

**CITY OF WILLIAMSTON
CITY COUNCIL
APRIL 12, 2010
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

1. Call To Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 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 Randy Pail, Andy Simmons, Scott VanAllsburg, and Tim Grossman. Absent: Michael Moody & John Pratt.

Also Present:

City Manager Tim Allard, City Clerk Holly Thompson, City Attorney Bonnie Toskey, Police Chief Mark Hetfield, Deputy Treasurer Geral Jeffrey, C2AE Engineer Scott DeVries, Tabitha McCauley of mc², owners of Yeetown, and citizens W Harrison Smith, Larry Stafford, Jane Reagan, Brooke Locke, Paul and Dawn Marie Joseph, Terri Campbell, and other members of the public.

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

4. Approval of Agenda:

Add item 8f. Flamingo Festival.

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

5. Audience Participation:

Paul Joseph commented that he is collecting signatures for the position of 55th District Judge. He is currently an attorney with his own law firm. He appreciates the support of everyone and hopes it continues.

Brooke Locke commented that he is representing the Chamber of Commerce.

Dawn Marie Joseph stated that construction has started next door to Gracie's Place and added that she appreciates everyone's support.

Terri Campbell, 308 Fulton Street, questioned what the rear compactor purchase is for. She hopes that the Council reviews the cost in its entirety before they vote on it.

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

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

Motion by **VanAllsburg**, second by **Pail**, to approve the March 25, 2010 special meeting minutes as presented. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

7. Accounts Payable:

The accounts payable totaled \$349,301.10 with reference #'s 57904-57959.

Motion by **VanAllsburg**, second by **Grossman**, to approve the accounts payable as presented, reference #'s 57904-57959. Yes: Simmons, VanAllsburg, Grossman, Hyne, Pail. No: None.
Motion passed.

8. Action Items

8a. Consideration of 5K race on Jubilee weekend as Eagle Scout project:

Motion by **VanAllsburg**, second by **Simmons**, to table this until the next meeting. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

8b. Consideration of engineering design proposal for proposed water treatment plant:

Motion by **VanAllsburg**, second by **Grossman**, to recognize Terri Campbell. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

Motion by **Pail**, second by **Grossman**, to accept the proposal from C2AE for water treatment plant engineering in the amount of \$210,000 as presented in the letter of March 22, 2010 for the design of the water treatment plant. Yes: Grossman, Hyne, Pail, Simmons, VanAllsburg. No: None.
Motion passed.

8c. Consideration of funding request from Tri-County Office on Aging:

Motion by **VanAllsburg**, second by **Pail**, to have the City Attorney and City Manager develop an appropriate agreement for the Mayor to sign and authorize payment of \$468 to the Tri-County Office on Aging for the Meals on Wheels program. Yes: Hyne, Pail, Simmons, VanAllsburg, Grossman. No: None. **Motion passed.**

8d. Request for authorization to bid on used refuse packer for leaf collection:

Motion by **Pail**, second by **Simmons**, to authorize the City Manager to bid on a used refuse packer for leaf collection for a total cost of \$15,000 to East Grand Rapids. Yes: Grossman, Hyne, Pail, Simmons, VanAllsburg. No: None. **Motion passed.**

8e. Traffic Control Order- Centurion Way & Linn Road:

Motion by **Pail**, second by **Grossman**, to approve traffic control orders 28 and 29 as presented for Centurion Way and Linn Road. Yes: Hyne, Pail, Simmons, VanAllsburg, Grossman. No: None.
Motion passed.

8f. Flamingo Festival:

Motion by **VanAllsburg**, second by **Pail**, to budget \$1,000 for the Flamingo Festival if needed and direct City staff to promote the Flamingo Festival in coordination with the Mayor and City Manager and also approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$1,000. Yes: Pail, Simmons, VanAllsburg, Hyne. No: Grossman. **Motion passed.**

9. Discussion Items

9a. Committee Meetings and the Open Meetings Act review:

Councilman VanAllsburg questioned what the open meetings requirements are with the Property Committee.

Attorney Toskey explained that if the Council is expecting to have a quorum at the meeting then it

should be posted as a special meeting. If other Council members attend the Property Committee meeting they should not be deliberating with the Committee.

11. Staff Reports

11a. City Manager:

Manager Allard reported that the North Williamston Road project Phase 1 has received a bid from Reith Reiley that was lower than the engineer's estimate. A preconstruction meeting will be held at the end of the week for this project. 109 building developer Steve Eyke has completed pouring the foundation for the North wall. Nan Taylor of the Michigan Historical Preservation Office conducted a presentation regarding historic preservation in the downtown that was not well attended. Manager Allard believes this could be a good opportunity for Williamston. He noted that the Historic Preservation committee also did not attend. They have received an offer on the old fire station. A special meeting will be held by NIESA on Thursday to discuss the offer. R&R Fence is still working in good faith with the City and fence materials have been ordered for the project. The City received a letter from MDOT stating the South Putnam streetscape grant was denied. The proprietors of Yeetown are proposing a magazine called 'My Williamston' which will include the general area of Williamston. There was a work session held on March 30th regarding public street lighting.

11b. City Attorney:

No report

11c. Building Department:

A written report was submitted for Council review.

11d. Assessor:

A written report was submitted for Council review.

11e. Treasurer:

A budget printout 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 stated that he has been thinking about how well Williamston has been able to move forward in these difficult times. He added that the Williamston Theater is doing a great job despite the economy.

Councilman Grossman pointed out the memo from Assessor Watkins and how the Assessor informed Council of the continual decrease in revenues for Williamston due to decreased taxable values.

Mayor Hyne commented that her daughter has been assigned John Lepard as a mentor and thanked him for his volunteering in the program. She also congratulated Betty Honey for inviting Kate Hyne and Pete Porciello to play for her and her neighbors.

14. Adjournment:

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

***Meeting Adjourned at 8:49 p.m.**

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

Michelle Hyne, Mayor

Date Approved: _____