City of Albion

City Council Meeting

April 4, 2016

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem French opened the regular session at 6:15 p.m.

II. MOMENT OF SILENCE TO BE OBSERVED

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. ROLL CALL

Maurice Barnes (1), Lenn Reid (2), Rebecca Decker (4), Cheryl Krause (5) and Andrew French (6). Garrett Brown (3) arrived at 6:30 pm and Mayor Joseph Domingo was absent.

STAFF PRESENT:

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

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION

 The City Attorney requests an Executive Session under the Open Meetings Act (Section 15.268 (e), P.A. 267 of 1976 as amended) to consult with the City Attorney regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with specific litigation.

 Krause moved, Decker supported, CARRIED, to Adjourn to Executive Session (5-0,rcv)

Council resumed regular session at 7:00 p.m.

V. MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER’S COMMENTS

No Mayor and Council comments were received.

VI. PRESENTATIONS

 A Proclamation-American Legion Children & Youth Month

Mayor Pro Tem French read aloud the Proclamation for the American Legion Children & Youth Month and presented to American Legion Post #55 representatives.

Tom Gladney, Commander American Legion Post #55 thanked the Council and stated the American Legion has an award for 4th and 5th graders that will be presented on April 2nd at Homer Schools. They award between twenty (20) and thirty (30) students. The selection for the Boys State and Girls State will be held in June and they include students from Albion, Homer, Marshall and Marshall Academy.

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-March 21, 2016

B. Approval Study Session Minutes, March 23, 2016

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

IX. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL DISCUSSION

A. Request Approval POLC Contract (RCV)

Comments were received from City Manager Mitchell.

 Barnes moved, Krause supported, CARRIED, To Approve POLC Contract as presented. (6-0, rcv)

B. Request Approval Resolution # 2016-19, A Resolution to Accept Proposal for Sidewalk Construction and to Approve Contract for Sidewalk Construction with R.J. Karasek Company

Comments were received from Council Member Brown; Mayor Pro Tem French; City Manager Mitchell and City Attorney Harkness who stated the liability amount should be changed to one million. He will make correction and submit to the Clerk’s Office.

Barnes moved, Krause supported, CARRIED, to Approve Resolution # 2016-19, A Resolution to Accept Proposal for Sidewalk Construction and to Approve Contract for Sidewalk Construction with R.J. Karasek Company as presented. (6-0, rcv))

C. Request Approval 2nd Reading Ordinance # 2016-01, An Ordinance to Amend Section 2-388 Sale of Obsolete Property (RCV)

Comments were received from City Manager Mitchell.

Krause moved, Decker supported, CARRIED, to Approve 2nd Reading Ordinance # 2016-01, An Ordinance to Amend Section 2-388 Sale of Obsolete Property as presented. (6-0, rcv)

D. Request Approval Resolution # 2016-20, M-99 (Superior Street) Four to Three Lane Conversion (RCV)

Comments were received from Council Members Barnes and Brown; Mayor Pro Tem French, City Manager Mitchell and William Wheaton, 519 Division Street.

Krause moved, Decker supported, CARRIED, to Approve Resolution # 2016-20, M-99 (Superior Street) Four to Three Lane Conversion as presented. (6-0, rcv)

E. Request Approval Resolution # 2016-21, M-99 (Superior Street) Reconstruction-Closing Access to Alleys (RCV)

 Comments were received from Council Members Brown, Barnes and Krause; City Manager Mitchell and Chief Scott Kipp.

 Barnes moved, Krause supported, CARRIED, to Approve Resolution # 2016-21, M-99 (Superior Street) Reconstruction-Closing Access to Alleys as presented. (6-0, rcv)

F. Request Approval Resolution # 2016-22, M-99 (Superior Street) Reconstruction-City of Albion Transportation Alternatives Program Grant Application Request (RCV)

Comments were received from Council Member Krause; Mayor Pro Tem French; City Manager Mitchell and Director of Public Services Lenardson.

Barnes moved, Krause supported, CARRIED, to Approve Resolution # 2016-22, M-99 (Superior Street) Reconstruction-City of Albion Transportation Alternatives Program Grant Application Request as presented. (6-0, rcv)

G. Request Approval Resolution # 2016-23, M-99 (Superior Street) Reconstruction

 City of Albion Water Main Replacement (RCV)

Comments were received from Mayor Pro Tem French and City Manager Mitchell.

Barnes moved, Decker supported, CARRIED, to Approve Resolution # 2016-23, M-99 (Superior Street) Reconstruction-City of Albion Water Main Replacement as presented. (6-0, rcv)

H. Request Approval Resolution # 2016-24, Resolution to Approve Holland Park Grant Application to Enbridge Donation Program of the Kalamazoo River Committee Recreational Foundation Bridge Grant (RCV)

Comments were received from Council Members Barnes and Reid; Mayor Pro Tem French and City Manager Mitchell.

Barnes moved, Decker supported, CARRIED, to Approve Resolution # 2016-24, Resolution to Approve Holland Park Grant Application to Enbridge Donation Program of the Kalamazoo River Committee Recreational Foundation Bridge Grant as presented. (6-0, rcv)

I. City Manager Report

City Manager Mitchell updated the Council on the following items:

* Calhoun County Land Bank Authority Demolitions - The CCLBA applied for a $250,000 to address 23 blighted properties in Albion. The grant was approved for $125, 000, which can address approximately 11properties .The original 7% grant match from Albion was $16,288. However, if we keep the grant match at the same dollar amount, CCLBA will match it and this allows for the demolition for an additional 2 properties (13 total). Requesting consensus for City Council to keep the grant match at $16,288.
* DEQ Excellence in Recycling Awards - just received word that the Albion Recycling Center is receiving the DEQ Excellence in Recycling Award for an enhanced program. This is because of our partnership and expanded program with Calhoun County, which is also receiving a recognition at the 2016 Governor's Recycling Summit on May 3rd in Plymouth, Ml.
* MML Worker's Compensation Fund Award - The City of Albion was one of 33 municipalities to receive a Loss Control Achievement award in recognition of our outstanding efforts to maintain safe work environments and efforts to reduce workers' compensation losses through employee training.
* Rep. John Bizon - Budget Boot Camp - is being hosted on Monday, April 11th from 8:30am- 11:00am at Marshall Regional Law Enforcement Center. RSVP to davidmaturen@house.mi.gov or 517.373.1787 by Wednesday, April 6.
* AmeriCorps VISTA & Job Fair- Tuesday, April 5th from 4:30pm - 7pm, Washington Gardner, 401

 E. Michigan Ave, Albion, Ml. Free event.

* Canadian Consul General - Mr. Douglas George- visits Albion College at Kellogg Center Stack at 4:30pm. Free event and open to the public.
* Calhoun County Senior Fair - Thursday, April 7, 2016 from 10am-1:30pm at Marshall Middle School Gymnasium, 100 E. Green St., Marshall, Ml. Free event.
* Albion Hotel Groundbreaking Ceremony and Celebration -Thursday, May 12, 2016 at 10:30am.
* Albion Hotel - is proceeding with the site preparations.
* Albion-Marshall Connector - with the 5 day a week service, they are experiencing a significant increase in ridership - approaching 600 rides per month. They have been invited to upcoming meeting to discuss the program and funding for this service for primarily Albion residents.
* MML Capital Conference - attended the very informative conference last week in Lansing. Many of the PowerPoint presentations are available online at: <http://blogs.mml.org/wp/cc/2016->capital-conference-presentations/
* Active Shooter Training - most of the City employees and many for are partner organizations are obtaining the very informative Active Shooter Training. Looking at revising policies and some building modifications to increase safety precaution measures.
* Redevelopment Ready Community (RRC) - the kickoff was held on March 28th.Approximately 25 people were in attendance. Moving forward with the MEDC will be proceeding with the evaluation and recommendations on our self-assessments.
* MOOT Public Forum on 2017 M-99/Superior Street Project - approximately 30 people were in attendance. Many of the questions from residents were answered by the MDOT staff. A copy of their presentation is available on the City website.

Comments were received from Mayor Pro Tem French and City Manager Mitchell.

Barnes moved, Decker supported, CARRIED to **amend** the agenda and add Approval of original 7% grant match of $16,288.00 with the CCLBA match which will allow for demolition of two (2) additional properties.

Brown moved, Barnes supported, CARRIED Approval of original 7% grant match of $16,288.00 with the CCLBA match which will allow for demolition of two (2) additional properties. (6-0, rcv)

F. Future Agenda Items

* Council Member Brown would like sidewalk policy changes added to the next agenda.
* Council Member Krause would like a list of what sidewalks will be done for the year.

G. Motion to Excuse Absent Council Member (s)

Barnes moved, Brown supported, CARRIED, to excuse Mayor Domingo. (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.)

Mayor Pro Tem French recognized Council Member Reid receiving “The Tom Felpausch” award from the Albion Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Bureau.

Council Member Reid stated the $1,000 she received will be donated to Holland Park.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

 Krause moved, Brown supported, CARRIED, to ADJOURN Regular Session. (6-0, vv).

Mayor Pro Tem French adjourned the Regular Session at 7:42 p.m.

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Date Jill Domingo City Clerk