City of Albion

City Council Meeting

September 8, 2015

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. ROLL CALL

Maurice Barnes (1), Lenn Reid (2), Garrett Brown (3), Rebecca Decker (4)and Andrew French (6) and Mayor Joseph Domingo. Cheryl Krause (5) was absent.

III. MOMENT OF SILENCE TO BE OBSERVED

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

STAFF PRESENT:

Sheryl Mitchell, City Manager; Jill Domingo, City Clerk; Cullen Harkness, City Attorney; John Tracy, Director, Building, Planning and Code Enforcement and Scott Kipp, Chief of Public Safety.

V. MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER’S COMMENTS

Comments were received from Council Member Barnes.

VI. PRESENTATIONS

A. Proclamation-Forks Senior Center-10 Year Anniversary

Mayor Domingo read aloud the Forks Senior Center proclamation and presented to Gina Costa, Executive Director-Forks Senior Center, Carol Maynard, Chairman of the Board of Directors-Forks Senior Center and Micki Ogilbee, Board of Directors- Forks Senior Center.

B. Proclamation-Missing in Action/POW Recognition Day

Mayor Domingo read aloud the Missing in Action/POW Recognition Day proclamation and presented to members of the Albion VFW who thanked the Council and the City for the proclamation.

C. Proclamation-Albion High School Alumni Association

Mayor Domingo read aloud the Albion High School Alumni Association proclamation and presented to Nidia Wolf.

Comments were received from Nidia Wolf, 409 Irwin Avenue, thanking all those who have helped with this event and stated that although we longer have a high school, the alumni plans to continue the program.

VII. CITIZENS COMMENTS

No comments were received.

VIII. CONSENT CALENDAR (VV)

(Items on Consent Calendar are voted on as one unit)

A. Approval Regular Session Minutes-August 17, 2015

Brown moved, Decker supported, CARRIED, to Approve the Consent Calendar as presented. (6-0, vv)

IX. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL DISCUSSION

A. Request Approval Resolution # 2015-25, Raising the Minimum Age of Legal Access to Tobacco Products (RCV)

Comments were received from Council Members French, Decker, Brown, Reid and Barnes; Mayor Domingo; City Manager Mitchell and Nidia Wolf, 409 Irwin Avenue.

French moved, **NO SUPPORT, MOTION FAILS**, for Approval of Resolution # 2015-25, Raising the Minimum Age of Legal Access to Tobacco Products in Michigan to Age 21.

B. City Manager Report

City Manager Mitchell reported on the following items:

* The Revise website is complete and each department will be able to provide timely updates for our residents.
* Met with representatives from Amtrak and MDOT to discuss improving service to and from Albion. Meeting included Albion College to discuss right-of-way maintenance.
* The Redevelopment Ready Community self-evaluation is complete and will be presented to the Planning Commission at their next meeting. A resolution will come to Council for consideration at the September 21st meeting regarding moving forward.
* The performance evaluation forms have been revised and we are instituting an annual review process for all staff. Process includes a new self-evaluation component.
* The City has three new interns from Albion College’s Ford Institute. They are Henry Carnick, Alexandria Jones and William Hunter. They will be working on several projects through December.
* City Manager Mitchell and Marie Macone escorted seven (7) members of the Junior Optimist Club to a conference in Traverse City. It was a great learning experience and a lot of fun as well.
* City Manager Mitchell and Chief Scott Kipp attended the grand opening of the Marshall Regional Law Enforcement Center. They will also be attending a Fair and Impartial Policing Workshop next week.
* The employee appreciation picnic was held on August 16th and had a very good turnout. The employees appreciated the Mayor and Council approving closing city hall offices for an extended lunch so they could attend.
* Festival of the Forks is the weekend of September 18-19. The Chamber will be hosting two parades on September 19th –one at 10 a.m. and the other at 6:00 p.m. If Council could let the City Manager Mitchell know who will be participating in the parades and the time by the end of the week.
* Albion High School Alumni Association Reunion is the weekend of September 18th-20th. It will include the AHS Distinguished Alumni Dinner. Honorees include our very own Mayor Joe Domingo, Council Member Lenn Reid, along with Ronnie Sims, David Locke, Reverend Robert Brown.

Council Member French asked about whether channels 6 and 17 were working on the WOW Cable channels. They have been working on and off and there may be a problem with our transmission here at the City. WOW is working on resolving this issue.

Comments were received from Council Member Reid, Mayor Domingo and Chief Scott Kipp.

City Manager Mitchell stated the Albion District Library is no longer using the access channel and would like to speak with Albion Schools to see if they may be interested. Council Member French asked to also speak with Albion College as there may be potential there as well.

C. Future Agenda Items

Council Member Barnes asked to have the Albion Housing Commission appointment added to the next agenda.

Mayor Domingo stated the James Arnett had been reappointed to the Albion Housing Commission.

Council Member Reid inquired about the large bump going into Oak Meadows. It was stated this would be the City’s responsibility to repair as it was not part of the Erie Street project.

Comments were received from Council Member French and Mayor Domingo.

D. Motion to Excuse Absent Council Member (s)

Barnes moved, French supported, CARRIED, to Excuse Council Member Krause (5). (6-0, vv)

X. 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.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. The City Manager requests an Executive Session under the

Open Meetings Act (Section 15.268 (a), P.A. 267 of 1976, as amended) to

consider the dismissal, suspension or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges

brought against, or toconsider a periodic personnel evaluation of a public officer,

employee or staff member of individual agent, if the named person requests a closed

hearing.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Brown moved, French supported, CARRIED, to Adjourn to Executive Session

(6-0, vv)

Mayor Domingo adjourned to Executive Session at 7:35 p.m.

French moved, Brown supported, CARRIED, to re-convene regular session. (6-0, vv)

Council re-convened Regular Session at 8:04 p.m.

French moved, Decker supported, CARRIED, to ADJOURN Regular Session. (6-0, vv).

Mayor Domingo adjourned the Regular Session at 8:05 p.m.

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Date Jill Domingo City Clerk