City of Albion

City Council Meeting

May 4, 2015

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Joseph Domingo opened the regular session at 7:00 p.m.

II. MOMENT OF SILENCE TO BE OBSERVED

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. ROLL CALL

Maurice Barnes (1), Lenn Reid (2), Garrett Brown (3), Cheryl Krause (5) Andrew

French (6) and Mayor Joseph Domingo.

V. MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER’S COMMENTS

Comments were received from Council Members Reid, Brown, Krause and

French and Mayor Domingo.

VI. PRESENTATIONS

A. French Students/ French Market-Mary Slater

Mary Slater introduced visiting students here from France. There are fifteen students and two teachers. She discussed some of the activities they would be participating in while they are here.

Mrs. Slater also stated the French Market will be held in conjunction with the Farmers Market on May 16th, 2015 at Stofffer Plaza.

Comments were received from Council Member French.

B. Proclamation-National Day of Prayer-May 7th, 2015

Mayor Domingo read aloud the National Day of Prayer Proclamation and

presented to Pastor Williams-Grace Temple Church.

C. Budget Update/Property Tax Decline-Tom Mead, Finance Director

Finance Director Mead discussed the taxable value decline for 2015. He stated the taxable value decline will be $3,569,974.00. The following funds will be impacted:

* General Fund: City Operating $42,745
* Admin Fee $1,856
* Recreation $5,355
* Solid Waste $7,140
* Debt Service Fund $4,641
* Street Improv. Fund $10,710
* Total City Wide $72,448

Comments were received from Council Members French and Krause and Mayor Domingo.

D. Neighborhood Health Visitors-Tom Brown

Tom Brown and Tom Brown gave a brief overview of the neighborhood visitors and how to easily access health care options. They currently have 150 volunteers going door to door as neighborhood health care visitors.

VII. CITIZEN’S COMMENTS (Persons addressing the City Council shall limit their

comments to agenda items and to no more than five (5) minutes. Proper decorum is required.)

No comments were received.

VIII. CONSENT CALENDAR (VV)

A. Approval of Regular Session Minutes-April 20, 2015

French moved, Krause supported, CARRIED, to Approve Consent

Calendar as presented. (6-0, vv)

IX. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL DISCUSSION

A. Request Approval American Legion to Hold Memorial Day Parade

(VV)

French moved, Krause supported, CARRIED, to Approve American Legion to hold Memorial Day Parade as presented. (6-0, vv)

B. Request Approval Metro Act Right of Way Permit Extension (RCV)

Comments were received from Council Member Brown, City Manager Mitchell and Mayor Domingo.

French moved, Krause supported, CARRIED, to Approve Metro Act Right of Way Permit Extension as presented. (6-0, rcv)

C. Request Approval Mechanical Amusement Device for Anderson Amusement to Hold Carnival in Tractor Supply Parking Lot-May 7th-May 10, 2015 (RCV)

Comments were received from Council Members French and Reid and Mayor Domingo.

French moved, Krause supported, CARRIED, to Approve Mechanical Amusement for Anderson Amusement to Hold Carnival in Tractor Supply Parking Lot-May 7th- May 10, 2015 as presented. (6-0, rcv)

D. Discussion/Set Date to Discuss Applicants to Fill Vacancy in Precinct #4 (VV)

Comments were received from Council Members French and Brown, City Manager Mitchell and Mayor Domingo.

The consensus of the council is to fill vacancy in Precinct #4 as part of the regular council meeting on May 18, 2015.

E. Discussion/Approval Support Letter for Change to City Income Tax Act (Public Act 284 of 1964) (RCV)

Comments were received from Council Member French, City

Manager Mitchell and City Attorney Harkness.

Brown moved, Krause supported, CARRIED, to Approve Support Letter for Change to City Income Tax Act (Public Act 284 of 1964) as presented (6-0, rcv).

F. Request Approval Purchase of Holland Park Playground Equipment (RCV)

Comments were received from Council Members French and Reid.

Barnes moved, Brown supported, CARRIED, to Approve Purchase of Holland Park Playground Equipment as presented. (6-0, rcv).

G. Request Approval Lease of Two Police Vehicles (RCV)

Comments were received from Council Members Krause, Brown, Barnes, French and Reid; City Manager Mitchell; Chief Kipp and Mayor Domingo.

French moved, Brown supported, **FAILED**, to **Table** the Approval of Lease of Two Police Vehicles as presented. (3-3, rcv)

Council continued discussion with comments received from Council Members Krause, Brown, Barnes, French and Reid; City Manager Mitchell; Chief Kipp and Mayor Domingo.

French moved, Krause supported, CARRIED, to Approve Option 1, Purchase of 2 Police Vehicles and Equipment as presented. (6-0, rcv)

H. Discussion Austin Avenue Initiative

Council Member Barnes stated he has been working on the Austin Avenue Initiative since 2012. He also has been working with members of the state legislature and with Senator Debbie Stabenow. He stated the Target Market Analysis did not include Austin Avenue but the EDC would be willing to work it in. He stated we need to motivate people to work on this entryway to the City.

Council Member Barnes would like the City Manager to find resources to revitalize the Austin Avenue area and would also like to see churches become more involved in the revitalization.

Council Member Barnes left at 8:20 with permission of the Mayor and the Council.

I. Request Approval for Albion College to Block the Following Intersections: Perry at Hannah St; Ingham St at Michigan Ave; Cass St Oswego St; Cass St at Hannah on Saturday, May 9, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. (VV)

Comments received from Council Members Brown and French and City Manager Mitchell.

French moved, Brown supported, CARRIED, to Approve Albion College to Block the Following Intersections: Perry at Hannah St; Ingham St at Michigan Ave; Cass St Oswego St; Cass St at Hannah on Saturday, May 9, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. (5-0, rcv)

J. City Manager Updates

City Manager Mitchell discussed the following items:

* Thanked everyone who participated in the town hall meetings
* Albion week will be starting May 15, 2015. A calendar of activities will be available
* May 18,2015 will be the bike ride with MDOT
* The Michigan Works Youths are now working at City Hall
* A bicycle was donated for the bike safety class
* May 5 is Election Day and we had two renewal millages on the ballot – recreation and street
* Thanked everyone for their support for the WONder Woman Award and the support since she has been here
* Employee of the Month- Nominations will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. on Friday May 8,2015

K. Future Agenda Items

Council Member Krause would like an update on the funds for the way finding signage on the next agenda.

Public Safety Chief Kipp stated that we did not meet MDOT’s specifications and we would check again on the project slated for 2018.

Comments were received from Council Member French; Finance Director Mead; Chief Kipp and Mayor Domingo.

L. Motion to Excuse Absent Council Member (s) (VV)

No action was needed as all members were present.

X. CITIZEN’S COMMENTS (Persons addressing the City Council shall limit their

comments to no more than five (5) minutes. Proper decorum is required.)

Comments were received from Marcus Ware, 311 W. Ash St.; Council Members

Brown, French and Reid, City Manager Mitchell and Mayor Domingo.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

French moved, Krause supported, CARRIED, to Adjourn the Regular Session

(5-0, vv)

Mayor Domingo adjourned Regular Session at 8:20 p.m.

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Date Jill Domingo City Clerk