City Of Albion

City Council Meeting

April 6, 2015

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

1. MOMENT OF SILENCE WAS OBSERVED

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. ROLL CALL

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

Administration: Sheryl L. Mitchell, City Manager; Jill Domingo, City Clerk; Peggy Sindt, EDC Director; John Tracy, Code Enforcement Officer; Jack Williamson, Public Safety Sergeant and Cullen Harkness, City Attorney.

V. MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

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

VI. PRESENTATIONS

A. Albion Housing Update-Callie Taylor

Callie Taylor gave a brief update on the Albion Housing Commission. She stated the Albion Housing Commission was established in 1950 with Grandview,

Peabody, George B Mather and Northview Apartments. They currently have 220

units with 10 vacancies. The purpose of the housing commission is to provide

decent, safe and sanitary housing for low income residents. Albion Housing Commission receives capital funding and since 2012 has used this funding to

replace flooring in the apartments. Albion Housing Commission has a Girl Scout

troop along with a drumline that participates in such events as the Festival of the

Forks and the Albion and Marshall Christmas parades.

Comments were received from Mayor Domingo.

B. Resolution of Appreciation-Marcus Ware, Friends and Family of Albion, Donation of Basketball Rims and Supports in Holland Park

Akaii Ridley, Mayor of the Albion Youth Council read aloud the Resolution of Appreciation for Marcus Ware, Friends and Family of Albion for the donation of basketball rims and supports in Holland Park.

C. Proclamation-Equal Pay Day, Carolyn Gilg, Albion BPW

Emmylou Christensen, 6th Precinct Representative for the Albion Youth Council

read aloud the Proclamation, Equal Pay Day and presented to Carolyn Gilg, Octavia Turner and Mary Lenardson, Members of the Albion Business and Professional Women’s Organization.

Comments were received from Carolyn Gilg, Albion Business and Professional

Women’s Organization.

D. Proclamation-April CDH Awareness, Kendra Gonzalez

Shi’terriona Wilson read aloud the Proclamation for CDH Awareness and presented to Kendra Gonzalez.

VII. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS (Persons addressing the City Council shall limit their comments to no more than five (5) minutes. Proper decorum is required.)

No comments were received.

VIII. CONSENT CALENDAR (VV)

A. Approval of Regular Session Minutes – March 16, 2015

B. Approval Special Council Session Minutes-March 23, 2015

French moved, Brown supported, CARRIED, to Approve Consent Calendar as

presented. (5-0, vv).

IX. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL DISCUSSION

A. Request Approval Annual Garbage Licenses (RCV)

* Turner Sanitation
* Republic Waste
* Waste Management
* Granger Container Service

Comments were received from Council Member French.

French moved, Brown supported, CARRIED, to Approve Annual Garbage Licenses as presented. (5-0, rcv)

B. Request Approval Mechanical Amusement Device Licenses (RCV)

* Albion College
* Albion Moose
* Cascarelli’s Tavern
* Charlie’s of Albion
* Leisure Hour Club
* Redbox Automated
* Spartan Stores/Family Fare
* R & R
* Pizza Hut

Barnes moved, French supported, CARRIED, to Approve Mechanical Amusement Licenses as presented. (5-0, rcv)

C. Discussion/Approval for City Hall RFP’s for Energy Efficiency (RCV)

City Manager Mitchell stated Honeywell has presented Phase 2 of the Energy

Efficiency project. The project is about $2 million dollars. She stated Council had previously expressed interest in funding for the water system and the water tower. She suggested they also look at other companies that provide this same service if they would like to continue in this direction.

Council Member Barnes would like to continue exploring energy efficiency with

Honeywell.

Council Member French stated that we should always look for ways to save

the city money however, we should look into our financial obligations and our

water system before making any decision.

Council Member French suggested an amendment to the motion to Rescind the Motion to Approve City Hall RFP’s for Energy Efficiency.

Barnes moved, French supported, CARRIED, to **RESCIND THE MOTION TO APPROVE** City Hall RFP’s for Energy Efficiency. (5-0, rcv)

D. Discussion/Approval to Award Mowing Contracts to Lohrke’s Mowing (Small

Equipment) and John J Hawkins Construction Contractor (Large Equipment).

(RCV)

Comments were received from Council Member French.

French moved, Brown supported, CARRIED, to Approve Award Mowing Contracts to Lohrke’s Mowing (Small Equipment) and John J Hawkins Construction Contractor (Large Equipment) as presented. (5-0, rcv)

E. Approval of City Attorney Contract

Comments were received from Council Member Brown and City Attorney

Harkness.

French moved, Barnes supported, CARRIED, Approve City Attorney Contract

as presented. (5-0, rcv)

F. Discussion/Approval Resignation of Council Member William Wheaton-4th

Precinct (RCV)

Comments were received from Council Member French, Mayor Domingo and

City Attorney Harkness.

French moved, Brown supported, CARRIED, Approve Resignation of Council

Member William Wheaton-4th Precinct as presented. (5-0, rcv)

G. Discussion/Approval Process to Fill Vacancy for Precinct #4 (VV)

City Manager Mitchell asked the council how they would like to proceed

with filling the vacancy in Precinct # 4. She stated the charter states we

have 60 days to fill the vacancy which would be June 8th, 2015.

The council approved the following policy:

* Applications will be picked up and returned to the Clerk’s office
* Applicant must live in Precinct # 4
* The deadline for applications to be received is May 1st, 2015 by 4:00 p.m.
* Council will receive copies of all applications in the May 5th, 2015 council packet
* Council will invite applicants to the May 4th, 2015 council meeting to receive comments on the open position.
* Council will vote on applicants at the May 18th, 2015 council meeting

Comments were received from Council Members Brown and French, City

Manager Mitchell and Mayor Domingo.

Brown moved, French supported, CARRIED, to Approve process for filling

vacancy in Precinct # 4.

H. Discussion/Approval Elimination of Albion Housing Liaison Position (VV)

Council Member French supports the elimination of the Albion Housing Liaison

position but would like to still have oversight. He would like quarterly updates

made to the council and have the packets and minutes from the Albion

Housing meetings on file in the City Clerk’s office.

Council Member Barnes would like to address the idea of having a council

member placed on the Albion Housing Board.

City Attorney Harkness stated he would have an opinion on whether a council

member can be placed on the Albion Housing Board at the next meeting.

French moved, Barnes supported, CARRIED, to Approve Elimination of Albion

Housing Liaison position as presented. (5-0, vv)

I. Request Approval Resolution # 2015-18, To Approve Purchase &

Development Agreement with Downtown Albion Hotel, LLC (RCV)

Comments were received from Council Member French and Peggy Sindt, EDC

Director.

French moved, Barnes supported, CARRIED, Approve Resolution # 2015-18,

To Approve Purchase & Development Agreement with Downtown Albion Hotel,

LLC as presented. (5-0, rcv)

J. Future Agenda Items

* Council Member Brown would like a Resolution of Appreciation for William Wheaton
* Council Member Reid would like an update on Holland Park on the next agenda

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

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

X. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS (Persons addressing the City Council shall limit their comments to no more than five (5) minutes. Proper decorum is required.)

No comments were received.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

French moved, Brown supported, CARRIED, to Adjourn the Regular Session. (5-0,

vv)

Mayor Domingo adjourned Regular Session at 7:50 p.m.

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Date Jill Domingo

City Clerk