

**CITY OF WILLIAMSTON  
CITY COUNCIL  
MAY 10, 2010  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**1. Call To Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:21 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 Tim Grossman, Randy Pail, John Pratt, and Scott VanAllsburg. Absent: Michael Moody & Andy Simmons.

Also Present:

City Manager Tim Allard, City Clerk Holly Thompson, City Attorney Bonnie Toskey, Police Chief Mark Hetfield, C2AE Engineer Scott DeVries, Planner Jim Breuckman, Tabitha McCauley of mc<sup>2</sup>, WWTP Director Leroy Smith and wife Darlene Smith, Realtor Denise Deiderich, and citizens Harrison Smith, Bill Knapp, Bill Brumm, Billie O'Berry, Tom Salisbury, Linda Siciliano, Stasi Oliver, Larry Stafford, Jim Lounsbury, Bill Dyke, Jackie Wheeler, and other members of the public.

Motion by **Pratt**, second by **Grossman**, to excuse Simmons & Moody. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

**4. Approval of Agenda:**

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

**5. Audience Participation:**

Bill Knapp of 525 N. Putnam St. stated that he would like to see Council pass the no parking traffic control order for Putnam Street North of the bridge. He stated that he is concerned that there is an obstructed view when cars park and there was a girl hit by a car in that area.

Billie O'Berry introduced herself and stated that she is running for Circuit Court Judge in Ingham County. She encouraged Council to exercise their right to vote on August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Stacy Oliver of Divine K-9 Spa stated that she was in attendance to represent the Chamber of Commerce.

**6. Council Minutes of April 26, 2010:**

Motion by **VanAllsburg**, second by **Pail**, to approve the Council minutes of April 26, 2010 as presented. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

**7. Accounts Payable:**

The accounts payable totaled \$148,241.69 with reference #'s 58007-58057 & 58058-58108.

Motion by **VanAllsburg**, second by **Pail**, to approve the accounts payable as presented, reference #'s 58007-58057. Yes: Pratt, VanAllsburg, Grossman, Hyne, Pail. No: None. **Motion passed.**

Motion by **VanAllsburg**, second by **Grossman**, to approve the second set of accounts payable as presented, reference #'s 58058-58108. Yes: Pratt, VanAllsburg, Grossman, Hyne, Pail. No: None.

**Motion passed.**

## **8. Action Items**

### **8a. Receive and Review offers to purchase City property at 627 E. Grand River Avenue commonly known as old fire station:**

Motion by **Pail**, second by **VanAllsburg**, to approve the offer from Reliable in the amount of \$210,000 for the property at 627 E. Grand River Avenue. Yes: VanAllsburg, Grossman, Hyne, Pail, Pratt. No: None. **Motion passed.**

### **8b. 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Dog Barking Ordinance:**

Motion by **Grossman**, second by **Pail**, to table the second reading of the Dog Barking Ordinance until the next meeting. Yes: VanAllsburg, Grossman, Pail. No: Hyne, Pratt. **Motion passed.**

### **8c. Proposed Traffic Control Order #31 for N. Putnam Street from South end of bridge to North City Limits:**

Motion by **Pratt**, second by **Pail**, to approve traffic control order #31 for North Putnam Street from the South end of the bridge to the City limits as presented. Yes: Grossman, Hyne, Pail, Pratt, VanAllsburg. No: None. **Motion passed.**

### **8d. Consideration of regulation of prohibited businesses ordinance vs. moratorium recommended by Planning Commission and other options:**

Planner Breuckman reported that some communities are choosing to regulate prohibited businesses rather than not allowing them. He has examples that he can provide other sample ordinances from different communities to show more options.

Council asked that more information be presented to Council at the next meeting from the Michigan Municipal League and other communities.

## **9. Discussion Items**

### **9a. Forest of Nottingham Issue with Bill Dyke:**

Manager Allard explained that the Forest of Nottingham Condo Association wants the City to accept Nottingham Forest Trail. He has been working with Bill Dyke from the Association to identify what needs to be completed before the City will accept the road.

Bill Dyke explained the background of the Forest of Nottingham development. He stated that they were under the impression from the previous DPW Director that they only had a couple things to complete before the City accepts the road and it turns out there are many things that need to be completed.

Scott DeVries offered to get a proposal to Council at the next meeting to create a punchlist for bringing the Nottingham Forest Trail up to code.

### **9b. My Williamston Magazine Advertisement:**

Councilman VanAllsburg distributed a preliminary copy of the *My Williamston* magazine advertisement for Council review. He will continue to work on the advertisement for submittal.

## **11. Staff Reports**

**11a. City Manager:**

Manager Allard reported that the bandshell is nearing completion. There was a WWTP sewage overflow on Friday, May 7<sup>th</sup> due to a power outage. The screen was plugged and the system began recycling sewage through the screw pumps and eventually overflowed into the grit room and then blew out the service door and flowed into the river. The estimate was originally reported at 55,000 gallons of sewage into the river, but was more likely less than 17,000 gallons. The proper agencies were notified and a press release was sent out. He thanked Alan Haas, Dick Parmalee, and Leroy Smith for their efforts in handling the situation. There was a possible lightning strike at the top of the water tower causing a communication malfunction in the tower. There was no disruption in water service and it was able to be fixed with borrowed parts by the next day.

**11b. City Attorney:**

No report

**11c. City Treasurer:**

A budget printout was submitted to Council for review.

**11d. Police Chief:**

Statistics for April were 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 Grossman commended staff for the job done over the weekend.

Councilman Pail also commended staff for the job done over the weekend.

Councilman VanAllsburg agreed with Councilmen Pail and Grossman and added that he is looking forward to Flamingo Fest.

Mayor Hyne thanked everyone for their attendance and also thanked staff and the engineers for their work over the weekend.

**15. Adjournment:**

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

**\*Meeting Adjourned at 9:45 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Holly M. Thompson, City Clerk**

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**Michelle Hyne, Mayor**

Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_