

**CITY OF WILLIAMSTON
CITY COUNCIL
APRIL 13, 2009
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 Michael Moody, Council members Carmen Siciliano, Traci Smith, Scott VanAllsburg, and Ken Zichi. Absent: John Pratt.

Also Present:

Acting City Manager Alan Dolley, Acting Clerk Holly Thompson, City Attorney Bonnie Toskey, Police Chief Mark Hetfield, C2AE Engineer Scott DeVries, JFM Productions, *Enterprise* Reporter Brad Ritter, citizens Terri Campbell, Brooke Locke, W Harrison Smith, Geral Jeffrey, Larry Stafford, Jean Dolley, Howard Dahlstrom, Jackie Wheeler, Tim Grant, and other members of the public.

4. Approval of Agenda:

Move item 8h. Interim City Manager Resumes to item 8b. and move item 8b. Change May 5th Budget Workshop Date to item 8h., add 8m. EDA Grant Ratification, add 9b. City Manager Office, and add Attorney Client Privilege Letter to the Closed Session item 14.

Motion by **Siciliano**, second by **Moody**, to approve the agenda as amended. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

5. Audience Participation:

Terri Campbell, 308 Fulton St., asked what the status is of the legal opinion for the severance package for the previous City Manager.

Brooke Locke, 1145 W. Grand River Ave. reported that the Artwalk is May 1st and 2nd.

Jackie Wheeler commented that she is now a Chamber member and will be taking notes of the meeting.

Scott DeVries of C2AE asked if Council would be discussing the Stimulus Grant.

6. Council Minutes of March 2, 2009, March 9, 2009, and March 23, 2009:

Motion by **Siciliano**, second by **Zichi**, to approve the special Council minutes of March 2, 2009 as presented. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

Motion by **VanAllsburg**, second by **Siciliano**, to approve the March 9, 2009 minutes as presented. **Motion passed by voice vote with Zichi voting no.**

Councilman Moody asked that sections 7. and 10b. be transcribed.

Motion by **Moody**, second by **VanAllsburg**, to amend the minutes to include a transcription of items 7. and 10b. **Motion passed by voice vote with Zichi and Siciliano voting no.**

7. Accounts Payable:

Councilman Siciliano reported that the accounts payable totaled \$224,288.30 with reference #'s 56385-56486.

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

Council directed Manager Dolley to cancel the cell phone contract for the Mayor.

8. Action Items

8a. EDC/TIFA Appointment:

Motion by **Moody**, second by **Smith**, to concur with the Mayor's appointment of Timothy Grant to the EDC/TIFA board for a term to expire 6/30/09. Yes: Hyne, Moody, Siciliano, Smith, VanAllsburg, Zichi. No: None. **Motion passed.**

8b. Interim City Manager Resumés:

A five minute recess was taken at 7:36.

The meeting reconvened at 7:40

Motion by **VanAllsburg**, second by **Moody**, to offer Timothy Allard the Interim City Manager position pending salary negotiation. Yes: Hyne, Moody, VanAllsburg. No: Siciliano, Smith, Zichi. **Motion failed.**

Motion by **Siciliano**, second by **Zichi**, to continue with Alan Dolley as the Interim City Manager for the amount of the manager's salary with an additional \$500 a week. Yes: Siciliano, Smith, Zichi. No: Hyne, Moody, VanAllsburg. **Motion failed.**

Motion by **Zichi**, second by **VanAllsburg**, to allow Terri Campbell to speak. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

Motion by **Moody**, second by **Siciliano**, to allow Brooke Locke to speak. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

Motion by **Siciliano**, second by **Moody**, to reconsider the previous motion made by Councilman VanAllsburg. Yes: Hyne, Moody, Siciliano, VanAllsburg. No: Smith, Zichi. **Motion passed.**

Motion by **VanAllsburg**, second by **Moody**, to offer Timothy Allard the Interim City Manager position pending salary negotiation. Yes: Hyne, Moody, Siciliano, VanAllsburg. No: Smith, Zichi. **Motion passed.**

8c. Stimulus Grant:

Motion by **Smith**, second by **Zichi**, to direct the Interim City Manager to move forward with obtaining the stimulus grant. Yes: Hyne, Moody, Siciliano, Smith, VanAllsburg, Zichi. No: None. **Motion passed.**

8d. Water Rates:

Motion by **Moody**, second by **Siciliano**, to allow Terry Nelson to speak. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

Motion by **Moody**, second by **VanAllsburg**, to table the water rates until the next meeting so the committee can meet with Manager Dolley and come back with a recommendation. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

8e. Radium Testing Recommendation from Water Committee:

Motion by **Moody**, second by **VanAllsburg**, to adopt the recommendation from the Water Quality Committee. Yes: Siciliano, Smith, VanAllsburg, Zichi, Hyne, Moody. No: None. **Motion passed.**

Council directed Manager Dolley to put the results of the water quality committee on the website for citizen information.

8f. Street Light Installation Agreement:

Motion by **Moody**, second by **Zichi**, to table the street light installation agreement until the Council can get the information on what type of light is being proposed by DTE and information on effectiveness of lighting the area. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

8g. DTE Downtown Lighting:

No action was taken.

8h. Compensation for Acting City Manager:

Motion by **Moody**, second by **VanAllsburg**, to retro-actively pay Alan Dolley the previous City Manager salary plus \$500 per week. Yes: Zichi, Hyne, Moody, Siciliano, Smith, VanAllsburg. No: None. **Motion passed.**

8i. Change May 5th Budget Workshop Date:

No action taken.

8j. Draft a New City Manager Contract & Appointment of Committee (Moody, Smith):

Motion by **VanAllsburg**, second by **Moody**, to appoint a committee of Moody and Smith to draft and present terms and recommendations for a form City Manager contract for City Council consideration and allow the committee to discuss the language with legal counsel if needed. Yes: Moody, Siciliano, Smith, VanAllsburg, Hyne. No: Zichi. **Motion passed.**

8k. Farmers' Market Marketing:

No action was taken.

Motion by **Siciliano**, second by **Zichi**, to add City Manager Michigan Municipal League Search to the agenda as item 8l. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

8l. City Manager Michigan Municipal League Search:

Motion by **Moody**, second by **Smith**, to direct the Acting Manager to contact the Michigan Municipal League to get a proposal for the City Manager search and present it at the next meeting. Yes: Hyne, Moody, Siciliano, Smith, VanAllsburg, Zichi. No: None. **Motion passed.**

8m. EDA Grant Ratification:

Motion by **Moody**, second by **Siciliano**, to ratify the EDA \$400,000 Grant application for the Industrial Park Progress Court grant as submitted by the Acting City Manager and signed by the Mayor on behalf of the City in contemplation of a ratification vote by City Council. Yes: Moody, Siciliano, Smith, VanAllsburg, Zichi, Hyne. No: None. **Motion passed.**

Manager Dolley announced that the Mayor or Manager, and City Engineer, are required to attend a preconstruction meeting on April 30th at 11:00 a.m. at the EDA offices in Chicago.

9. Discussion Items

9a. Police/Contracting with Other Communities:

Council discussed contracting with other communities for police services and felt that they were interested, but need more time to look into the details.

9b. City Manager Office:

Motion by **Smith**, second by **VanAllsburg**, to take action on discussion item 9b. City Manager Office. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

Motion by **Smith**, second by **VanAllsburg**, to allow access to the City Manager's office as needed. **Motion passed by voice vote with Zichi voting no.**

11. Staff Reports

11a. City Manager:

Acting Manager Dolley submitted a written report for Council review.

11b. City Attorney:

No report.

11c. Treasurer:

A budget printout was submitted for Council review.

11d. Assessor:

A yearly report was submitted for Council review.

12. Audience Participation:

Mayor Hyne called for public comment at this time and there was none.

13. Council Member Comments:

Councilman VanAllsburg encouraged everyone to see Panache at the Theatre.

Councilman Siciliano commented that the Ingham County Commissioners recognized Ralph and Jerry Shuck for their years of service to the Boy Scouts among other services.

Councilman Moody commented that Sunnyside Café will be holding a celebrity breakfast for the Kathy Ellsworth scholarship fund on April 19th and thanked Alan Dolley for the work he is doing.

Mayor Hyne thanked the Interim Manager applicants for applying, and Manager Dolley and City staff for handling the transition. She thanked the Chamber for the First Friday Peep Show and the Ingham County Housing Commission for their help in the downtown rental rehabilitation grants.

14. Closed Session- Property Purchase of 109/115 E. Grand River Avenue per MCL 15.268D & Attorney Client Privilege Letter:

Motion by **Smith**, second by **Moody**, to go into closed session to discuss a property purchase and attorney client privilege letter. Yes: Moody, Siciliano, Smith, VanAllsburg, Zichi, Hyne. No: None. **Motion passed.**

*Closed Session started at 10:50 p.m.

Motion by **Zichi**, second by **Siciliano**, to return to open session. Yes: Siciliano, Smith, VanAllsburg, Zichi, Hyne, Moody. No: None. **Motion passed.**

Closed Session ended at 11:55 p.m.

Roll Call: Siciliano, Smith, VanAllsburg, Zichi, Hyne, Moody. Absent: Pratt.

Action on Closed Session:

Motion by **Moody**, second by **VanAllsburg**, to excuse Pratt because of a family illness. **Motion passed by voice vote with Zichi voting no.**

Motion by **Smith**, second by **VanAllsburg**, to have the City Attorney proceed with payment of the severance package with the stipulation that the separation agreement is signed with a waiver and release of all claims as presented by the City Attorney effective immediately. Yes: Siciliano, Smith, VanAllsburg, Zichi, Moody. No: Hyne. **Motion passed.**

Motion by **Siciliano**, second by **Smith**, to direct the Acting City Manager to issue the check for the severance pay for the former City Manager per the contract. Yes: Siciliano, Smith, VanAllsburg, Zichi, Moody. No: Hyne. **Motion passed.**

15. Adjournment:

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

*Meeting Adjourned at 12:00 a.m.

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

Michelle A. Hyne, Mayor

Date Approved: _____