City of Albion

City Council Meeting

March 7, 2016

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. MOMENT OF SILENCE TO BE OBSERVED

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. ROLL CALL

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

STAFF PRESENT:

Sheryl Mitchell, City Manager and Cullen Harkness, City Attorney.

V. MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER’S COMMENTS

Comments were received from Council Member Barnes and Mayor Domingo.

VI. PRESENTATIONS

A. Linda Freybler, Calhoun County Convention Visitor’s Bureau-$20,000 Check

Presentation to the Holland Park Transformation Project.

Ms. Freybler thanked Amy Robertson and was impressed by Lenn Reid’s presentation of History Hill. She thanked everyone for the transformation project and presented a $20,000 check from the Calhoun County Convention Visitor’s bureau.

B. Update on Albion District Library-Cindy Stanczak

Library Director Cindy Stanczak presented the following updates to the Council for the Albion District Library:

* The Albion District Library works on a calendar year budget and the audit will be in April
* There has been a heavy use of the Library
* The Library provided 640 programs last year
* They received a $30,000 grant from Albion-Homer United Way for a reading program
* They will hire a family literacy assistant
* “Geek the Library”-what are you excited about
* The Dolly Parton Imagination Library has books delivered every month to the homes of 320 children in Albion.

Comments were received from Council Members French and Krause.

C. Meals on Wheels Proclamation-Kitty Knoll, Senior Services and Dan Pontius,

Nutrition & Transportation Program Manager

Mayor Domingo read aloud the Proclamation for Meals on Wheels and presented to Kitty Knoll, Senior Services and Dan Pontius, Nutrition & Transportation Program Manager.

Comments were received from Kitty Knoll, Senior Services and Dan Pontius,

Nutrition & Transportation Program Manager who stated the following:

* 150 Seniors in Calhoun County are on the waiting list for Meals on Wheels
* The “March for Meals” helps to raise awareness about senior services and the Meals on Wheels program
* A $30.00 donation will feed a senior 1 meal a day for a week.

VII. CITIZENS COMMENTS

No comments were received.

VIII. CONSENT CALENDAR (VV)

(Items on Consent Calendar are voted on as one unit)

A. Approval Regular Council Session Minutes-February 16, 2016

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

IX. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL DISCUSSION

A. Request Approval for Lion’s White Cane Event

French moved, Krause supported, CARRIED, To Approve Lion’s White Cane Event as presented. (7-0, vv)

B. Request Approval of City Manager’s Goals (RCV)

French moved, Krause supported, CARRIED, to Approve City Manager’s Goals as presented. (7-0, rcv))

C. Request Approval Vehicle for Hire Annual Business License for Maxie Transportation.

French moved, Barnes supported, CARRIED, to Approve Vehicle for Hire Annual Business License for Maxie Transportation as presented. (7-0, rcv)

D. Request Approval Annual Garbage License for: (RCV)

1. Turner Sanitation

2. Republic Waste

3. Waste Management

4. Granger Container Service

Comments were received from Mayor Domingo.

French moved, Reid supported, CARRIED, to Approve the Above Annual Garbage Licenses as presented. (7-0, rcv)

E. Request Approval of Annual Mechanical Amusement Devices for: (RCV)

1. Albion College

2. Cascarelli’s Tavern

3. Leisure Hour Club

4. Pizza Hut

5. Redbox Automated

6. Spartan Stores/Family Fare

7. R & R

8. Albion Moose

Comments were received from Council Member Barnes and City Attorney Harkness.

French moved, Decker supported, CARRIED, To Approve the Above Annual Mechanical Amusements Devices as presented. (7-0, rcv)

F. City Manager Report

City Manager Mitchell updated the Council on the following items:

* **Lead Task Force** -- next meeting, Thursday, March 10, 1:30pm-3:00pm at Grace Health, Sanitas Conference Center (lower Level, 181 W. Emmet Street, Battle Creek, MI.
* **M-99 (Superior Street) Reconstruction Public Open House -** Monday, March 21, 2015 - 4:30 – 6:30 p.m., Albion District Library, 501 S. Superior St.
* **Redevelopment Ready Community**  - Kick-off - Monday, March 28 at 7pm. Location to be announced.
* **DDA -** will be reviewing and updating the 2006 Parking Study for downtown
* **Active Shooter & Intruder Training** - for all employees - March 23, 8:30am-12:30pm or March 29, 12:30pm-3:30pm
* **Forks Senior Center -** gave an update last week - March 2nd
* **Albion Community Schools**  - invited to provide update at meeting on Tuesday, March 8th
* **Ismon House**  - contractor is moving forward with 3rd floor renovations. Next board meeting is Tuesday, March 15 at 5:30pm.
* **Retirement Party for Steve Williamson -** Tuesday, March 15 at 12noon at Street Dept. Garage
* **Albion Prayer Breakfast -** Saturday, March 19th, 9:30am at Albion College, Upper Baldwin - asked if Council would purchase a table.
* **Boy Scout Troop #1 - 100 Year Celebration -** Saturday, March 19 at 10:30am at Bohm Theater, followed by lunch at First United Methodist Church

G. Future Agenda Items

* Council Member Barnes would like abatements for the 600 block of Austin Avenue added to the next agenda.
* Council Member Brown would like a date for the single waste hauler study session.

Q. Motion to Excuse Absent Council Member (s)

No action was necessary as all members were present.

X. CITIZEN’S COMMENTS (Persons addressing the City Council shall limit their

comments to agenda items and to no more than five (5) minutes. Proper

decorum is required.)

No comments were received.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

French moved, Barnes supported, CARRIED, to ADJOURN Regular Session. (7-0, vv).

Mayor Domingo adjourned the Regular Session at 8:05 p.m.

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Date Jill Domingo City Clerk