City of Albion

City Council Meeting

April 20, 2015

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Joseph 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), Cheryl Krause (5) Andrew

French (6) and Mayor Joseph Domingo.

V. MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER’S COMMENTS

Comments were received from Council Members Barnes and French and Mayor

Domingo.

VI. PRESENTATIONS

A. Calhoun County Health Dept. /Albion Clinic Opening-Jim Rutherford

Jim Rutherford from the Calhoun County Health Department gave a brief

overview of their new office location in Albion and services that will be

offered. He stated the Calhoun County Health Department would like to

expand their existence and further facilitate health care in Albion. Their new office will be located in the old Dr. Dobbins building on Michigan Avenue across from Bigby Coffee. They will be moving in approximately four weeks and have secured a ten (10) year lease on the building. Some of the services they will be offering are as follows:

* Clinical Services
* Immunizations
* School Nursing
* Hearing and Vision (new or expanded program)
* WIC Program
* Family Planning (new or expanded program)
* Health Programs (new or expanded program)
* Primary Care (new or expanded program)

Comments were received from Council Members French, Brown

and Krause, City Manager Mitchell and Mayor Domingo.

B. Arbor Day Proclamation

Mayor Domingo discussed the Arbor Day Proclamation.

C. Transform Your Home-Krista Trout-Edwards

Krista Trout-Edwards, Director of the Calhoun County Land Bank

gave a brief update on a few of the programs offered at the Land

Bank. She stated the land bank was created in 2006 and has a seven (7)

member board. Some of the programs available are as follows:

* The Target Market Analysis should be done soon.
* Blight Removal grant for 2015 will allow for 32 demolitions to be done in the county. These demolitions will take place over the summer.
* Transform this Home-Provides home ownership opportunities, stabilizes neighborhoods and returns properties to the tax roll.
* Program Side Lot-Sells qualifying residential zoned vacant parcels to

qualified applicants whose property is attached to the vacant parcel. We have 55 vacant lots in Albion.

* Neighborhood Mow and Maintenance- An organization would maintain twenty (20) properties for the summer and would receive $3,000. The requirements are as follows:
* Must be a 501 C (3) organization
* Must mow every three weeks (10 mows per season)
* Must carry general liability insurance
* Must have a group bank account.

Comments were received from Council Members Reid and Krause.

D. Resolution of Appreciation-Elaine Lohrke

Mayor Domingo read aloud the Resolution of Appreciation and presented to Elaine Lohrke.

A standing ovation was given by the council.

VII. 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.

VIII. CONSENT CALENDAR (VV)

A. Approval of Regular Session Minutes-April 6, 2015

French moved, Brown supported, CARRIED, to Approve Consent

Calendar as presented. (6-0, vv)

IX. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL DISCUSSION

A. Update-Holland Park-Council Member Reid

Council Member Reid stated they have received the following

donations/grants:

1. $35,000 Firekeepers Casino
2. $20,000 Albion Community Foundation
3. $8,000 Albion Philanthropic Women

The children’s section of the park will be completed on June 15th,

2015. The committee is collecting funds to work on the senior and teen area of the park.

Arbor Day, Starr Commonwealth will be helping to clean up the park. Once the children’s section is completed, the committee will

Be working on landscaping and planting flowers.

B. Request Approval Gaming License for St. James Church (RCV)

Comments were received from Council Members French and Krause and Glenda Culp, 825 Irwin Ave, Albion.

Barnes moved, French supported, CARRIED, to Approve Gaming

License for St. James Church as presented. (6-0, rcv)

C. Request Approval Criminal Background Check Policy (RCV)

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

Barnes moved, French supported, CARRIED, to Approve Criminal

Background Check Policy as presented. (6-0, rcv)

D. 1st Reading and Request Approval Ordinance #2015-01, An

Ordinance to Amend Chapter 58, Article VI, Section 58-168 of the

City of Albion Code of Ordinances, To Allow Alcoholic Beverages

To be Sold, Consumed, or Possessed in Public during Sanctioned

Events in Specified Areas (RCV)

Comments were received from Council Members Krause, Barnes, Reid, Brown, and French; City Attorney Harkness; City Manager Mitchell; Chief Kipp and Mayor Domingo.

French moved, Brown supported, CARRIED, to **TABLE THE MOTION**

**TO APPROVE** the 1st Reading & Request Approval Ordinance # 2015-01, An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 58, Article VI, Section 58-168 of the City of Albion Code of Ordinances, To Allow Alcoholic Beverages to be Sold, Consumed, or Possessed in Public during Sanctioned Events in Specified Areas as presented. (6-0, rcv)

E. Discussion/Set Date to Discuss Applicants to Fill Vacancy in Precinct

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Comments were received from Council Member French, City

Manager Mitchell and Mayor Domingo.

The consensus of the council is to have the applicant’s information

distributed to the council for the May 4th, 2015 meeting and

depending on how many applications are received, the council

will make the determination on whether or not a special meeting is

necessary at the May 4th, 2015 meeting.

F. Future Agenda Items

* Council Member Barnes would like the Austin Avenue Initiative on the next agenda.
* Council Member French would like the applications for Precinct #4 on the next agenda
* Council Member French would like a Resolution of Appreciation for William Wheaton on the next agenda

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

No action was necessary as all members were present.

H. Discussion & Approval Resolution #2015-13, Resolution for

Authorization of Request from the Albion Building Authority to be

Submitted to the Albion Trust for Funding of Remodeling of a

Building Owned by Albion Building Authority (RCV)

Comments were received from Council Member Krause and City

Attorney Harkness.

French moved, Brown supported, CARRIED, to Approve Resolution

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Building Authority to be submitted to the Albion Trust for Funding of

Remodeling of a Building Owned by the Albion Building Authority

as presented. (6-0, rcv)

X. CITIZEN’S 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 Marcus Ware, 311 W. Ash St.; Council Members

Brown, French and Reid, City Manager Mitchell and Mayor Domingo.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

French moved, Krause supported, CARRIED, to Adjourn the Regular Session

(6-0, vv)

Mayor Domingo adjourned Regular Session at 8:20 p.m.

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Date Jill Domingo City Clerk