**ALBION CITY COUNCIL**

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| **MINUTES** | | |
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| **Monday, July 27, 2015** **7:00 P.M.**  **Special Meeting with Albion Housing Commission**  Albion Housing Commission  Community Room, 1300 Cooper St.  Albion, MI 49224 | | |
| I. | | CALL TO ORDER  Mayor Joseph Domingo opened the meeting at 7:00 pm. |
| II. | | ROLL CALL |
|  | | Maurice Barnes (1), Lenn Reid (2), Garrett Brown (3), Rebecca Decker(4), Andrew French (6) and Mayor Joseph Domingo.  Absent with Notice: Cheryl Krause (5)  Administration: Sheryl L. Mitchell, City Manager, Jill Domingo, City Clerk, Cullen Harkness, City Attorney and Scott Kipp, Public Safety Chief. |
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III. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Mayor Domingo gave welcoming remarks. Attendees introduced themselves. General discussion.

IV. DISCUSSION-UPDATE ON ALBION HOUSING’S POLICIES & PROCEDURES

Comments shared included:

* Albion Housing Commission is dedicated to providing affordable housing for people to live.
* The Commission has the credit card and vehicle policies and procedures completed, however, they have been tabled for approval until the August Commission meeting.
* The Housing Commission is appreciative of HUD violations being brought to their attention so policies and procedures can be put in place.
* The Housing Commission reported they receive good reports from HUD and also on the annual audits.
* The Commission feels it works well to be affiliated with the City as it helps employees and has also helped to keep health insurance rates affordable.
* The Commission stated residents of the Housing Commission and the City are all welcome to attend commission meetings.
* The Mayor appoints members to the board and with council approval may remove board members. The Commission is also required to provide an annual report to the City Council.
* The City Council supports Albion Housing Commission.
* The Commission asked that any tenant complaints received be referred to the Executive Director of The Housing Commission so proper protocol can be followed.
* The protocol for a resident complaint is to take the information on a complaint form to the Executive Director who will make a determination. If the resident is not satisfied with the decision it may then be appealed to the Albion Housing Board of Commissioners. They may also take the complaint to court and the judge will make the final decision.
* Council Member Barnes asked the following statement to be placed in the minutes- The Mayor in an open meeting challenged why Council Member Barnes was living in public housing if there were so many problems.
* Mayor requested that the matter of communications coming from the City of Albion to the Housing Commission should come directly from the Mayor, City Manager, City Attorney, or by a vote of a majority of the City Council, and not from individual council members.

V. CITIZENS COMMENTS

No Comments were received.

VI. COUNCIL AND HOUSING COMMISSION COMMENTS

No Comments were received.

VII. EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS

French moved, Brown supported, CARRIED, to excuse Council Member Krause (6-0, vv)

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Council Member French, supported by Council Member Brown to adjourn. MOTION PASSED unanimously on a voice vote.

Mayor Domingo adjourned Regular Session at 7:41 p.m.