City of Albion

City Council Meeting

February 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), Rebecca Decker (4), Cheryl Krause (5) and Andrew French (6) and Mayor Joseph Domingo. Maurice Barnes (1) was absent and Garrett Brown (3) arrived at 7:25 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

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

V. MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER’S COMMENTS

Comments were received from Council Members Krause and French.

VI. PRESENTATIONS

 A. Mayor’s Youth Council-Diversity Champion Proclamation for Senator Mike Nofs

Zemiah White of Kids at Hope read aloud the Diversity Champion Proclamation for Senator Mike Nofs.

Comments were received from Harry Bonner Sr.

 B. Mayor’s Youth Council-Diversity Champion Proclamation for Albion City Council

Aitayah Artis of Kids at Hope read aloud the Diversity Champion Proclamation and presented plaque and proclamation to Council.

 C. ADPS Check Presentation of $3,436.00 for Donation to Susan G. Komen’s Breast

 Cancer Organization

Bill Timmins, Albion Public Safety Officer presented a check for $3,436.00 to a representative of the Susan G. Komen’s Breast Cancer organization. Albion Department of Public Safety sold t-shirts in September and October to raise the funds. The t-shirts have the Department of Public Safety logo and help to give back to the community.

A representative from the Susan G. Komen stated that 75% of the funds go back to the local communities such as Allegiance and help with free mammograms, the remaining 25% will go towards breast cancer research.

 D. Update on SAW Grant-Jeff Wingard, Fleis & Vandenbrink

Jeff Wingard, Fleis & Vandenbrink updated the Council on the SAW Grant with the following highlights:

* The inspections have been completed. They inspected 2,210 storm catch basins and 1,057 sanitary manholes.
* An evaluation of results is being completed and GIS mapping is also being worked on.
* They will be monitoring the flows in manhole structures particularly after heavy rains.
* They will be doing a smoke testing in the spring of the sanitary sewers that will help to locate any cross connections of sanitary and storm sewers.
* Residents will be notified of the smoke testing via the public access channel and also a notice in water bills being sent out.
* Screening and televising of the lines will also be completed which will locate defects and problems.
* When work is fully completed an asset management plan will be done.
* Both paper maps and GIS maps will be available when project is complete.

Comments were received from Council Member Krause and Mayor Domingo.

VII. CITIZENS COMMENTS

No comments were received.

VIII. CONSENT CALENDAR (VV)

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

A. Approval Regular Council Session Minutes-February 1, 2016

 Council Member French asked to have street improvement fund added to

Page 5, subsection I for the February 1, 2016 minutes.

French moved, Krause supported, CARRIED, to Approve the Consent Calendar with the above change. (5-0, vv)

IX. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL DISCUSSION

A. Request Approval for Fireworks Committee to Hold Fireworks over the River July 3rd, 2016 at Dusk (RCV)

 French moved, Krause supported, CARRIED, To Approve Fireworks Committee to Hold Fireworks over the River July 3rd, 2016 at Dusk. (5-0, rcv)

B. Discussion-Single Hauler Bids

City Manager Mitchell stated that as part of Council’s request to find cost savings for the City, she would like to add a discussion on single hauler bids to the goal setting agenda.

Comments were received from Council Member French and Mayor Domingo.

C. Request Approval Resolution #2016-13, Contract with Abraham & Gaffney for Fiscal Year 2015 Auditing Services (RCV)

269 (RCV)

Comments were received from Mayor Domingo.

French moved, Krause supported, CARRIED, to Approve Resolution # 2016-13, Contract with Abraham & Gaffney for Fiscal Year 2015 Auditing Services as presented. (6-0, rcv)

D. Request Approval Resolution # 2016-14, Michigan Heritage Restoration Program-Amendment #1 (RCV)

Comments were received from Council Members Krause and Brown; City Manager Mitchell; City Attorney Harkness; Finance Director Mead and Mayor Domingo.

French moved, Brown supported, CARRIED, to Approve Resolution # 2016-14, Michigan Heritage Restoration Program-Amendment # 1 as presented. (6-0, rcv)

E. Request Approval Ismon House Promissory Note (RCV)

French moved, Decker supported, CARRIED, To Approve Ismon House Promissory Note as presented. (6-0, rcv)

F. Request Approval Memorandum of Understanding-Amendment #1 with Ismon House

French moved, Decker supported, CARRIED, To Approve Memorandum of Understanding-Amendment #1 with Ismon House as presented. (6-0, rcv)

G. Request Approval Resolution # 2016-15, Purchase of Services for Starr Pump #1 (RCV)

French moved, Krause supported, CARRIED, to Approve Resolution # 2016-15, Purchase of Services for Starr Pump # 1 as presented. (6-0, rcv)

H. Discussion/Approval Resolution # 2016-16, Approval for Match for Calhoun County Land Bank Authority Michigan Blight Elimination Program (RCV)

Comments were received from City Manager Mitchell.

French moved, Krause supported, CARRIED, to Approve Resolution # 2016-16, Approval for Match for Calhoun County Land Bank Authority-Michigan Blight Elimination Program as presented. (6-0, rcv)

I. Request Approval of POLC (Public Safety Sergeants & Lieutenants) Tentative

 Agreement (RCV)

Comments were received from City Manager Mitchell.

French moved, Krause supported, CARRIED, to Approve POLC (Public Safety Sergeants & Lieutenants) Tentative Agreement as presented. (6-0, rcv)

J. Request Approval of Agreement between Albion Public Schools and City of

 Albion for Recreation Programs (RCV)

Comments were received from City Manager Mitchell.

French moved, Brown supported, CARRIED, to Approve Agreement between Albion Public Schools and City of Albion for Recreation Programs as presented. (6-0, rcv)

K. Request Approval Resolution # 2016-17, Purchase of Salt Spreader for the DPW

 (RCV)

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

French moved, Brown supported, CARRIED, to Approve Resolution # 2016-17, Purchase of Salt Spreader for the DPW as presented. (6-0, rcv)

L. Discussion-City Employees Purchasing Old Equipment

City Attorney Harkness stated the current ordinance provides the following:

* $2500.00 or less can be sold for individual sale.
* Over $2500.00 must be sold by bid at a public auction. The auction must be published and funds shall go back into the general fund.

Questions raised by Council are:

* What would the determination be If more than one employee were interested in the equipment?
* Would we use a sealed bid process for employees for under $250.00?
* Would we have a minimum bid?

The consensus of the Council is to have City Attorney Harkness prepare a proposal and present to Council at a future meeting.

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

M. Discussion-City of Albion Volunteering to Provide Water to the City of Flint

City Manager Mitchell stated Council Member Barnes asked employees to participate in in collecting water for Flint residents. The City will be accepting water donations at City Hall through March 4th, 2016 and the water donations will be delivered to Flint on March 7th, 2016. Residents are also welcome to participate. Questions can be directed to Caresha Kendrick, Public Safety Assistant.

Council Member French and Krause both stated that larger gallon jugs are needed as much or more for Flint residents. Additional comments were received from Mayor Domingo.

N. Request Approval for Consumers Energy to Survey City Owned Property (RCV)

Comments were received from City Manager Mitchell.

French moved, Krause supported, CARRIED, to Approve Consumers Energy to Survey City Owned Property as presented. (6-0, rcv)

O. City Manager Report

City Manager Mitchell updated the Council with the following items:

* September will be the 50th Anniversary of the Festival of the Forks
* The Mayor, Council and City Manager have all been invited to deliver food with the Meals on Wheels Program.
* The Lead Task Force is still gathering information on children with elevated lead levels in Calhoun County.

P. Future Agenda Items

Council had no future agenda items.

Q. Motion to Excuse Absent Council Member (s)

French moved, Decker supported, CARRIED, to Excuse Council Member Barnes. (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.)

Comments were received from Mike Bearman, 11016 29 Mile Rd and Jay Loomis, 408 W. Ash St.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

 French moved, Barnes supported, CARRIED, to ADJOURN Regular Session. (7-0, vv).

Mayor Domingo adjourned the Regular Session at 8:55 p.m.

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Date Jill Domingo City Clerk