City of Albion

City Council Meeting

November 7, 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

PRESENT: 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; John Tracy, Director Building, Planning & Code Enforcement; Scott Kipp, Chief Public Safety and Jim Lenardson, Director Public Services.

V. Mayor & Council Member’s Comments

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

VI. Presentations

A. Proclamation-The Centennial, Albion & The Great Migration

Mayor Domingo presented the Centennial, Albion and the Great Migration Proclamation to Wesley and Leslie Dick.

Wesley Dick stated the proclamation commemorated the Great Migration in Albion and the significance of this event.

B. Introduction of Public Safety Officer Aaron Phipps

Chief Scott Kipp introduced new Public Safety Officer Aaron Phipps.

C. Introduction of Amy Deprez, President and CEO, Albion EDC

Amy Deprez, President and CEO, Albion EDC stated she welcomed input from the community and the Council.

VII. Citizen’s Comments (Persons addressing the City Council shall limit their comments to **agenda items only** and to no more than five (5) minutes. Proper decorum is required.)

No comments were received.

1. Consent Calendar (VV)
2. Approval Study Session Minutes – October 17, 2016
3. Approval Regular Session Minutes-October 17, 2016
4. Approval Study Session Minutes-October 20, 2016
5. Approval Study Session Minutes-October 24, 2016

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

1. Items for Individual Discussion
2. Request Approval Resolution # 2016-63, A Resolution Approving an Amendment to the Albion District Library Agreement Pursuant to Public Act 24 of 1989 (RCV)

Comments were received from Council Member Brown, Mayor Domingo and Cindy Stanczak, Library Director

Barnes moved, French supported, CARRIED, to Approve Resolution # 2016-63, A Resolution Approving an Amendment to the Albion District Library Agreement Pursuant to Public Act 24 of 1989 as presented. (7-0 rcv)

B. Discussion/Approval Revised Albion Trust Agreement (RCV)

City Attorney Harkness stated he had made the following changes per Council to the Albion Trust Agreement:

* Staggered terms
* Time before a city official is eligible to serve
* Insertion of investment values

Council questions and comments were as follows:

* Council Member French recommended Charles Robison and Jan Lazar remain on the Board
* Council Members Brown and Barnes would like to see a new person appointed to the Albion Trust Board.
* Council Member Barnes commented on how far away Jan Lazar resides.
* Mayor Domingo expressed concern pertaining to transparency.
* City Attorney Harkness stated quarterly reports should be given to the Council.
* Council Member Brown asked how FOIA applies.
* City Attorney Harkness stated there is limited disclosure under FOIA.
* Council Member Krause asked about auditing for the Trust.
* Additional comments were received from Council Member Decker.

The Council asked the City Attorney to add the following items to the Albion Trust Agreement:

* Request quarterly accounting and reporting from the Trustees of the Albion Trust Board.
* Add Jan Lazar to the Albion Trust Board for a one (1) year term.

Barnes moved, French supported, CARRIED, to Approve the Revised Albion Trust Agreement with the above changes. (6-1, rcv) (Krause dissenting)

C. Discussion/Consideration of the Single Hauler Proposal (RCV)

Comments were received from Council Members Brown, French, Barnes and Krause and City Manager Mitchell.

Brown moved, Decker supported, CARRIED, to Approve the Single Hauler Proposal as presented. (6-1, rcv) (Krause dissenting).

D. Request Approval 2017 Council Dates (VV)

Comments were received from City Manager Mitchell.

Brown moved, Decker supported, CARRIED, to Approve 2017 Council Dates as presented. (7-0 vv)

E. Request Approval Resolution # 2016-64, A Resolution in Support of SB1127, Universal Tax Withholding (RCV)

Comments were received from City Manager Mitchell.

Barnes moved, French supported, CARRIED, to Approve Resolution # 2016-64, A Resolution in Support of SB1127, Universal Tax Withholding as presented. (7-0 rcv)

F. Request Approval Resolution # 2016-65, A Resolution to Approve Albion Department of Public Safety Lease of Vehicle with Ford Credit (RCV)

Comments were received from Council Members Brown and Barnes, Mayor Domingo and Chief Kipp.

French moved, Decker supported, CARRIED, to Approve Resolution # 2016-65, A Resolution to Approve Albion Department of Public Safety Lease of Vehicle with Ford Credit as presented. (6-1 rcv) (Domingo dissenting)

G. City Manager Report:

City Manager Mitchell updated the Council with the following:

* MML - Newly Elected Officials Training. This training is being offered on November 16, 2016, 5:30pm-9pm, by the Michigan Municipal League at 208 N. Capitol, Lansing, MI Cost $90 per person. Does Council want this information shared with the incoming Mayor/Council?
* Comprehensive Master Plan. The Planning Commission is holding the Public Hearing on Monday, November 28th at 7pm and will be voting on their recommendation to the City Council. Council is holding a special meeting on Wednesday, Nov.30, 2016 at 6:30pm to consider the adoption of Phase 1of the Comprehensive Plan.
* 2017 Budget Hearing- Monday, December 5, 2016.

Monday, Nov.14 @ 7pm - proposed budget study session

Other dates: between Nov. 16 and Nov. 30th?

* COUNCIL EVENT -Thursday, Nov.10, 2016 at 7pm in Council Chambers. The DDA, Planning Commission, EOC, Chamber and local businesses are invited to hear a special presentation from Emily Petz from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation on incentives and programs available to those interested in starting of expanding their businesses in Albion. There will also be the introduction of new development project in the downtown corridor.
* Premier - City Hall Art Exhibit - Wednesday, Nov. 16, 5pm-7pm in City Hall. Through a collaboration with Albion College Art Professor Michael Dixon, the artwork of college students will be displayed in City Hall. The Council and public are invited to a reception for the first artist Amanda Kendrick.
* Bike Friendly Initiatives - A work group is being formed with a first meeting scheduled for Wednesday, Nov.9th at 1pm.
* Celebrity Soup Supper - Friday, Nov.11from Spm-8pm. Fundraiser for Holland Park at Albion Community Center in the Marshall Opportunity School,225 Watson St. Cost:$5 for adults;$3 for children and FREE for Veterans.
* City Hall Offices Closed:
* Friday, November 11, 2016-Vetera n's Day
* Thursday-Friday, November 24-25,2016 -Thanksgiving Holiday

H. Future Agenda Items

Council Member Barnes would like the Comprehensive Plan added to the next agenda.

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

No action was necessary as all members were present.

1. Citizen’s Comments

Comments were received from Mike Bearman, 11016 29 Mile Rd.; Sonya Brown, 713 Orchard Drive; Kody Smith, Albion College student and Mayor Domingo.

1. Adjournment

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

Mayor Domingo adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Minutes were recorded by Danielle Nelson.