

**CITY OF WILLIAMSTON
CITY COUNCIL
JULY 13, 2009
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

1. Call To Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 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 John Pratt, Traci Smith, Scott VanAllsburg, and Ken Zichi. Absent: Carmen Siciliano.

Also Present:

City Clerk Holly Thompson, Treasurer Alan Dolley, City Attorney Bonnie Toskey, Police Officer John Haven, Community Development Director Michelle Aniol, TIFA Attorney John Gormley, JFM Productions, C2AE Engineers Kevin Feuka and Scott DeVries, *Enterprise* Reporter Brad Ritter, citizens Larry Stafford, Terri Campbell, Harriette Dunckel, Barb Vandenberg, John Donahoe, and other members of the public.

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

4. Approval of Agenda:

Move item 9e. to 9a. and add 9h. Visioning Dates.

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

5. Public Hearing D&W Fresh Market Community Development Block Grant Closing:

Motion by **Moody**, second by **Pratt**, to adjourn the Council meeting and open the public hearing. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

Public hearing opened at 7:07 p.m.

Mayor Hyne called for public comment on the closing of the D&W Fresh Market Community Development Block Grant and there was none.

Motion by **Moody**, second by **Pratt**, to close the public hearing and reopen the regular meeting. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

Public hearing closed at 7:09 p.m.

6. Audience Participation:

Terri Campbell, 308 Fulton St. questioned if the salary comparison provided with the packet was with or without the City Clerk salary. She also pointed out that the salary the previous City Manager earned was after eight years of service.

7. Council Minutes of June 8, 2009 & June 22, 2009:

Motion by **VanAllsburg**, second by **Smith**, to approve the June 8, 2009 Council minutes as presented. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

Motion by **VanAllsburg**, second by **Smith**, to approve the June 22, 2009 Council minutes as presented. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

8. Accounts Payable:

The accounts payable totaled \$133,088.17 with reference #'s 56756-56856.

Motion by **Smith**, second by **VanAllsburg**, to approve the accounts payable as presented, reference #'s 56756-56856 and have the Treasurer look into checks 56756 and 56757 to find out whether they are duplicate checks or not, and if not then pay appropriately. Yes: Zichi, Hyne, Moody, Pratt, Smith, VanAllsburg. No: None. **Motion passed.**

9. Action Items

9a. City Manager Contract Negotiation Committee recommendation:

Motion by **Zichi**, second by **VanAllsburg**, to allow Terri Campbell to speak. **Motion passed by voice vote with Pratt voting no.**

Motion by **VanAllsburg**, second by **Pratt**, to hire Tim Allard with the contract as presented with the MERS contribution being a maximum \$16,800 of service credit per year with the outcome of a successful background check being conducted by the City Attorney and the continuation of the interim City Manager contract in the meantime. Yes: Hyne, Moody, Pratt, Smith, VanAllsburg. No: Zichi. **Motion passed.**

9b. DDA Re-appointment of Barb Vandenberg for a term to expire 6-30-13:

Motion by **Pratt**, second by **Moody**, to concur with the Mayor's reappointment of Barb Vandenberg to the DDA for a term to expire 6-30-13. Yes: Hyne, Moody, Pratt, Smith, VanAllsburg, Zichi. No: None. **Motion passed.**

9c. Planning Commission Reappointment of Lisa Sawaya for a term to expire 6-30-12:

Motion by **Moody**, second by **VanAllsburg**, to concur with the Mayor's reappointment of Lisa Sawaya to the Planning Commission for a term to expire 6-30-12. Yes: Moody, Pratt, Smith, VanAllsburg, Zichi, Hyne. No: None. **Motion passed.**

9d. Mayoral appointment of Harriette Dunckel to the Downtown Development Authority for a term to expire 6-30-13:

Motion by **Moody**, second by **Pratt**, to allow Harriette Dunckel to speak. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

Motion by **Pratt**, second by **Smith**, to concur with the Mayor's appointment of Harriette Dunckel to the DDA for a term to expire 6-30-13. Yes: Pratt, Smith, Hyne, Moody. No: VanAllsburg, Zichi. **Motion passed.**

Pratt left at 8:25 p.m.

9e. Drainage Agreement and Permanent Easement for Centurion Medical Products Corporation concerning Progress Court EDA project in the Williamston I-96

Industrial Park:

Motion by **Moody**, second by **VanAllsburg**, to approve the non-exclusive permanent easement agreement for Centurion Medical Products Corporation concerning the Progress Court EDA project and include the ratification of the Mayor's signature from July 1st. Yes: Smith, VanAllsburg, Zichi, Hyne, Moody. No: None. **Motion passed.**

9f. Williamston Road Project:

No action was taken.

9g. Farmers' Market:

Motion by **Moody**, second by **VanAllsburg**, to approve \$1,000 to go into the Economic Development budget department 101.729 for immediate expenses and have this item on the next agenda so the City manager can review the budget and make a recommendation. Yes: Zichi, Hyne, Moody, Smith, VanAllsburg. No: None. **Motion passed.**

9h. Visioning Dates:

Motion by **Moody**, second by **VanAllsburg**, to have the Mayor or City Manager contact Bill Richards from MML to cancel the visioning session. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

Motion by **Moody**, second by **VanAllsburg**, to amend the agenda to add 9i. Cancel MML City Manager Search. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

9i. Cancel City Manager Search:

Motion by **Moody**, second by **VanAllsburg**, to cancel the MML City Manager search. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

Moody left at 9:10 p.m.

10. Discussion Items

10a. City Attorney rate survey conducted by Cedar Springs City Clerk Linda Branyan with supplemental info on Williamston from Cohl, Stoker law firm:

This will be on the next agenda to discuss with other budget issues.

12. Staff Reports

12a. City Manager:

No report

12b. City Attorney:

No report.

12c. Building Department:

A written report was submitted for Council review.

13. Audience Participation:

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

14. Council Member Comments:

Councilman Zichi congratulated Councilman Siciliano on the birth of his son, and also his daughter on her marriage.

Councilmember Smith congratulated Councilman Siciliano on the birth of his son and Councilman Zichi's daughter on her marriage.

Councilman VanAllsburg congratulated Councilman Siciliano on the birth of his son and Councilman Zichi's daughter on her marriage. He also encouraged everyone to see The Works of William Shakespeare Abridged at the Williamston Theater. He added that he is impressed by their work and encouraged local support.

Mayor Hyne congratulated Councilman Siciliano on the birth of his son, Councilman Zichi's daughter on her marriage, and the Jubilee Committee for another successful year. She added that the bandshell has been turned over to the City and thanked the Williamston Area Beautification Committee and Lansing Concert Band. She encouraged citizens to feel free to address the City Council.

16. Adjournment:

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

***Meeting Adjourned at 9:23 p.m.**

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

Michelle A. Hyne, Mayor

Date Approved: _____