City of Albion

City Council Meeting

May 18, 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 Reid, Barnes and

French and Mayor Domingo.

VI. PRESENTATIONS

A. Resolution of Appreciation-William Wheaton

Mayor Domingo read aloud Resolution of Appreciation and presented to William Wheaton. Mr. Wheaton received a standing ovation from the Council and members of the community.

Comments were received from William Wheaton.

B. State Representative John Bizon

State Representative John Bizon read aloud a proclamation from Senator Mike Nofs, State Representative John Bizon and Governor Snyder honoring City Manager Mitchell for her outstanding accomplishments working in public service.

Comments received from City Manager Mitchell

C. Amy DeShon-Albion Week

Mayor Domingo read aloud the Albion Week Resolution and presented to

Mary Slater.

The City of Albion also received an Albion Week Proclamation from Representative Bizon.

D. Mary Slater-Sister City Committee

Mayor Domingo presented Governor’s award for the Bohm Theatre.

Mary Slater gave a brief description and overview of the Bohm Theatre

restoration.

Mary Slater discussed the Sister City and the relationships they create.

She also discussed the French exchange students we have had here in Albion and also the Albion students that have gone to France and some of their activities they have participated in.

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.)

Comments were received from JoAnne Konkle, 503 N. Mingo St, Jeanne Marie Hemond, 412 Burr Oak St., Charlie Jones, 1226 Adams St., Temple Stovall, 507 Burr Oak St. All citizens comments were in support of Rebecca Decker to fill the Precinct 4 vacancy.

VIII. CONSENT CALENDAR (VV)

A. Approval of Regular Session Minutes-May 4, 2015

Krause moved, French supported, CARRIED, to Approve Consent

Calendar as presented. (6-0, vv)

IX. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL DISCUSSION

A. Interviews with Precinct #4 Candidates

Rebecca Decker, 601 Burr Oak St., stated she has lived in Albion for 25 years. Her husband is a 25 year Public Safety Officer for the City of Albion and she is the Office Manager at Irwin Avenue Animal Hospital for the past 23 years. She is open to options, is able to find compromise and is willing to support growth in Albion.

Lindsay Washburn, 210 Colfax St., stated she has been a resident for the City of Albion for 2 ½ years. She works for an insurance company in Jackson. She loves helping people and has experience working with a diverse group of people. She would like to become more involved in the community.

LaDonna Simpson, 200 S. Monroe St. Apt 1., stated she has been a resident of Albion for most of her life. She works for Allegiance Hospital in the mental health division. She understands people and wants to help out her city.

Council Member Brown, asked each candidate how they will learn about the Council and the City.

Rebecca Decker stated she would read and talk to people in the community and would be willing to seek out any source to accomplish this goal.

Lindsay Washburn stated she would be willing to do research, speak with community members and other council members.

LaDonna Simpson stated she would do internet research and would also speak with other council members.

Council Member Krause asked Rebecca Decker how she would handle professionally and personally any disagreements on City matters with her spouse who is employed by the City.

Rebecca Decker stated professionally she would abstain from any vote that would directly benefit her husband – ADPS officer Decker.

B. Nominations and Appointment to Fill Precinct #4 Vacancy (RCV)

Krause moved, Brown supported, CARRIED, to Nominate Rebecca Decker for the Precinct #4 vacancy. (6-0, rcv).

C. Request Approval City of Albion’s Local Match for CDBG Blight Elimination Grant -$30,662.00 (RCV)

Comments were received from Council Member French and City

Manager Mitchell.

French moved, Krause supported, CARRIED, to Approve the City

of Albion’s Local Match for CBDG Blight Elimination Grant- $30,662.00 as presented. (6-0, rcv).

D. Discussion-Trains going through Town Carrying Hazardous Waste

Council Member Barnes asked if there was a method of finding out what hazardous waste was being transported via train through Albion.

Council Member Krause stated the train cars have numbers listed on the side that coincide with what is being carried in the car. Chief Kipp concurred with Council Member Krause and stated the list is available to Public Safety.

Council Member Krause also stated that when referring to the high speed rail they are referring to Amtrak. These trains are going through Albion at fifty miles an hour or less.

Council Member Barnes stated that neither the City of Albion nor Albion Public Safety are able to obtain a schedule as to when the hazardous waste will be traveling through town from the railroad.

City Attorney Harkness stated new train regulations regarding hazardous waste have just taken effect.

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

E. Request Approval 1st Reading Ordinance # 2015-02, Amendment to Chicken Ordinance (RCV)

Comments were received from Council Members French, Brown and Reid, City Manager Mitchell, Director of Planning and Building Tracy and Mayor Domingo.

French moved, Brown supported, CARRIED, to Approve 1st Reading Ordinance #2015-02, Amendment to Chicken Ordinance as presented. (6-0, rcv)

F. Future Agenda Items

* Council Member French would like a discussion on a non-discrimination ordinance added to the next agenda.
* Council Member Barnes would like a discussion on privacy fences – post side in towards residence and finished side facing the street added to the next agenda.

Comments were received from Council Members Barnes and French and Director of Planning and Building Tracy.

* Council Member Reid would like update on Holland Park added to the next agenda.

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

No action was necessary as all members were present.

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 Janice Best, 710 S. Eaton St., Loree Grinnell, 113 W. Pine St., Johnny Hill, 710 N. Ann St., Charlie Overton, 132 Morrision Dr., Trisha Frandsen, Albion College, Shawn Welker, 611 E. North St. All comments received were in support of a non-discrimination ordinance for the City of Albion.

Additional comments were received from Mike Bearman, Calhoun County Commissioner, Council Members Reid and Krause, 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 8:10 p.m.

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Date Jill Domingo City Clerk