

**CITY OF WILLIAMSTON
CITY COUNCIL
DECEMBER 21, 2009
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

1. Call To Order:

The meeting was called to order at 5:34 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers by City Clerk Holly Thompson.

Motion by **Pail**, second by **VanAllsburg**, to appoint Pratt as temporary chair. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

2. Roll Call:

Council members Tim Grossman, Randy Pail, John Pratt, and Scott VanAllsburg. Absent: Michelle Hyne (arrived at 6:13), Michael Moody (arrived at 5:42), and Andy Simmons.

Also Present:

City Clerk Holly Thompson, City Attorney Bonnie Toskey, Community Development Director Michelle Aniol, *Enterprise* Reporter Brad Ritter, and citizens Larry Wittrup, Steve Eyke, Larry Stafford, Dawn Marie Joseph, Mike Peplowski, Terri Campbell and other members of the public.

3. Approval of Agenda:

Motion by **VanAllsburg**, second by **Pail**, to approve the agenda as presented. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

4. Audience Participation:

Terri Campbell questioned if Council would be excusing the absent members.

Motion by **Grossman**, second by **VanAllsburg**, to excuse Simmons. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

5. Action Items

5a. McKenna & Quill Invoices:

-Moody arrived at 5:42 p.m.

Motion by **Grossman**, second by **VanAllsburg**, to approve the bill from Quill as presented. Yes: Pail, VanAllsburg, Grossman, Moody. No: Pratt. **Motion passed.**

Motion by **VanAllsburg**, second by **Grossman**, to approve the McKenna bills as presented for a total of \$14,209.50. Yes: Pratt, VanAllsburg, Grossman, Moody, Pail. No: None. **Motion passed.**

5b. Ratification of city manager's execution of Economic Development Grant Agreement for the 109-115 E Grand River Avenue property:

Motion by **VanAllsburg**, second by **Grossman**, to recognize Mike Peplowski. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

Mike Peplowski introduced himself and stated that he has an interest in buying and renovating the 109/115 building and asked if this is the best deal the City can get.

Motion by **Pratt**, second by **Grossman**, to recognize Steve Eyke. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

Steve Eyke stated that he has worked with the City on this deal for over a year and wants to see the project through.

Motion by **VanAllsburg**, second by **Grossman**, to recognize Dawn Marie Joseph. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

-Hyne arrived at 6:13 p.m.

Motion by **Grossman**, second by **VanAllsburg**, to approve the ratification of the City Manager's execution of the Economic Development Grant Agreement for the 109-115 E. Grand River Avenue Property and to authorize the City Manager to sign on behalf of the City. Yes: VanAllsburg, Grossman, Hyne, Moody, Pail, Pratt. No: None. **Motion passed.**

5c. Consideration of amendment to the Development Agreement for the 109-115 E. Grand River Avenue property:

No action was taken.

-Moody left at 6:41 p.m.

5d. Recommendation to approve purchase agreement for the 109-115 E. Grand River Avenue property:

Motion by **Pratt**, second by **Grossman**, to go into closed session for the purpose of real property purchase of 109 E. Grand River Avenue. Yes: Grossman, Hyne, Pail, Pratt, VanAllsburg. No: None. **Motion passed.**

Council recessed at 6:54 p.m.

Council reconvened at 7:00 p.m.

Motion by **Grossman**, second by **Pratt**, to return to open session. Yes: VanAllsburg, Grossman, Hyne, Pail, Pratt. No: None. **Motion passed.**

Roll Call: VanAllsburg, Grossman, Hyne, Pail, Pratt.

Motion by **Grossman**, second by **VanAllsburg**, to approve the purchase agreement in principal and allow the City Manager to continue negotiating the purchase agreement for the 109 building. Yes: VanAllsburg, Grossman, Hyne, Pail, Pratt. No: None. **Motion passed.**

5e. Recommendation to award Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment contract to Soil and Materials Engineers, Inc. (SME) subject to execution of purchase agreement for the 109-115 E Grand River Avenue property:

Motion by **Grossman**, second by **VanAllsburg**, to recognize John Gormley. **Motion passed by voice vote with Pratt voting no.**

Motion by **VanAllsburg**, second by **Grossman**, to approve the SME contract as presented for an amount not to exceed \$2500. Yes: Grossman, Hyne, Pail, Pratt, VanAllsburg. No: None. **Motion passed.**

6. Discussion Items

6a. Habitat for Humanity lease renewal:

Motion by **Grossman**, second by **Pail**, to table the Habitat for Humanity lease renewal.

Motion passed by voice vote.

7. Audience Participation:

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

8. Adjournment:

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

***Meeting Adjourned at 7:26 p.m.**

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

Michelle A. Hyne, Mayor

Date Approved: _____