City of Albion

City Council Meeting

July 18, 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

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

Staff Present: Sheryl Mitchell, City Manager; Cullen Harkness, City Attorney; Jill Domingo, City Clerk; Tom Mead, Finance Director; Scott Kipp, Chief Public Safety; Harry Longon, Deputy Director Public Services and John Tracy, Director Building, Planning and Code Enforcement.

1. Mayor & Council Member’s Comments

Comments were received from Council Member Barnes, Mayor Domingo and City Manager Mitchell.

VI. Presentations

A. Build Albion AmeriCorps-Vista Initiative

Council Member French introduced the following AmeriCorps-Vista team members:

**VISTA Supervisor:** Andrew French

**VISTA Leader:** Morgan Hull

**Healthy Futures:**

Dorothy Feltner

Steven Houtschilt (August start)

Jeremiah Simon

**Economic Opportunities:**

Danielle Nelson

Alice LaLone (August start)

**Education:**

Miranda Hall

Linda LaNoue

Kameron Sibert

The AmeriCorps-Vista Team updated the Council with the following:

* Mission Statements:
* **Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS)**
* Improve Lives
* Strengthen Communities
* Foster Civic Engagement
* **AmeriCorps Vista:**
* Eliminate and alleviate poverty
* Encourage and enable persons from all walks of life to perform meaningful and constructive volunteer service
* Assist in the solution of poverty
* AmeriCorps Vista partners with nonprofits, schools, public agencies, and community and faith-based groups across the country.
* Creates jobs
* Provides pathways to opportunity
* Places young adults into intensive service positions
* Teaches valuable work skills
* Earns money for education
* Develops and appreciation for citizenship
* **Healthy Futures:**
* Food Access
* Health Care Access
* Develop and coordinate community partnerships, build a volunteer network to support partner, create or update a Community Needs Assessment, and connect citizens with resources.
* **Economic Opportunity:**
* Job connection and access
* Neighborhood stabilization
* Community and economic planning
* Working with partner organizations and community leaders; research and complete community analysis; build volunteer network, programming and marketing materials to implement solutions.
* **Education:**
* Service in Schools
* Organizing Community Education
* Coordinate regular meetings with ALL stakeholders
* Help develop an updated Albion College Community Service plan
* Meet with area schools to identify needs of students from Albion
* Implement solutions

They need you and welcome your partnerships.

The AmeriCorps Vista Team will be living in low cost housing due to a grant wrote and received by Albion College. They have three (3) apartments and a house and are within walking distance of downtown. They will be working out of the EDC Building until the 101 N. Superior Building is complete and will then be housed in that building.

Comments were received from Council Members Barnes and Krause.

VII. Citizen’s Comments

Comments were received from Paul Schudel, 514 Linden Avenue who spoke about the condition and deterioration of Linden Avenue.

1. Consent Calendar
2. Approval Regular Council Session Minutes – July 5, 2016

French moved, Krause supported, CARRIED, to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. (6-0 vv)

1. Items for Individual Discussion
2. Request Approval RFP for Single Trash Hauler (RCV)

Comments were received from Council Members Decker and Reid; City Manager Mitchell; John Tracy, Director Building, Planning and Code Enforcement; City Attorney Harkness and Mayor Domingo.

Barnes moved, Decker supported, CARRIED, to ApproveRFP for Single Trash Hauler as presented. (6-0, rcv)

1. Request Approval Resolution # 2016-43, Approval of Enbridge/Kalamazoo River Community Recreation Grant (RCV)

Comments were received from Council Members Barnes, French, Reid and Decker, City Manager Mitchell and Mayor Domingo.

Reid moved, French supported, CARRIED, to Approve Resolution # 2016-43, Approval of Enbridge/Kalamazoo River Community Recreation Grant as presented. (7-0, rcv)

1. Request Approval Resolution # 2016-44, Budget Amendments #2 (RCV)

Comments were received from Council Member Decker, Finance Director Mead and City Manager Mitchell.

French moved, Krause supported, CARRIED, to Approve Resolution # 2016-44, Budget Amendments #2 as presented. (6-0, rcv)

D. Request Approval Resolution # 2016-45, Acceptance of USDA Grant for ADPS Vehicle (RCV)

Comments were received from Council Members Barnes and French and Chief Kipp.

French moved, Krause supported, CARRIED, to Approve Resolution # 2016-45, Acceptance of USDA Grant for ADPS Vehicle as presented. (5-1, rcv)(Domingo dissenting)

E. Request Approval Resolution # 2016-46, MML/Meadowbrook Property &

Liability Insurance Renewal (RCV)

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

French moved, Decker supported, CARRIED, to Resolution # 2016-46, MML/Meadowbrook Property & Liability Insurance Renewal as presented. (6-0, rcv)

F. Discussion-Street Sweeping

Council Member Barnes stated he had spoken with Deputy Director Public Services Longon who explained the street sweeping had previous higher obligations such as graduation. He is willing to work with Council Member Barnes on getting Precinct 1 swept. Council Member Barnes stated he spoke with the resident who made the complaint and explained that the City did have higher priorities but are willing to work with them to get the area swept as soon as they can.

G. Discussion-Linden Avenue

Council Member French brought to City Manager Mitchell’s attention a petition from residents of Linden Avenue for options of repairing this street. Council Member French stated the street is falling into the mill race and holes are developing between the road and the street guards.

Questions/Comments from the Council were as follows:

* Is demolition of the mill race an option and if so does the City have the funds to do this.
* The damn is not in good shape. Are grants available from the DNR for engineering?
* Would Albion College be able to help with the ecology?
* DNR grants are due in April which allows for time to gather data and find funding sources.
* We may be opening Pandora’s Box. 1st, 2nd and 3rd have been paved only one time.
* Would like all precincts to work together and understands the urgency of fixing Linden Avenue.
* The City has ignored this problem too long.
* Need to remove trees from that area as the roots are destroying the street
* Is there a purpose for the mill race any longer?
* Would like to do away with the damns and waterfalls.
* Fill in the 3rd pond and 1st pond

City Manager Mitchell suggested a forming a committee to review Linden Avenue and possible solutions. Council Member French stated he would be willing to chair the committee. He also Mr. Schudel, 514 Linden Avenue to participate in the committee and other residents of Linden Avenue. He asked Director of Building, Planning and Code Enforcement Tracy and Director of Public Services Lenardson to also be a part of the committee.

Comments were received from Council Members Barnes, Krause and French, City Manager Mitchell, Mayor Domingo and Paul Schudel, 514 Linden Avenue.

H. Update on Holland Park-Council Member Reid

Council Member Reid that Holland Park is a City Park and is intergenerational. They are working to have something for everyone. They received $10,000 from the senior millage which will help to put in the senior section of the park. They will have workout machines in the park and will also have a workout machine for people in wheelchairs. There is money set aside for the teen section, although that may not be completed until next year.

They will be working on History Hill which will be history of Albion, Ward School and also of Mr. Holland who the park is named after.

City Manager Mitchell has also wrote a grant for a pavilion. They would like to have a canoe/kayak launch and water play area as future areas for the park.

I. City Manager Report

City Manager Mitchell reported the following items to the Council:

* The Kanoe the Kazoo has been cancelled due to extremely low water levels, however Aaron Smit of Albion Outfitters has planned an alternative event called Kalamazoo River Kleanup for anyone still interested in paddling on July 23rd.
* July 23rd is also the City Clean-Up: tire collection, paint collection, general clean-up and electronics.
* We received $2500.00 from the Senior Millage for the Albion-Marshall Connector.
* Recreation received a grant from the Battle Creek Foundation that will add activities to their summer camp program.
* Approximately 250-300 people are participating in the Friday movie at the Bohm Theatre.
* The Calhoun County Task Force received a grant to do testing which has begun.
* We will have a Study Session on Tuesday, August 30, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the Mayor’s Office with the Assessor, State and Equalization Department.
* City Manager Mitchell has appointed Larry Williams as the Acting Director of the Recreation Department.

J. Future Agenda Items

* City Attorney Harkness will have an ordinance to amend the refuse license
* Mayor Domingo would like to see the interior plans for 101 N. Superior St.

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

Barnes moved, French supported, CARRIED, to Excuse Council Member Brown. (6-0, vv)

1. Citizen’s Comments

Comments were received from Wayne Arnold, 906 Hall St; Sandy Kingston, New Principal for Elementary School and Mike Bearman, 11016 29 Mile Rd.

1. Adjournment

French moved, Krause supported, CARRIED, to adjourn council session. (6-0 vv)

Mayor Domingo adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

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Date Jill Domingo City Clerk