Dorn, Mike Thomas, Wendy Shaft, and other members of the public.

4. Approval of Agenda:

Motion by **Smith**, second by **Pratt**, to add item 10e. Temporary NIESA Board Appointment to the agenda. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

Motion by **Zichi**, second by **Pratt**, to approve the agenda as amended by adding items 10e. Temporary NIESA Board Appointment and 11b. Choosing New Councilmember. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

5. Audience Participation:

Terri Campbell, 308 Fulton, commented that she wants to use her 5 minutes of audience participation during the agenda item she requested.

Motion by **Siciliano**, second by **VanAllsburg**, to allow Ms. Campbell to speak during agenda item 10b. City Council Log Book. Yes: Hyne, Siciliano, Smith, VanAllsburg, Zichi. No: Pratt. **Motion passed.**

Melanie Schall stated that she would like to discuss the City Manager's report from the last Council meeting that had to do with her property maintenance complaint. She read aloud a portion of the City Manager's report from the May 12th meeting: Councilmember Pratt accused me of setting him up on this issue and informed me that if I did so again he would request that I be fired on the spot. Ms. Schall stated that she does not understand what he meant by 'setting him up on this issue'.

Attorney Stoker stated that normally the Council does not do a discourse back and forth.

Melanie Schall stated that at the last Council meeting for the first forty minutes there was public discourse until her husband stood up and then the Mayor deferred to Attorney Toskey. She asked if they pick and choose who they talk to and who they do not talk to.

Attorney Stoker commented that as a normal procedure he would not recommend people get involved in back and forth discussion. He informed Council they have the ability to make their choice in how they want to handle it. Attorney Stoker added that this is normally the public's time to comment, there are plenty of times during the meeting that the Council gets to comment and maybe Councilman Pratt will want to address that at some time.

Melanie Schall commented that at the last Council meeting Councilman Pratt said he did not have to tell her husband anything. She sees no reason why the City Manager should be fired on the spot when it was the Building Inspector who asked for it to be put on the agenda. Ms. Hitchcock had nothing to do with that as stated when this first started. The inspector said that he is not used to complaints against farm buildings so he wanted direction from the Council. She continued reading aloud the City Manager report: I have received several e-mails from Mayor Hyne asking me to address this situation. Mayor Hyne stated that it was her view that this puts the property owner in a very public situation and that should have been handled through the building inspector. She initially contacted the City Manager to remove it from the agenda, but then sent an e-mail to leave the agenda item on because they want the community to know what is happening. Ms. Schall commented that if the Mayor was trying to save them the embarrassment, she thanked her but added that it was not necessary. She listened to the tape from the previous meeting and quoted Mr. Pratt "If someone was to call me, again to say that this is a bad building you bet I will get their name and address so I'll turn it over to her" meaning Ms. Hitchcock. She asked what happened to the pictures of the four outbuildings they gave Council. She stated that one of them is two doors down from Mr. Couturier's house. Ms. Schall commented that Mr. Couturier said it is a pick and choose in this town. Ms. Schall quoted Mayor Hyne as saying "God only knows, buildings downtown have gaping holes, God only knows what's living in them. Just doesn't seem to be consistent enforcement." She expressed her concern on that and asked what they would do about those concerns and the rest of the buildings in the City.

Mayor Hyne answered that the 109 building downtown is the building that has the holes she referenced and the Council has been dealing with that on an ongoing basis.

Melanie Schall asked what about others. She can bring the Council six more problem areas.

Mayor Hyne stated that she will have the City Manager address that with the building inspector.

Councilman Pratt commented that she would have to file a formal complaint.

Mayor Hyne commented that Manager Hitchcock can follow up with Mrs. Schall.

Councilman Pratt stated that he would not waste the City's time.

Councilman Zichi commented that he finds it interesting that Councilman Pratt and Couturier received phone calls and took it upon themselves to file the complaint.

Councilman Pratt stated that he did not file the complaint and the only thing that was said was coming back from an MDOT meeting was they had both received complaints on this building and asked the City Manager to look into it. Pratt stated that the City Manager took it upon herself to put their names on the formal complaint.

Melanie Schall quoted Councilman Pratt as saying "Ya know I didn't know if he was going to send you a letter or not and it came out when she filed it. The complainant was myself and Dick Couturier."

Councilman VanAllsburg commented that the Property Maintenance Code was approved by the previous Council and it is his opinion that the Council should review it again. He believes the Council should all get copies, read it and put it as a discussion item at the next Council meeting and should talk about the implications of it and how it should be enforced and length of time it should be enforced and have this Council decide how it should be moved forward on.

Mayor Hyne stated that she appreciates what Councilman VanAllsburg has stated. She commented that she brought up that issue with previous Council that it was too broad a document and believes everyone in the City could be cited for something. She asked if this was adopted by the state.

Attorney Stoker commented that the state building code adopts it by reference. There is debate on whether individual municipalities have to adopt it as well.

Councilman Zichi commented that he was in the majority of the people that voted for this and believes that the concept of the building maintenance code was a good one and had no expectations that it would be abused by this Council or anyone else in the City in order to attack people. He stated that Council may need to reconsider it at this point. He expected that it would be used to tear down old gas stations and get rid of a crack house to enhance property.

Councilman VanAllsburg stated that it was very detailed and believes that his house would be in violation of a couple of the laws, and believes if you get the wrong people wanting to complain, you are in trouble.

Councilman Pratt commented that he would be in favor of revisiting the issue.

Mayor Hyne asked why Council would vote to implement something that is so broad.

Councilman Pratt commented that the City is in violation with their screen.

Melanie Schall asked if it would be on the next agenda as an action item.

Mayor Hyne commented that she will discuss it with the City Manager and the Council is allowed to submit items.

Melanie Schall commented that she is going to attend every meeting to make sure she is being treated no differently than anyone else.

Dawn Marie Joseph distributed the survey results to the Council regarding sandwich board signs and sidewalk sales. She works with the Chamber and they have sent out a survey to all the Chamber members. Ms. Joseph stated that it is nearly unanimous in the community that they do want sandwich board signs and sidewalk sales. Everyone understands there has to be rules and guidelines. They put a petition together for sidewalk sales and sandwich board signs and have suggested language for a new ordinance. She read aloud some of the guidelines that are being suggested. For outdoor displays it could only be for items that are sold in that business, the merchandise cannot be displayed in a manner that would obstruct traffic using the sidewalk, and merchandise would be removed from the sidewalk every night. The merchant would be responsible

for the merchandise that is on the sidewalk and the merchandise would not be offensive to the general public. She pointed out the memo from Director Aniol about other places that have sandwich board signs and sidewalk sales. She asked that the Council take these suggestions under consideration and make a recommendation to take it to the Planning Commission.

Councilman Pratt asked what the next step would be.

Mayor Hyne pointed out that it is an agenda item on the Council's agenda.

Brooke Locke, 519 E. Riverside, re-emphasized that the cool things about bringing the sandwich board issue back up is to sit back and watch the business community pull together. He stated it was fun to be a part of the process and watch and realize that everyone is really on the same page. Everyone has different ideas, but everyone is willing to pull together to work with the City and everybody has the same overall outcome. Building the downtown business will build the City as a trickle down effect. He added that he attended the budget hearing and when the Council was looking at areas to cut, they took the easy route by cutting the parks fund. There was a major disaster in the community last year and it hit the park hard and the community rallied together to clean up the park and want to see it. When they take the easy cut, and did not necessarily say where to do it. It sends a really poor message to the community and 3rd graders who worked hard on the economic project and brought the City \$2000 for the park. He asked what the City is going to match it with. The Council should be able to tell the kids that they looked at everything before cutting the park funds.

Marlene Epley, 4295 Moyer Road, asked if the light had been fixed at the four corners and added that there was a man in a wheelchair stranded at the corner at 9:05 p.m. that was unable to cross. The traffic was going so fast that the man was afraid to cross, so she, her husband and dogs walked across the street with him and held their hands up to stop the traffic, so they could get across. She encouraged the Council to act on the issue quickly.

Councilman Pratt asked if it had been changed yet.

Manager Hitchcock answered that it has been fixed since Friday.

Mayor Hyne commented that the City Manager had been in contact with MDOT by e-mail, she had contacted them twice and received a call back twice with an apology for the government process. It was an emissions grant MDOT had and they implemented it without contacting the City. It has caused a lot of problems and she and Councilman VanAllsburg were almost hit one night.

Councilman Zichi commented that the City has no impact on MDOT's regulations.

Richard Couturier, 702 S. Putnam, addressed the garage sale problems. He observed a patrol car stop on Putnam and take down garage sale signs. He commented that in Florida a person would register for a garage sale and for \$5 they give you a garage sale sign that you can put on your sidewalk Friday and Saturday and were supposed to remove it or they would remove it for you. By taking the signs out nobody got any action on their street, but south of town at Plymouth Landing there were garage sale signs that were not taken down. It is a pick and choose happened in that case and he would like to see some consistency. He offered to call Florida and find out what their process is for Council consideration.

Dawn Marie Joseph commented that there were four police officers in City vehicles counting signs in the City. When they were asked what they were doing they were told that they were counting all the signs in the City.

Manager Hitchcock clarified that they were checking all of the street signs, to fix all of the traffic control orders that are not appropriate. It was not for garage sale signs.

Dawn Marie Joseph stated that the officer told her they were checking all the signs even the business signs.

Councilman Pratt asked Mr. Couturier if he was talking about a policy that would include everyone and not just City residents because he often gets signs in his yard from township residents.

Richard Couturier commented that the policy in Florida was just for City residents.

6. Council Minutes of May 12, 2008, & Special Minutes of May 12, 2008 & April 28, 2008:

On page 2., 3 lines from the bottom change 'site' to 'sight', and 7 lines from the bottom change 'not what the engineer had recommended' to 'also supposed to be increased to 30 mph to South Street.' On page 3, 6 lines down add 'and City Manager' after 'attorney' and delete 'eliminate confrontations' and add 'and run an effective and efficient meeting.' Also change 'sandwich signs' to 'sandwich board signs' wherever it appears.

Motion by **Pratt**, second by **Zichi**, to approve the Council minutes of May 12, 2008 as amended.

Motion passed by voice vote.

Motion by **Zichi**, second by **VanAllsburg**, to approve the special minutes of May 12, 2008 as presented. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

Motion by **Zichi**, second by **Siciliano**, to approve the special minutes of April 28, 2008 as presented.

Motion passed by voice vote.

7. Certificate of Appreciation- Richard Couturier:

A certificate of appreciation was presented to Richard Couturier for his service on the City Council.

8. Public Hearing- 2008/2009 Fiscal Year Budget:

Motion by **VanAllsburg**, second by **Pratt**, to open the public hearing for the 2008/2009 fiscal year budget. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

Mayor Hyne opened the public hearing at 7:37 p.m.

Manager Hitchcock reported that the budget has been drafted and can be amended anytime throughout the year. The dollar amounts the City is looking at for the next year are the General Fund with revenues of just over \$2.5 million and expenses just over \$3 million, Major Street \$151,000 in revenues, and \$265,000 in expenses, Local Street \$520,000 in revenues, and \$522,000 in expenditures, Zoning and Building, \$61,000 in revenues, \$62,000 in expenses, Sewer fund of \$1.1 million with expenses of \$1.2 million, Water Fund of \$706,000, expenses of \$633,000, DDA revenues of \$413,000 with expenses of \$420,000, the TIFA 2a with revenues of \$2500 with expenditures of \$13,600, TIFA 2b with revenues of \$341,000 and \$596,000 in expenses. The EDC is not noted because the Council does not approve the EDC budget although it is included in the budget

document. The major projects for the year are the Signature Building Program for the 109 building, park grant, sidewalks, street projects on Hickory Lane, a section on Circle Drive, North Williamston Road, Mullet Street from Grand River Avenue to Middle Street, and Southfield Drive, a water and sewer increase of 4% increase on commodity charges with a slightly larger increase on the readiness to serve for the sewer. Water projects scheduled are Putnam Street from Middle Street to the alley which will be incorporated with the streetscape project going south to the railroad tracks, Fuller, Irving, and McCauley Streets are replacing two inch water mains. With the budget being a planning document, the Council will be receiving the water study within the next months and will probably look at it and make some changes to the budget. For sewer projects, there will be minor improvements to the waste water treatment plant, replacement of 100 feet of sewer on Spaulding, a repair at Putnam and Lloyd Street and a replacement of the line under the river that goes to the treatment plant.

Dawn Marie Joseph asked about the contribution to the cemetery in the township and asked if it could be revisited.

Manager Hitchcock responded that the City currently contribute \$12,000 per year to the Williamstown Township for maintenance of Summit and Foote cemeteries with the understanding the City residents get a reduced rate. There are also two members of the City that serve on the Cemetery Board.

Councilman Pratt commented that if a City resident is buried their once a week it costs the City residents \$235 and believes it should be removed from the budget. He was told it was in the budget for political issues.

Melanie Schall asked what the \$500,000 is for in the TIFA 2B budget.

Mike Thomas, Chair of the TIFA, explained the projects of the road in the Industrial Park, maintenance and repair of storm and sanitary sewer at the Ice House and Elevator Street, the purchase of Railroad Street so it can be upgraded, replat of the TIFA 2b district, and purchase of a lawn tractor.

Councilman Zichi pointed out there is still \$100,000 in the park fund to do some projects. They cut the park budget because it did not involve public safety.

Manager Hitchcock explained that repairs are still going to be made to the park, and there will still be some additions to the park.

Councilman Siciliano commented that he agrees with the budget cut of the cemetery, but believes the Township should be well informed of the situation.

Councilman VanAllsburg commented that there is no methodology to make cuts to the budget. He asked if the Council felt there was an adequate procedure to work on the budget.

Councilman Pratt commented that it is done by vote.

Councilman Zichi commented that there needs to be an overall plan.

Mayor Hyne commented that she believes it is very important to look at the budget by line items.

Dave Okowit, 125 E. Grand River, commented on the Community and Economic Development budget and questioned what McKenna has done for the City. He believes the money would be better spent on other things.

Manager Hitchcock commented that she would be happy to meet with him in her office.

Michelle Aniol listed her accomplishments and projects she is working on.

Councilman Pratt commented that the City would be better served with a full time planner.

Wendy Shaft commented that she sees a lot of value in McKenna and what McKenna has that a single person does not have is a lot of resources that can be accessed way faster than one person can do.

Councilman VanAllsburg commented that there should be communications from McKenna as to what they are doing instead of having to look in a budget or talk with the City Manager.

Councilman Zichi commented that the information is already being given and is included in all their packets as staff reports.

Manager Hitchcock commented that she did a report for a comparison of a full time employee and McKenna.

Director Aniol commented that if there are any shortfalls where McKenna is concerned they want to know about it.

Dave Okowit commented that he would have liked to see a brochure for the Williamston businesses done to promote the town.

Director Aniol commented that the she and the DDA are working on business brochure that should be completed this summer.

Motion by **Pratt**, second by **VanAllsburg**, to close the public hearing for the 2008/2009 fiscal year budget. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

Mayor Hyne Closed the public hearing at 8:18 p.m.

9. Accounts Payable:

Councilman Siciliano reported that the accounts payable totaled \$43,766.69 and included payments for the farmers' market signs, Red Cedar Recreation Association, Siemens Water Technologies, and other miscellaneous supplies and services. Reference #'s 55058-55102.

Motion by **Siciliano**, second by **Zichi**, to approve the accounts payables as presented. Yes: Zichi, Hyne, Pratt, Siciliano, Smith, VanAllsburg. No: None. **Motion passed.**

10. Action Items

10a. Williamston Community Library Foundation Presentation:

Leo Sheets presented the plans for the future library and gave a history of the Capital Area District Library and Williamston Community Library Foundation. Property has been purchased on Grand River Avenue for the future library. The City has donated a room at the community center for the WCLF office and they now keep regular hours. The Foundation is seeking green certification for their new construction. They believe that this will help get support from the surrounding townships. A building committee has been formed to work on the library. There is a \$20,000 challenge grant from the Friends of the Library and have had many successful fundraisers. An architect has provided conceptual drawings providing as many environmental and energy efficient characteristics as possible. They will be using as much recycled local material as possible. All native plants will be used in the landscaping. The building would be two stories.

No action was taken on this item.

10b. City Council Log Book:

Mayor Hyne read aloud the letter from Terri Campbell regarding the City Council maintain a log book.

Terri Campbell commented that when Council ran for election they campaigned on the idea of more accountability and open government and one that encourages participation rather than secrecy and that government not only includes City staff, but City Council. She hopes that the community does not have that many community members or business owners that want to remain anonymous. She would not discourage anyone from contacting Council, but by having Council maintain a log book there is an opportunity to encourage community involvement on a greater level.

Attorney Stoker commented that this would be a policy choice or could voluntarily participate. There is no way to require officials to keep a log book.

Mayor Hyne commented that people have a right to freedom of speech and the Council gives every opportunity to take public input. She keeps office hours and feels Council is available 24/7. She believes people should have the option to go to Council members to speak without retribution.

Councilman Pratt commented that he has been in contact with his constituents and feels this is a form of communism. He feels like there are underlying issues with this, and it is wrong. People he sent the memo to, agreed with him wholeheartedly and he will never turn in a log of who he talks to.

Councilman Siciliano commented that Ms. Campbell has also suggested that the person that requested an agenda item be listed next to the item.

Attorney Stoker answered that it would be a decision the Council would need to make it as a criteria in the rules of procedure.

Mayor Hyne questioned if it is common practice to do this.

Attorney Stoker answered that it is not.

Councilman Pratt commented that he has been told that they should refer people to the City Manager where she would decide whether it is placed on the agenda.

Attorney Stoker stated that it would be better procedurally if that were to happen. He added that many municipalities have sub-committees that make recommendations to the Council on items to act upon.

Councilman VanAllsburg commented that if someone wants to remain anonymous they can request it. He does see some benefit of keeping a log book to have history about the City.

No action was taken on this item.

10c. Agreement to Develop the RFP/RFQ & Facilitate the Selection of a Private Partner for the Redevelopment:

Motion by **VanAllsburg**, second **Pratt**, to take a five minute recess. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

Meeting recessed at 9:31 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 9:39 p.m.

Motion by **Smith**, second by **Pratt**, to follow the property maintenance code as it pertains to the building at 109 E. Grand River. Yes: Pratt, Siciliano, Smith, VanAllsburg, Zichi, Hyne. No: None.

Motion passed.

Motion by **Smith**, second by **VanAllsburg**, to approve the agreement to develop the RFP/RFQ and facilitate the selection of a private partner for the redevelopment of 109 E. Grand River. Yes: Siciliano, Smith, VanAllsburg, Zichi, Hyne. No: Pratt. **Motion passed.**

10d. Change to Records Retention Policy:

Motion by **Pratt**, second by **VanAllsburg**, to change the records retention policy to keep the Council videos forever and the Council audio recordings for one year. Yes: VanAllsburg, Hyne, Pratt, Siciliano, Smith. No: Zichi. **Motion passed.**

10e. Temporary NIESA Board Appointment:

Motion by **VanAllsburg**, second by **Pratt**, to concur the Mayor's appointment of John Pratt to temporarily serve as the NIESA board alternate. Yes: Siciliano, Smith, VanAllsburg, Zichi, Hyne, Pratt. No: None. **Motion passed.**

11. Discussion Items

11a. Sandwich Sign and Sidewalk Display:

Director Aniol distributed several comparisons of other communities for sandwich board signs and sidewalk displays. She read aloud some of the provisions that were provided. The current regulations do not have enough specific language to regulate sandwich board signs and outdoor displays which could hurt business.

Mayor Hyne commented that she is looking for communities they can resemble by their popular characteristics as long as it is done in a safe manner.

Councilman Pratt commented that he is in support of the issue and asked the Police Chief's opinion.

Chief Hetfield commented that he would have no objections as long as there is a safe sight distance and can be passed in a safe manner on a sidewalk.

Attorney Stoker commented that there are still MDOT regulations for the right of way on Grand River Avenue.

Council would like the Planning Commission to look at the regulations for sandwich board signs and outdoor displays and update them.

Dawn Marie Joseph asked how long she is going to have to wait to put her sign back out. She asked if she should be going directly to the Planning Commission.

Attorney Stoker explained the process for amending the Zoning Ordinance.

The Council concurred to ask McKenna to draft an ordinance for the Planning Commission to consider for sandwich board signs and outdoor displays.

11b. Choosing a New Councilman Process:

Councilman VanAllsburg asked when applications for Council appointments are due.

Manager Hitchcock answered that the deadline is May 31, 2008.

Councilman VanAllsburg asked if Council could have the candidates attend the next Council meeting to allow the Council to ask them questions.

Manager Hitchcock will send letters to the candidates inviting them to the next meeting.

13. Staff Reports

13a. City Manager:

Manager Hitchcock submitted a written report for Council review and added that there was a presentation by the 3rd grade class to donate money to the City for improvements in the park. She added that the Deer Creek parking lot will only have one wider entrance rather than two. The joint workshop with the Planning Commission is proposed for June 26 or 27 at 6pm or 7pm.

Councilman Pratt commented that Carl McIntosh has approached him regarding the paving of an additional parking lot behind his building. He is willing to fund the additional parking lot so his tenants have a place to park close to their building.

Manager Hitchcock will follow up on this with Mr. McIntosh.

13b. City Attorney:

No report.

13c. Police Chief:

April statistics were submitted for Council review.

13d. WWTP:

An April flow report was submitted for Council review.

13e. Treasurer:

A financial printout for April was submitted for Council review.

14. Audience Participation:

Dick Dorn, 219 Wallace, asked the Council to make sure to make provisions for service organizations and their a-frame signs in the sign ordinance as a temporary sign. The Lions Club had put a sign out for a blood drive and it was taken down.

The Council will make sure there are provisions for service organizations.

15. Council Member Comments:

Councilman Zichi commented that he attended the Eagle Scout ceremony for Sam Sukovich.

Councilmember Smith informed Mr. Dorn of the process for applying for a temporary permit. She added that she believes City Hall should be open late evenings and would be happy to work with City staff on it. She asked about the status of the planter.

Manager Hitchcock commented that the planter has been started.

Councilman Pratt asked if the City received bids for the planter because he received a call from a contractor that was not impressed.

Manager Hitchcock answered that the City added the planter to the sidewalk bid from last year.

Councilman Pratt asked when the play structure would be repaired because he has received calls from people that are not happy.

Manager Hitchcock responded that because of Council direction, the repairs are going out for bids, so instead of the insurance company taking care of it, the City is paying **administrative costs** to have the repairs bid out.

Councilman Pratt asked if it really took that long.

Manager Hitchcock responded that it did.

Councilman Pratt commented that he finds it hard to believe and expressed his condolences for Carl Eigenhauer. He stated that he was called and informed that the MDEQ permit was sent on May 15th but the City has not given the 'go ahead' on beginning the band shell construction.

Manager Hitchcock responded that she had just received the permit today and has the envelope that states such.

Councilman Pratt commented that he wants to see it. He added that he has been interviewing some people and he thinks the Council should look into hiring a new City Manager. He believes there are too many issues that have not been addressed properly.

Councilman VanAllsburg commented that he and his wife noticed the war memorial and thought it looked cool.

Mayor Hyne reported that the changing of the stop light downtown was not a City Council decision, and was done by MDOT and has been fixed by MDOT. She introduced the Williamston Reporter Brad Ritter and expressed her appreciation for the coverage of the community. She thanked the 3rd graders allowing her to speak about local government and the legislature. Their parents should be proud of them. She added that she was able to attend the presentation of the grant from the 3rd grade class for the park and she is very proud of them. Hyne thanked the people that attended her office hours at Gracie's Place and Dawn Marie and Paul Joseph for allowing her to be there and Brooke Locke for tolerating her. She brought attention to the sanctuary property that was donated by Doug Price within the City limits which is a tremendous gift that people will enjoy for many years to come. The Memorial Day parade was a very special event for the City. She expressed her appreciation to the American Legion for building the wall of honor.

16. Closed Session- R&R Fence Litigation:

Motion by **Pratt**, second by **VanAllsburg**, to go into closed session to discuss the R&R Fence litigation. Yes: Siciliano, Smith, VanAllsburg, Zichi, Hyne, Pratt. No: None. **Motion passed.**

Closed Session started at 11:53 p.m.

Motion by **Zichi**, second by **Smith**, to return to open session. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

Closed Session ended at 12:58 a.m.

18. Adjournment:

Motion by **Zichi**, second by **Smith**, to adjourn. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

***Meeting Adjourned at 12:58 a.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

Michelle A. Hyne, Mayor

Date Approved: _____