City of Albion

Special Council Session

January 24, 2017

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Brown opened the study session at 7:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Maurice Barnes (1), Lenn Reid (2), Sonya Brown (3), Marcola Lawler (4) Jeanette Spicer (5), Andrew French (6) and Mayor Brown.

STAFF PRESENT:

Sheryl Mitchell, City Manager; Cullen Harkness, City Attorney; Jill Domingo, City Clerk; John Tracy, Director Building, Code Enforcement and Planning ;Jim Lenardson, Director Public Services; Harry Longon, Deputy Director Public Services and Stacey Levin, Assistant City Manager.

III. CITIZENS COMMENTS (Persons addressing the City Council shall limit their

 comments to no more than five (5) minutes. Proper decorum is required).

 The following citizen comments were received:

Mary Norton, 406 Fitch St, stated she would like the Council to hold a public hearing on the single hauler so citizens may voice their opinions and concerns.

Lavada Weeks, 917 Luther Dr, asked what the actual cost will be for the single hauler and if bags will be provided from Granger Services.

Doug Jones, 201 S. Berrien St, stated he was unaware of the single hauler service and doesn’t understand why the City can no longer provide leaf pickup.

Judith Trine, 111 Colfax St, stated she feels the leaf pickup can be taken care of through the tree dump and would also like a public hearing on the single hauler service. She feels the Council could have come up with a better plan and feels there were other avenues to solve the problem. She would like for seniors to be able to share trash service.

Diana Coach, 1004 N. Mingo St, would like to see the citizens better informed and does not feel as though we are working together as a community.

Jan Pewsey, 115 North St, due to travel she is only in town for a few months, how will the single hauler work in this situation.

Wanda Zaremba, 304 Irwin, stated she feels citizens’ rights are being taken away and they have no input on decisions made pertaining to residents. Would like to see better communication.

Paul Pollman, 115 W. Walnut, feels the single hauler is senseless and asked why it was not on the November ballot so citizens could have voted on it.

IV. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL DISCUSSION

A. Boards & Commissions Appointments & Reappointments (RCV)

* Beckie Decker, Planning Commission, Initial Appointment, Term to Expire 12-31-2019
* Sharon Ponds, Planning Commission, Initial Appointment, Term to Expire 12-31-2019
* Lenn Reid, Planning Commission, Initial Appointment, Term to Expire 12-31-2019
* Nathanial Bogan, Board of Review, Initial Appointment, Term to Expire 12-31-2018
* Wayne Arnold, Board of Review (Alternate), Initial Appointment, Term to Expire 12-31-2017
* Joseph Domingo, DDA, Initial Appointment, Term to Expire 12-31-2020
* Marcola Lawler, DDA, Re-Appointment, Term to Expire 12-31-2020
* Don Masternak, DDA, Re-Appointment, Term to Expire 12-31-2020
* Linda LaNoue, DDA, Initial Appointment, Term to Expire 12-31-2019
* Jacob Tazzi, ZBA, Re-Appointment, Term to Expire 12-31-2019
* Robert Chojnowski, ZBA (Alternate), Term to Expire 12-31-2019

Comments were received from Council Members Barnes and French.

Brown moved, Lawler supported, CARRIED, to Approve Boards & Commissions Appointments & Reappointments as presented. (7-0, rcv)

B. Request Approval Refuse Contract with Granger Services (RCV)

Comments were received from Council Members French, Brown, Barnes, Spicer, Lawler and Reid; Mayor Brown; City Manager Mitchell; City Attorney Harkness; Jim Lenardson, Director Public Services and Shane McCune, Granger Services.

French moved, Lawler supported, CARRIED, to Approve Refuse Contract with Granger Services as presented. (6-1, rcv) (Barnes dissenting)

V. CITIZENS COMMENTS (Persons addressing the City Council shall limit their

 comments to no more than five (5) minutes. Proper decorum is required).

 Comments were received from Doug Jones, 201 S. Berrien St; Lavada Weeks, 917 Luther Dr; Jan Pewsey, 115 E. North St; Judith Trine, 111 Colfax St; Diana Coach, 1004 N. Mingo St; Paul Pollman 115 W. Walnut St; Jay Loomis, 408 W. Ash St; Mayor Brown and City Attorney Harkness.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

 Barnes moved, Spicer supported, CARRIED, to ADJOURN Special Council Session. (7-0, vv).

Mayor Brown adjourned the Study Session at 8:17 p.m.

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Date Jill Domingo City Clerk