

**CITY OF WILLIAMSTON  
CITY COUNCIL  
JUNE 14, 2010  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**1. Call To Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 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, Mayor Pro-tem Michael Moody, Council members Tim Grossman, Randy Pail, John Pratt, Andy Simmons and Scott VanAllsburg. Absent: None.

Also Present:

City Manager Tim Allard, City Clerk Holly Thompson, City Attorneys Bonnie Toskey & John Gormley, Police Chief Bob Young, City Engineer/Public Works Director Scott DeVries, Treasurer Alan Dolley, Planner Jim Breuckman, Mark of mc<sup>2</sup>, *Enterprise* Reporter Ken Palmer, Hubbard Law Attorneys, and citizens Larry Stafford, Terri Campbell, William Schall, Steve Eyke, Bruce Johnston, Steve Dougan, Don Warren, W Harrison Smith, Todd Carlisle, Brooke Locke, Shandra & Kristi Rozak, and other members of the public.

**4. Approval of Agenda:**

Motion by **Moody**, second by **Pail**, to add 11d. Discussion about Union Contract Negotiations. Yes: Grossman, Hyne, Moody, Pail, Pratt, Simmons, VanAllsburg. No: None. **Motion passed.**

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

**5. 2010/2011 Fiscal Year Budget Public Hearing:**

The Mayor opened the public hearing at 7:33 p.m.

Manager Allard explained the amendments to the drafted budget that were distributed.

Mayor Hyne asked that the drafted budget be placed on the City website and have copies available to the Library and Senior Center.

Mayor Hyne called for public comment on the drafted 2010/2011 fiscal year budget and received none.

Mayor Hyne closed the public hearing at 7:40 p.m.

**6. Audience Participation:**

Terri Campbell, 308 Fulton St., questioned the residency of Councilman Simmons and asked for confirmation of his home address. She also questioned why the citizens had to investigate things going on in the City.

Larry Stafford offered Councilman Simmons his basement if needed.

**7. Presentation Regarding Rental Rehabilitation Funding for 109 E. Grand River Building:**

Bruce Johnston reported that 3 apartments have been completed above Simplified Tax and they are working on apartments above Barrett's and 109/115 E. Grand River.

**8. Presentation of Medical Marihuana Act issues by Hubbard Law Firm, P.C.:**

Attorneys from the Hubbard Law Firm distributed information regarding the Medical Marihuana Act and gave examples of ways to handle medical marihuana in Williamston. This will be on the next agenda.

**9. Council Minutes of May 24, 2010:**

Page 1, item 5., add "Mayor Hyne expressed disagreement with certain of the statements presented by Mr. Trapp." after line 15. On page 3, 8i., change "Minock" to "Underwood".

Motion by **Pratt**, second by **Moody**, to approve the Council minutes of May 10, 2010 as amended.  
**Motion passed by voice vote.**

**10. Accounts Payable:**

The accounts payable totaled \$58,296.51 with reference #'s 58146-58192.

Motion by **Moody**, second by **VanAllsburg**, to approve the accounts payable as presented, reference #'s 58146-58192. Yes: VanAllsburg, Grossman, Hyne, Moody, Pail, Pratt, Simmons. No: None. **Motion passed.**

**11. Action Items**

**11a. Appointment of Alyson Wendt to the Downtown Development Authority for a term to expire 6-30-14:**

Motion by **Pratt**, second by **Grossman**, to concur with the Mayor's appointment of Alyson Wendt to the Downtown Development Authority for a term to expire 6-30-14. Yes: Grossman, Hyne, Moody, Pail, Pratt, Simmons, VanAllsburg. No: None. **Motion passed.**

**11b. Amendment to R&R Fence Stipulated Agreement:**

Manager Allard will provide a written recommendation for the amended stipulated agreement with R&R Fence at the next meeting for consideration.

No action was taken.

**11c. Year-end budget amendments:**

Motion by **Grossman**, second by **Moody**, to approve the budget amendments dated 6-14-10 for fiscal year 2009/2010 as presented. Yes: Grossman, Hyne, Moody, Pail, Pratt, Simmons, VanAllsburg. No: None. **Motion passed.**

**11d. Discussion about Union Contract Negotiations:**

Motion by **Moody**, second by **Pratt**, to give management the authority to negotiate the union contracts as discussed in closed session. Yes: Hyne, Moody, Pail, Pratt, Simmons, VanAllsburg, Grossman. No: None. **Motion passed.**

**12. Discussion Items**

**12a. Community Open House presenting City projects including N Williamston Rd:**

Manager Allard stated that he would like to have an open house to discuss the plans for the Phase II Williamston Road project with the residents. He would also like to have an open house for all the City projects going on. They are looking to have the open house the second week of July.

**12b. Creation of City Facebook page to promote City events and activities:**

Mayor Hyne suggested a Facebook page to promote the City's events and activities. She will work with the City Manager and City Attorney on a policy to present at a future meeting. The Mayor also discussed the idea of a flip video to capture what is going on in Williamston.

**14. Staff Reports**

**14a. City Manager:**

Mayor Hyne left at 9:15 p.m.

Councilman Grossman left at 9:15 p.m.

Manager Allard introduced Ken Palmer as the new reporter for the Enterprise. He reported that the sale of the old fire hall and generator have taken place. The money from the annex building has been received from MML. The North Williamston Road Phase I project has been completed. The location of a water treatment plant is being discussed. A resolution approving the new water/sewer rates will be presented at the next meeting. A portion of the sidewalk has been replaced. MDNRE is still considering the High Street parking lot as an addition to the park project grant. Bids have been received for the staining of the wooden play structure at McCormick Park. Arialink is in the process of laying the fiber optic cable and will be going through Williamston in July. Verizon has terminated their contract for the antenna on top of the water tower. The Chamber sponsored a meeting to meet the new police chief and Officers Pelong and Parviainen were there to discuss the neighborhood watch program.

**14b. City Attorney:**

No report.

**14c. Treasurer:**

A financial report was submitted for Council review.

**14d. City Engineer/Public Works Director:**

A written report was submitted for Council review.

**14e. Police Chief:**

Chief Young reported that it has been an exciting two weeks and he is getting to know everyone. He is proud of the officers. He is currently working at stopping the damage to the park, the community watch program, and a weekly article in the *Enterprise*.

**15. Audience Participation:**

Larry Stafford questioned the status of the parking lot behind Ellie's Country Kitchen. He expressed his dismay that it is taking so long to be addressed.

**16. Council Member Comments:**

Councilman VanAllsburg stated that he was taking pictures of the tree sculptures and thought about how the City could invite the artists back for another festival. He also suggested that potential small projects for consideration might be skateboard ramps, and an interactive fountain.

He suggested that the City start a "Did You Know?" column in the *Enterprise*.

Councilman Pail welcomed Chief Young and Engineer DeVries.

Councilman Pratt stated that he received calls from people that are very happy with the Williamston Road project. He asked that the Council will be a discussion item on the next agenda. He told everyone to have a good summer. He welcomed Chief Young and Engineer DeVries, and stated that Attorney Toskey is able to handle any situation or question with confidence.

**17. Adjournment:**

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

**\*Meeting Adjourned at 9:36 p.m.**

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

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**Michelle A. Hyne, Mayor**

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