City of Albion

City Council Meeting

August 15, 2016

1. Call To Order

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

1. Moment of Silence To Be Observed
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call

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

Staff Present: Sheryl Mitchell, City Manager; Cullen Harkness, City Attorney; Jill Domingo, City Clerk; Jim Lenardson, Director Public Services; John Tracy, Director, Building, Planning & Code Enforcement and Larry Williams, Recreation Director.

V. Mayor & Council Member’s Comments

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

 VI. Presentations

 A. Albion River Trail Expansion-Gregg Strand

Gregg Stand, Albion College gave a brief overview of the Albion River Trail Expansion stating the expansion would begin at Victory Park to Haven Road to the Albion College Equestrian Center and to M-99. The long term goal is to connect the trails to Homer and Marshall with Albion being the hub. He stated the engineering and design will be done this fall and winter and finished in the spring. The trail should be complete by mid to late summer 2017.

He also talked about the addendum to the memorandum of understanding which Council will take action on later in the meeting. He wanted it to be clear that Albion College is guaranteeing the match for the grant and that the taxpayers of Albion will not be footing the bill for the trail expansion.

Comments were received from Council Member Krause and Mayor Domingo.

 B. Recognize Vietnam Veterans-Mayor Domingo

Mayor Domingo read aloud an excerpt from Senator Gary Peters stating “I am very proud and excited that my office is now able to present veterans in Michigan with the Vietnam Veteran Lapel pin as a lasting keepsake for their service and sacrifice on behalf of our nation. Thank you to the brave men and women who stand ready to put their lives on the line in defense of our values and our way of life”.

Mayor Domingo also acknowledged his appreciation of all of all veterans and all they do for our country.

 C. Sandy Kingston-Principal Harrington Elementary School

Sandy Kingston-Principal of Harington Elementary School updated the Council with the following:

* Harrington School is still currently under construction.
* An open house will be held on Tuesday, August 30th, 2016 beginning at 7:00 p.m. at Harrington School with the following activities:
* The NAACP will be doing the backpack program for both the elementary and secondary students.
* Open Registration
* American Legion will raise flag at 6:25 p.m.
* GSRP Program
* See You in School Student Credit Union Program
* Music
* T-shirts for the kids.

Ms. Kingston also stated she had been working with the community to set up small libraries with the extra books from the school and was pleased to announce that Oak Meadows will be providing a small library in their Community Room.

VII. Citizen’s Comments

Comments were received from State Representative Bizon.

1. Consent Calendar
2. Approval Regular Council Session Minutes – August 1, 2016

 French moved, Brown supported, CARRIED, to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. (7-0 vv)

1. Items for Individual Discussion
2. Request Approval 2nd Reading Ordinance # 2016-02, An Ordinance to Amend Section 66-67, Issuance of License (RCV)

Comments were received from City Manager Mitchell and Mayor Domingo.

Brown moved, French supported, CARRIED, to Approve2nd Reading Ordinance # 2016-02, An Ordinance to Amend Section 66-67, Issuance of License as presented. (7-0, rcv)

1. Request Approval 2nd Reading Ordinance # 2016-03, An Ordinance to Amend the Property Maintenance Code to Adopt the International Building Maintenance Code of 2015 (RCV)

French moved, Krause supported, CARRIED, to Approve 2nd Reading Ordinance # 2016-03, An Ordinance to Amend the Property Maintenance Code to Adopt the International Building Maintenance Code of 2015 as presented. (7-0, rcv)

1. Request Approval Resolution # 2016-53, To Authorize Revision of Language in the Albion-Marshall-Connector Agreement (RCV)

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

 French moved, Krause supported, CARRIED, to Approve Resolution # 2016-53, To Authorize Revision of Language in the Albion-Marshall-Connector Agreement as presented. (7-0, rcv)

D. Request Approval Resolution # 2016-54, To Approve the Letter of Agreement between the City of Albion and AFSCME regarding Cemetery Sexton Position (RCV)

Comments were received from Council Members Decker, Brown, French and Barnes; Director of Public Services Lenardson; City Manager Mitchell and Mayor Domingo.

French moved, Krause supported, CARRIED, to Approve Resolution # 2016-54, To Approve the Letter of Agreement between the City of Albion and AFSCME regarding Cemetery Sexton Position as presented. (5-2, rcv) (Domingo and Decker dissenting).

E. Request Approval Resolution # 2016-55, To Approve Greater Albion

 Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Bureau Festival of the Forks 50th

 Anniversary Expenses (RCV)

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

Barnes moved, French supported, CARRIED, to Resolution # 2016-55, To Approve Greater Albion Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Bureau Festival of the Forks 50th Anniversary Expenses as presented. (5-2, rcv)(Domingo and Decker dissenting).

F. Request Approval to Addendum to Memorandum of Understanding for the Albion River Trail Expansion Project (RCV)

 French moved, Krause supported, CARRIED, To Approve Addendum to Memorandum of Understanding for the Albion River Trail Expansion Project as presented. (7-0, rcv)

H. City Manager Report

The City Manager updated the Council on the following:

1. The Planning Commission is moving forward with the Comprehensive Plan. Council is invited to the upcoming meetings, including:
* **Tuesday, Aug. 16, 5pm-6:30pm** – Joint Work Session of City Council and Planning Commission – Housing Work Group will provide an update from Bob Anderson from Albion College on their housing development plans. Meeting will be in the Council Chambers
* **Tuesday, Aug. 16, 7pm** - Regular meeting of Planning Commission. Voting on Phase 1 of the Comprehensive Plan recommendation to City Council
* **Wednesday, August 22, 7pm** - special meeting of City Council to release Phase 1 to the public and approve the plan for distribution. Starts the required 95 day period for public comment.
* **Monday, November 28, 7pm** – City Council, Public Hearing and Adoption of Phase 1 of Comprehensive Plan.

The **AmeriCorps/Vista** group has been working with Rosalyn Jones to create metrics to evaluate Albion’s performance in accomplishing the objectives of the Comprehensive Plan.

1. **Albion Economic Development Corporation – CEO Search** – Current CEO Peggy Sindt has announced her retirement. This work session is a joint meeting of the City Council and EDC Board. The meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, August 24, 2016 at 7pm** in the EDC Conference Room.
2. **Rental Registration and Certification Ordinance** – a work session is scheduled for Monday, September 26, 2016 at 7pm in Council Chambers.
3. **Ismon House – Open House – Sunday, August 28 from 3pm-5pm** at 300 S. Clinton. An appreciation to supporters and grand opening of the 3rd floor Ball Room.
4. **Holland Park – History Hill Ribbon Cutting – Saturday, Aug. 13 @ 1pm** – special event to e held for the unveiling of the History Hill displays markers.
5. **Blue Cross** – the rates starting in Oct 1, 2016 will increase approximately 3%. The impact for the remainder of 2016 is estimated at $7,149. Detail is provided in the information section of the agenda packet. Announcements will be included in payroll envelopes for employees.
6. The City of Albion is partnering with the **Clean Energy Coalition** in a project that includes Ann Arbor, Chelsea and Flint, in an effort to attain clean energy certification and funding as an economic and environmental tool for revitalizing the community. The Energy & Conservation Committee will be involved in this effort. The City of Albion hosted the meeting on **August 12, 2016 from 10am-12noon.**
7. **Council Special Meeting – Work Session with Assessor, Equalization and State – Tuesday, Aug. 30th at 6:30pm** in Council Chambers.
8. **Harrington Elementary School Open House & NAACP Back Pack Program** – will be held on Tuesday, August 30th from 6:30pm to 7:30pm. This is for K-12 students.
9. **Youth Cadet Program** – Albion Department of Public Safety is working with Dr. Harry Bonner to develop a program for Albion youth.
10. **Annual Employee Picnic – CITY HALL OFFICES CLOSED – Wed, Aug. 17th, 11:30am-1pm**

12. Thanked Directors and staff for all their hard work and support**.**

Comments were received from Council Member Barnes.

I. Future Agenda Items

* Council Member French would like to set an executive session for the City Manager contract.
* Council Member Brown asked if the DDA Board could be invited to the joint meeting with the EDC dealing with the search for a new director.
* Council Member Brown asked for a discussion on the next major street project-potentially Irwin Avenue can be added to a future agenda.
* City Attorney Harkness asked if he should attend the joint study session with the Council and Planning Commission being held Tuesday, August 16, 2016.
* Mayor Domingo asked for an update on the scrap metal prior to the next council meeting.

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

No action necessary as all council members were present.

1. Citizen’s Comments

Comments were received from Hazel Lias, 12939 28 ½ Mile Rd; Mae Ola Dunklin, 707 Huntington Blvd., Robert Dunklin, 707 Huntington Blvd., Eddie Williams, 704 Orchard Dr. and Letitia Kotas, 925 Hall St.

1. Adjournment

 French moved, Krause supported, CARRIED, to adjourn council session. (7-0 vv)

Mayor Domingo adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

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Date Jill Domingo City Clerk