

**CITY OF WILLIAMSTON
CITY COUNCIL
MARCH 8, 2010
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

1. Call To Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers by Mayor Michelle Hyne and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. Roll Call:

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

Also Present:

City Manager Tim Allard, City Clerk Holly Thompson, City Attorney Dave Stoker, Police Sergeant Jeff Hull, Planner Jim Breuckman, Deputy Treasurer Geral Jeffrey, Tabitha McCauley of mc², and citizens Terri Campbell, Larry Stafford, Jane Reagan, W Harrison Smith, Brooke Locke, Teresa Wood, Wendy Shaft, Tammy Scott, Scott Simmons, and other members of the public.

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

4. Approval of Agenda:

Motion by **VanAllsburg**, second by **Grossman**, to amend the agenda by adding the February 25, 2010 Special Meeting Minutes, moving item 9e. to 8i. for second reading, and add item 9h. Resolution for Flamingo Festival. Yes: VanAllsburg, Grossman. No: Hyne, Pail, Pratt, Simmons. **Motion failed.**

Motion by **VanAllsburg**, second by **Pail**, to amend the agenda by adding the February 25, 2010 Special Meeting Minutes to item 6., and adding item 9h. Resolution for Flamingo Festival. Yes: Hyne, Pail, Pratt, Simmons, VanAllsburg, Grossman. No: None. **Motion passed.**

5. Audience Participation:

Teresa Wood thanked Council for their work and commented on the armor of God and read aloud excerpts from the Bible.

Jane Reagan stated that she's been on the Planning Commission for 15 years and is currently serving as Vice Chair. She added that the Council spent nearly an hour at the previous meeting discussing and making changes to the Zoning Ordinance which she was pleased to see. She hopes that the Council adopts the 2nd reading of the Zoning Ordinance at the next meeting. She commented that she appreciates that the Council is video recording the meetings again and would like to see information regarding times it will be aired listed on the City website.

Brooke Locke stated that he is representing the Chamber of Commerce and reminded everyone that the reason the Council meetings were not being filmed for a period of time was because Kathy McGraw of JFM Productions suffered the loss of her husband and no longer felt comfortable driving home after the late night meetings.

6. Council Minutes of February 22, 2010 & Special Minutes of February 25, 2010:

Motion by **VanAllsburg**, second by **Pail**, to approve the Council minutes of February 22, 2010 as presented. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

Motion by **VanAllsburg**, second by **Grossman**, to table the February 25, 2010 special meeting minutes until the next meeting. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

7. Accounts Payable:

The accounts payable totaled \$41,184.49 with reference #'s 57795-57820.

Motion by **VanAllsburg**, second by **Pratt**, to approve the accounts payable as presented, reference #'s 57795-57820. Yes: Pratt, Simmons, VanAllsburg, Grossman, Hyne, Pail. No: None. **Motion passed.**

8. Action Items

8a. Resolution renaming Loop Road to Centurion Way:

Motion by **Pratt**, second by **Pail**, to adopt the resolution approving the renaming of Loop Road to Centurion Way as presented. Yes: Simmons, VanAllsburg, Grossman, Hyne, Pail, Pratt. No: None. **Motion passed.**

8b. Approval of Contract with MDOT for North Williamston Roadway Improvement Project from I-96 to 1250' feet North:

Motion by **Pail**, second by **Pratt**, to approve the contract with MDOT for North Williamston Roadway Improvement Project from I-96 to 1250' North as presented. Yes: VanAllsburg, Grossman, Hyne, Pail, Pratt, Simmons. No: None. **Motion passed.**

8c. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to Execute above-referenced MDOT Contract:

Motion by **Pratt**, second by **VanAllsburg**, to approve the resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the MDOT contract as presented. Yes: Grossman, Hyne, Pail, Pratt, Simmons, VanAllsburg. No: None. **Motion passed.**

8d. Professional and Technical Planning Advisory Services Agreement with McKenna Associates:

Motion by **VanAllsburg**, second by **Grossman**, to approve the professional and technical planning advisory services agreement with McKenna Associates as presented. Yes: Hyne, Pail, Pratt, Simmons, VanAllsburg, Grossman. No: None. **Motion passed.**

8e. Property Committee Direction:

Motion by **VanAllsburg**, second by **Pail**, to have the established property committee evaluate and provide a recommendation for all City owned properties. Yes: Pail, Pratt, Simmons, VanAllsburg, Grossman, Hyne. No: None. **Motion passed.**

8f. Consideration of City Participation in Williamston-opoly Board Game:

Motion by **VanAllsburg**, second by **Grossman**, to approve \$500 for face cards to be paid to the Chamber of Commerce for participation in the Williamston-opoly Board game. Yes: Pail, Pratt, Simmons, VanAllsburg, Grossman, Hyne. No: None. **Motion passed.**

8g. Budget work session schedule beginning with scheduled meeting on Thursday March 25:

Motion by **VanAllsburg**, second by **Grossman**, to schedule a budget work sessions for March 25th at 6:30 p.m., April 15th, May 5th, and May 21st at 6:00 p.m. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

8h. Resolution for Flamingo Fest:

Motion by **Pratt**, second by **Grossman**, to recognize Brooke Locke. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

Motion by **VanAllsburg**, second by **Pratt**, to approve the resolution in support of Flamingo Fest as presented. Yes: Grossman, Hyne, Pail, Pratt, Simmons, VanAllsburg. No: None. **Motion passed.**

9. Discussion Items

9a. USDA Rural Development Update:

Manager Allard reported that the City has been pre-approved for 7.1 million dollars in low interest funding for water and sewer improvements. The interest rates are at record lows. A letter from C2AE was distributed outlining the projects that need to take place.

Tom Traciak of ACI Finance spoke to the Council regarding bond issues and explained how bonds work. He explained the Build America Bonds that offer credit on doing the bonds differently. The bonds are sold as taxable but there is a 35% rebate. The City would need to issue two series of bonds, one for water and one for sewer.

This will be on the next agenda for more discussion and/or action.

9b. Proposed Zoning Ordinance regulating prohibited businesses as recommended by the City Attorney:

Attorney Stoker submitted a written Attorney Opinion regarding a prohibited business ordinance and recommended the Council adopt their own ordinance regulating prohibited businesses. He reminded Council that this ordinance would need to go to the Planning Commission before adoption.

9c. Request by First Baptist Church for community July 3rd fireworks display:

Manager Allard reported that the City has received a letter from the First Baptist Church have requested permission to hold a fireworks display on July 3rd that would be free to the public.

Roger Bonney of Night Magic stated that the Church is hoping to hold the firework show on July 3rd and want to make it a yearly event.

The Mayor directed the City Manager to work with the Church to complete the application process.

This will be on the next agenda for action.

9d. Street Lighting Options Update by Jim Breuckman. Community Development:

Jim Breuckman stated that he has been working with DTE for the options of street lighting in the downtown. The current fixtures are not produced anymore, so the City would need to consider another option. One option is to take the inside of the fixtures out and fit them with LED lights. DTE does not supply LED lighting fixtures. He will try to get better information on this option.

Manager Allard recommended that the City use the Federal Globes fixtures on the South Putnam streetscape and in the park and wait for DTE to start providing LED fixtures.

9e. Zoning Ordinance Re-Write:

Jim Breuckman stated that the only revisions to the Zoning Ordinance were the ones requested by Council at the previous meeting.

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Mr. Breuckman went through the changes with the Council.

Council discussed the sign and recreational vehicle aspects of the ordinance.

Motion by **VanAllsburg**, second by **Grossman**, to recognize Jane Reagan. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

Jane Reagan questioned if the City would be providing proposed language for the prohibited businesses ordinance.

Attorney Stoker stated that they would be providing the Planning Commission with the proposed language.

Motion by **VanAllsburg**, second by **Grossman**, to recognize Brooke Locke. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

Brooke Locke stated that the codification should not be done for the Zoning Ordinance because it will affect the way the document was rewritten to make it more readable.

11. Staff Reports

11a. City Manager:

Manager Allard reported that the Phase I environmental study for the 109 building looks like it will be a clean report and the closing should happen by the end of March. The Habitat for Humanity lease has been questioned by the Habitat committee and they are working to address those question. The CDBG grant has been awarded for the methane gas program which should reduce electrical bills in the future.

11b. City Attorney:

Attorney Stoker reported that they received a 15-day notice from the Liquor Control Commission for 1100 W. Grand River.

11c. Police Chief:

A written 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 commented that he received an article regarding saving historical buildings. He stated that he believes it is important to save the ice house and community center.

Councilman Pail stated that he read the same article and it was very detailed.

Mayor Hyne commented that the band received straight 1's. She thanked the Chamber for working with the City and appreciates everyone attending.

14. Adjournment:

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

***Meeting Adjourned at 10:12 p.m.**

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

Michelle Hyne, Mayor

Date Approved: _____