

**CITY OF WILLIAMSTON
CITY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 22, 2010
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 Pro-tem Michael Moody and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. Roll Call:

Mayor Pro-tem Michael Moody, Council members Timothy Grossman, Randy Pail, John Pratt, Andy Simmons, and Scott VanAllsburg. Absent: Michelle Hyne.

Also Present:

City Manager Tim Allard, City Clerk Holly Thompson, City Attorney Dave Stoker, Police Chief Mark Hetfield, Community Development Director Michelle Aniol, Deputy Treasurer Geral Jeffrey, Executive Secretary Trudy Stevens, *Enterprise* Reporter Brad Ritter, Tabitha McCauley of mc², and citizens Terri Campbell, Larry Stafford, Jane Reagan, W Harrison Smith, Brooke Locke, Teresa Wood, Bonnie Brooks, Joe O'Connor, and other members of the public.

Motion by **Pratt**, second by **Pail**, to excuse Hyne from the meeting. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

4. Approval of Agenda:

Motion by **Pratt**, second by **Pail**, to add items 8c. Budget amendment for cast iron bollards with rail assembly for the NW corner of W Grand River Avenue and N Putnam Street, 8d. Motion for reconsideration of Mayor's cell phone use appropriation approved at the regular City Council meeting, and 8e. Motion to table payment of Mayor's monthly cell phone expenses until the regular Council meeting scheduled for 3/8/10 to the agenda. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

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

5. Audience Participation:

Teresa Wood thanked the City Council for their hard work and thanked the DPW for their great snow removal work and stated that she is representing the Chamber of Commerce.

Jane Reagan, 646 McCauley St., stated that she is looking forward to when the Zoning Ordinance becomes an action item. The Council adopted the first reading in November. She also stated that the process has taken over a year and Council and the public have been involved with the whole process. She will continue to attend the Council meeting and show her support of the document. Ms. Reagan commented that the City plows snow better than anyone. She also stated that she e-mailed the City for the current policy for the Mayor's cell phone use and recommended that there be documentation for reimbursement of the cell phone for accountability and transparency purposes.

Terri Campbell, 308 Fulton St., asked for clarification on the action item 8e.

6. Council Minutes of January 25, 2010 and Executive Session Minutes of January 25, 2010:

Motion by **Grossman**, second by **VanAllsburg**, to approve the Council minutes of January 25,

2010 as presented. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

Motion by **Moody**, second by **VanAllsburg**, to approve the executive session minutes of January 25, 2010 as presented. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

7. Accounts Payable:

The accounts payable totaled \$106,508.39 with reference #'s 57726-57794.

Motion by **VanAllsburg**, second by **Grossman**, to approve the accounts payable as presented, reference #'s 57726-57794. Yes: VanAllsburg, Grossman, Moody, Pail. No: Pratt, Simmons.
Motion passed.

8. Action Items

8a. Budget amendment endorsed by the DDA to fund the farmer's market through the end of the fiscal year:

Motion by **Grossman**, second by **Simmons**, to approve the budget amendment endorsed by the DDA to fund the Farmers' Market through the end of the fiscal year as presented. Yes: Simmons, VanAllsburg, Grossman, Moody, Pail, Pratt. No: None. **Motion passed.**

8b. Budget work sessions:

Motion by **VanAllsburg**, second by **Simmons**, to schedule a budget work session for March 25th from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

8c. Budget amendment for cast iron bollards with rail assembly for the NW corner of W Grand River Avenue and N Putnam Street:

Motion by **Pail**, second by **Pratt**, to approve the budget amendment for the bollards in the amount of \$16,700 as presented. Yes: Grossman, Moody, Pail, Pratt, Simmons, VanAllsburg. No: None.
Motion passed.

8d. Motion for reconsideration of Mayor's cell phone use appropriation approved at the regular City Council meeting:

Motion by **Pratt**, second by **Pail**, to move to reconsider the motion passed at the February 8, 2010 regular Council meeting pertaining to the Mayor's cell phone matter as recommended by the City Attorney for accounting purposes. **Motion passed by voice vote.** Note: Pratt was absent when vote was taken.

8e. Motion to table payment of Mayor's monthly cell phone expenses until the regular Council meeting scheduled for 3/8/10:

Motion by **Pail**, second by **Simmons**, to move to lay motion for payment of Mayor's monthly cell phone expenses on the table for the regular Council meeting scheduled for March 8, 2010.
Motion passed by voice vote.

9. Discussion Items

9a. Downtown Lighting Options:

-Pratt left at 8:08 p.m.

Director Aniol submitted a written report for lighting upgrade options for the downtown and explained the options for increasing the light in the downtown.

Councilman VanAllsburg commented that not everyone does not like the lights and he does not believe that the lights that are offered by DTE would be too dim.

Director Aniol explained that they are going to have a person come in that is not affiliated with any energy companies to talk to them about lighting suggestions.

Manager Allard gave an update on what the Parks & Recreation Commission is working on for the lights in McCormick Park.

Councilman Grossman asked if the Council could see what other options would look like. He suggested the halothane version.

Mayor Pro-tem Moody commented that he is concerned with the safety aspect due to dim lighting.

The Council asked for 150 watt high pressure sodium test light to be installed with a new ballast, the detailed information with cost breakdown and numbers for a 250 watt federal globe, and a test light for a 150 watt high pressure sodium halothane Washington post installed.

9b. Zoning Ordinance:

Councilman Pail went through his suggested changes or corrections to the Zoning Ordinance. On page 35, section 2.418 B regarding the number of employees for a home-based business. The Council asked that it be changed to 2 employees.

On page 2.432, page 43, outdoor storage, item c. should reference where the salvage yard regulations should be found in the ordinance.

Page 26, chapter 4, Section 2.401, item d., change "unit has been completed" to "unit that has been completed". Item e., 4th line down change "remuneration" to "renumeration".

Section 2.428 item h., change "after 10 p.m. or before 8 a.m." to "after 10 p.m. and before 8 a.m."

Section 3.103 page 60, item n., delete the indentation.

Section 8.104, page 158, a, 1. change "shall not 24 square feet", to "shall not exceed 24 square feet".

A question and answer page was suggested for frequently asked questions or a quick link to someone that can answer a question.

Attorney Stoker reminded Council that they need to consider codification of the Zoning Ordinance.

11. Staff Reports

11a. City Manager:

Manager Allard reported that he has been working with staff to get a grant for the North Williamston Road Project in the amount of \$375,000. The project would be ½ mile in length with the City being required to submit engineering drawings by mid-March to be eligible for the grant. C2AE has stated that they could complete the work within that timeframe. The Council would need to hold a special meeting to accept the proposal from C2AE for services. The Council needs to

make a decision by mid-April on whether the City wants to rebuild the annex or get the cash value from the insurance company. He stated that the Council could consider remodeling the old fire hall with the insurance money and added that there is a property committee established that could meet to discuss the options. The City has received a request for permission to hold a community fireworks display on July 3rd.

Councilman Grossman questioned the status of the grit material disposal.

Councilman VanAllsburg asked if the City employees would be receiving evaluations and pay raises on their anniversary.

11b. City Attorney:

No report.

11c. WWTP:

A written report was submitted for Council review.

11d. Assessor:

A memo from Assessor Watkins was submitted for Council review.

11e. Treasurer:

A budget printout was submitted for Council review.

11f. Building Department:

A report was submitted for Council review.

12. Audience Participation:

Mayor Pro-tem Moody called for public comment at this time and there was none.

13. Council Member Comments:

Councilman VanAllsburg commented that he appreciates the DPW's great job with the snow removal.

Councilman Grossman is concerned that Council can make decisions that sometimes may not be perfect and that staff should be able to bring up with the City Manager if needed without worry of repercussions.

Mayor Pro-tem Moody stated that he appreciates the DPW's work on snow removal.

14. Adjournment:

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

***Meeting Adjourned at 10:34 p.m.**

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

Michael Moody, Mayor Pro-tem

Date Approved: _____