City of Albion

City Council Meeting

June 15, 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), Rebecca Decker (4), Cheryl Krause (5), Andrew French (6) and Mayor Joseph Domingo. Garrett Brown (3) was absent.

STAFF PRESENT:

Sheryl Mitchell, City Manager; Jill Domingo, City Clerk; Cullen Harkness, City Attorney; Tom Mead, Finance Director; John Tracy, Director of Planning & Building and Scott Kipp, Public Safety Chief.

V. MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER’S COMMENTS

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

VI. PUBLIC HEARING

 A. Set 2015 Millage Rates

 Mayor Domingo opened the public hearing at 7:06 p.m.

 City Manager Mitchell have a brief overview of the 2015 millage rates.

 No public comments were received.

 Mayor Domingo closed the public hearing at 7:08 p.m.

 No council comments were received.

VII. PRESENTATIONS

 A. Encourage Neighborhood Watch Groups by Voting Districts-Maggie LaNoue

Maggie LaNoue, 1102 E. Michigan Avenue spoke on the new neighborhood watch program. She stated that Hazel Vandevender started the neighborhood watch several years ago. She also presented a flag that was made for the neighborhood watch. They will be using the Next Door System (<http://nextdoorsystems.nl/> and encourage residents to sign up for this program as it has several different functions available. They will be sending out e-mails and posting on Facebook as a few of the options to sign residents up for the program. They currently have 22 residents signed up and using this program. Once the watch is set-up they will be doing the neighborhood watch program by voting districts.

B. Proclamation-Father and Son Picnic-Gregory Gant

Mayor Domingo read aloud proclamation for Father and Son Picnic and presented to Gregory Gant.

Comments were received from Gregory Gant who was appreciative of the support from the City of Albion and local businesses.

VIII. 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.

IX. CONSENT CALENDAR (VV)

A. Approval of Regular Session Minutes-June 1, 2015

French moved, Krause supported, CARRIED, to Approve Consent

Calendar as presented. (6-0, vv)

X. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL DISCUSSION

A. Request Approval Resolution #2015-19, To Set 2015 Millage Rates (RCV)

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

 French moved, Krause supported, CARRIED, to Approve Resolution # 2015-19, to Set 2015 Millage Rates as presented. (6-0, rcv)

B. Board and Commissions Appointments (VV)

* Chris Farmer, Reappointment, Albion Building Authority, Term to Expire 6-30-2018
* Alena Farooq, Initial Appointment, Citizen’s Advisory Committee, Term to Expire 12-31-2015
* Greg Polnasek, Initial Appointment, Citizen’s Advisory Committee, Term to Expire 12-31-2015
* Scott Brown, Initial Appointment, Local Officers Compensation Commission, Term to Expire 12-31-2015

Comments were received from Council Members French and Krause and Mayor Domingo.

French moved, Krause supported, CARRIED, to Approve Boards and Commissions Appointments as presented. (6-0, vv)

C. Request Approval Resolution # 2015-20, To Encourage Neighborhood Watch Groups by Voting Districts (RCV)

Barnes moved, French supported, CARRIED, to Approve Resolution # 2015-20, To Encourage Neighborhood Watch Groups by Voting Districts as presented. (6-0, rcv)

D. Report from the City Manager

 City Manager Mitchell spoke on the following items:

* The Erie Street reconstruction will start the week of June 29th, 2015. The contractor is behind on a prior job. They will however, be required to complete the project per the progress schedule and contract documents.
* Funeral arrangements for Michael Hawkins, Captain of Homer Fire Department will be: Visitation-Tuesday, June 16, 2pm-8pm

Funeral-Wednesday, June 17, 11 am at Kempf Funeral Home in Homer, 303 Hillsdale St., Homer, MI

* Oaklawn Hospital will be breaking ground in June for a new 8,800 square foot 12 chair dialysis center to serve patients throughout the Albion area. Construction cost for the facility is expected to range from $2.5 million to $3 million and will be managed by Gordon Martin Builders. The facility could employ 10 to 12 new full and part time personnel and eventually may provide service for up to 16 dialysis patients at a time.
* The official ground breaking ceremony for Holland Park was today at 3 p.m. The community build is scheduled for Wednesday, June 17th beginning at 8 am. The Knox Presbyterian Church volunteers have already started working on projects in Albion which include updates at Harris Field.
* The Albion Junior Optimist Club was officially chartered today and officers were installed.
* PSO Eric Chard and PSO Bill Timmins are the employees of the month. They are being recognized for their success in solving cases. The demonstrated excellent investigative work and have shown remarkable teamwork.
* We are pleased to have Marie Macone join us for a 6 month internship. She speaks French, Spanish, and English. She attends the Business School in Paris. She will be working on a project with the City and Albion College on the community-wide marketing program.

E. Future Agenda Items

* Council Member Barnes would like 606,608 and 610 Austin Avenue added to the next agenda.
* Council Member Reid would like an update on Holland Park added to the next agenda.

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

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

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

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Comments were received Juanita Solis-Kidder, 1211 Edwards St, to express appreciation to the City staff and Public Safety officers, in particular, for supporting the work of the Citizens to Beautify Albion;

Additional comments received from Council Members Reid, Krause and Barnes.

City Manager Mitchell asked the Council to hold a special council meeting for the 2014 annual budget presentation from Abraham and Gaffney.

The consensus of the Council is to hold a special council meeting on Monday, June 29th, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. for the 2014 annual audit presentation from Abraham and Gaffney.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

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

(6-0, vv)

Mayor Domingo adjourned Regular Session at 7:30 p.m.

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Date Jill Domingo City Clerk