City of Albion

City Council Meeting

May 16, 2016

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. MOMENT OF SILENCE TO BE OBSERVED

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. ROLL CALL

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

STAFF PRESENT:

Sheryl Mitchell, City Manager; Jill Domingo, City Clerk; Cullen Harkness, City Attorney; Scott Kipp, Chief Public Safety; Jim Lenardson, Director Public Services; Peggy Sindt, EDC Director and John Tracy, Director, Planning, Building and Code Enforcement.

V. MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER’S COMMENTS

 Brown moved, Decker supported, CARRIED, to Amend the Agenda and **Table** Item F. (5-0, rcv)

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

VI. PRESENTATION

A. EDC Update-Peggy Sindt

 Peggy Sindt, EDC Director updated the Council on the following items:

* Thursday, May 12, 2016 was the Ground Breaking Ceremony for the new hotel. They had a great turnout with approximately 250 people attending.
* The hotel project is moving forward and expects to have the structural ground breaking sometime late this summer. They are currently awaiting drawing approval from the Courtyard Marriott.
* The 101 N. Superior Street expects to be complete late August. The windows have been ordered for the storefront of the building.
* Taco Bell is close to opening.
* Brembo is building an impressive structure for their foundry. This will help to create additional jobs in the Albion area. A new supplier to Brembo will also have a building next to the Brembo building.
* Team 1 had their ribbon cutting ceremony for their new addition. A tax abatement will be coming to Council for approval on the June agenda.
* Peggy will be retiring at the end of September. The EDC Board is currently completing a search for a replacement. They may extend staffing for the EDC and is a good time for a transition.

Comments were received from Council Member Brown who thanked Mrs. Sindt for her years of service and asked to have a joint meeting with the EDC Board and the Council to be kept up to date on the search.

Additional comments were received from Council Member Reid.

B. Big Read Update-Jess Roberts

Jess Roberts of the Big Read Program updated the Council with the following items:

* On May 11th, 2016 the National Endowment of the Arts announced the recipients of the Big Read grant for this year and has once again selected the City of Albion. She also noted that pictures from last year’s Big Read program are on the National Endowment of the Arts webpage.
* The Big Read Program had thirty seven (37) businesses that partnered with the program last year.
* The following business have signed up to partner this year:

Albion College

Albion Schools

Philanthropic Women

Team One

Albion District Library

Albion/Homer United Way

Linda Kolinski Fund

* Nineteen (19) youth have signed up for the Big Read program
* In completing the November report for last year’s Big Read Program, Jess stated she was able to share the story of our town and received a response

that we as a community “knocked it out of the park”.

* She is excited about the upcoming Big Read program in October and appreciates the deep commitment to education in our community.

C. Oaklawn Dialysis Center-Richard Lindsey

Richard Lindsey update the Council on the Oaklawn Dialysis Center with the following:

* Mr. Lindsey and City Manager Mitchell toured the Oaklawn Dialysis Center two weeks ago.
* The Oaklawn Dialysis Center will have an open house on Tuesday, May 24th, 2016 from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. at 350 B Drive North, Albion. Light appetizers and punch will be provided.
* The Dialysis Center is a 3.5 million, 8800 sq. ft. ,12 chair facility built by Gordon Martin Builders using local contractors
* It is not a tax exempt facility and is owned by Oaklawn Dialysis Center of Albion, LLC
* The zoning for this facility went through quickly and easily
* The facility will have twelve (12) full and part time employees and will be able to serve sixteen (16) patients at a time
* They also will have a training facility for residents to train enabling them to provide at home service
* By opening this facility in Albion this will help with convenience so residents won’t have to drive as far and will also free up space at the Marshall Dialysis Center which is currently at full capacity

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-May 2, 2016

 Brown moved, Krause supported, CARRIED, to Approve the Consent Calendar as presented. (5-0, vv)

IX. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL DISCUSSION

A. Discussion/Approval 2016 Street Projects (RCV)

Comments were received from City Manager Mitchell.

 Krause moved, Brown supported, CARRIED, To Approve 2016 Street Projects as presented. (5-0, rcv)

B. Request Approval for Albion Fireworks Committee to use Barnes Park and Riverside Cemetery for the Albion Fireworks Viewing on July 3, 2016 (RCV)

 Brown moved, Krause supported, CARRIED, to Approve Albion Fireworks Committee to use Barnes Park and Riverside Cemetery for the Albion Fireworks Viewing on July 3, 2016 as presented. (5-0, rcv)

C. Request Approval Memorandum of Understanding with Brownfield Redevelopment Authority to Operate a Dog Park on Property Owned by Brownfield (RCV)

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

Brown moved, Decker supported, CARRIED, to Approve Approval Memorandum of Understanding with Brownfield Redevelopment Authority to Operate a Dog Park on Property Owned by Brownfield as presented. (5-0, rcv)

D. Discussion-Juneteenth Celebration at Holland Park

Council Member Reid stated the Holland Park Committee will be sponsoring the Juneteenth Celebration at Holland Park on June 18th, 2016 from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. There will be a short program and everyone is welcome to attend. There will be food, games, face painting, music, basketball games and a teen dance to name a few. Money raised from the sale of food will be used to add additional items to Holland Park.

The Juneteenth celebration began in Texas after the emancipation proclamation. Texas had not received word right away as to the release of slaves so when notification was finally made, a celebration was held and has continued on through the years. This celebration started in Texas but has now spread too many other cities and states including Albion.

The senior section of Holland Park will be complete the first week of June. The teen area will be worked on next.

E. Discussion/Approval Use of City Logo by the AmeriCorps/Vista Program (RCV)

 Comments were received from City Manager Mitchell, City Attorney Harkness and Mayor Domingo.

 Krause moved, Brown supported, CARRIED, to Approve Use of City Logo by the AmeriCorps/Vista Program as presented. (5-0, rcv)

F. Discussion/Approval to Obtain Cost of Public Safety Services from Calhoun County Sheriff’s Office for Informational Purposes Only (RCV)

 This item was tabled at the start of the Council meeting.

G. Request Approval of Waiver of First Right of Refusal on Calhoun County Foreclosed Properties (RCV)

 Comments were received from City Manager Mitchell and Mayor Domingo.

 Brown moved, Krause supported, CARRIED, to Approve Waiver of First Right of Refusal on Calhoun County Foreclosed Properties as presented. (5-0, rcv)

H. City Manager Report

City Manager Mitchell updated the Council on the following items:

* The public notice for the 2016 sidewalk exemptions has been placed in the paper and the public hearing will be at the June 6th, 2016 council meeting. Residents who wish to apply for this exemption may come to the meeting or can send a letter to the Clerk’s office prior to the meeting.
* There will be an Open House at the Oaklawn Dialysis Center of Albion on Tuesday, May 24th, 2016 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
* The Greater Albion Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Bureau will be holding a Business After Hours at Albion Machine & Tool & Velocity Manufacturing, 1001 Industrial Avenue, in Albion from 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 2nd, 2016.
* The Memorial Day parade will be held Monday, May 30th, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.
* The Recreation Department is now accepting signups for the Summer Dreams and Peapods programs. This will be a four (4) day a week program and on Fridays, children will be picked up in the recreation van and taken to the Bohm Theatre for free popcorn and a movie and then taken back home.
* A donation from the Albion Community Foundation will allow for a summer basketball program.

I. Future Agenda Items

* Council Member Brown would like the following two items added to the next agenda: 1) An update on the single hauler RFP and 2) A study session in early June to discuss where the City is currently with the budget.
* Council Member Reid would like the Council to take a “blight tour” of the City to see what area’s there are problems and what can be done to help clean up those areas. Council would like City Manager Mitchell and Director Tracy to be included in the tour. They would like a possible date of Saturday, June 11th, 2016 from 8:00 a.m. to Noon.

Comments were received from Council Member Brown, City Attorney Harkness and Mayor Domingo.

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

Reid moved, Krause supported, CARRIED, to Excuse Council Members Barnes and French. (5-0, vv)

K. Discussion/Approval Resolution # 2016-34, Discharge of CDBG Mortgage for 114 W. Walnut St. (RCV)

Comments were received from Council Member Brown, City Manager Mitchell, City Attorney Harkness, Scott Evans, President Homestead Savings Bank and Mayor Domingo.

Brown moved, Decker supported, CARRIED, to Approve Resolution # 2016-34, Discharge of CDBG Mortgage for 114 W. Walnut St. as presented. (5-0, rcv)

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.)

Comments were received from Sonya Brown, 713 Orchard St., who stated there two community forums held with Marshall Schools to discuss what Albion school buildings will be utilized. Both meetings will be held in the Library at Albion Schools at 225 Watson St., Albion from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The meeting dates are Thursday, May 19th, 2016 and Thursday, May 26th. Additional comments were received from Council Member Decker.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

 Brown moved, Decker supported, CARRIED, to ADJOURN Regular Session. (5-0, vv).

Mayor Domingo adjourned the Regular Session at 8:00 p.m.

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Date Jill Domingo City Clerk