City Of Albion

City Council Meeting

July 21, 2014

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

1. MOMENT OF SILENCE WAS OBSERVED

 III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

 IV. ROLL CALL

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

 Administration: Jill Domingo, City Clerk; Scott Kipp, Interim City Manager and Cullen

Harkness, City Attorney.

V. MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Comments were received from Council Member Barnes.

VI. PRESENTATION

 A. Resolution-Cal & Marjorie Williams

 Mayor Domingo read aloud a proclamation for Cal & Marjorie Williams. Interim City

 Manager Kipp presented Mr. Williams with an honorary detective plaque.

B. Sister City Visitors-Mathieu Moussard & Marie Chambon

 Mary Slater introduced our three visitors from our sister city in France,

 Mathieu Moussard, Marie Chambon and Louis Chambon. They will be interning in

 Albion for a month.

 Comments were received from Mary Slater and Mayor Domingo.

C. EDC Update-Peggy Sindt

 Peggy Sindt, Director of the EDC updated the council with the following:

1. Work is being done with the underground tanks at the Harvard property
2. The Clark station has been removed and they are working on the final steps with landscaping.
3. There has been interest in the 425 property.
4. The food hub is moving along with grants secured for the kitchen equipment and the building structure. They hope to open in the fall.
5. Peggy encouraged everyone to watch the news tomorrow evening.

 Comments were received from Council Members French, Wheaton and

 Brown.

D. Festival of the Forks Update-Amy Deshon

 Amy DeShon from the Chamber of Commerce gave an update on the Festival of

 The Forks with following highlights:

1. A Friday evening parade with a flash mob dance at the end of the parade.
2. A pie eating contest
3. A 3 on 3 basketball tournament that will be held on Superior Street-Friday evening and Saturday.
4. A gospel concert on Friday evening
5. The Famous at the Forks talent show.

 Comments were received from Council Members French and Brown, and Mayor

 Domingo.

VII. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS (Persons addressing the City Council shall limit their comments to no more than five (5) minutes. Proper decorum is required.)

 No comments were received.

VIII. CONSENT CALENDAR (VV)

A. Approval of Council Meeting Minutes – July 7, 2014

 French moved, Wheaton supported, CARRIED, to Approve Consent Calendar as

 presented. (6-0, vv).

IX. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL DISCUSSION

A. Request for Approval Payment to Soil & Materials Engineers, Inc.-$8,200.00

 Comments were received from Council Members Wheaton, French and Barnes and Interim City Manager Kipp.

French moved, Brown supported, CARRIED, to Approve Payment to Soil & Materials Engineers, Inc. for $8,200.00 as presented. (6-0, rcv)

B. Discussion/Update Assessing Services

 Interim City Manager Kipp stated that we had been approached by The City of Marshall to collaborate with them for assessing services as they are planning on bring their assessing services back in-house. We have been informed by the County that they will be terminating our contract at the end of August for the assessing services. Interim City Manager Kipp recommends that we collaborate with Marshall for our assessing services.

 Comments were received from Council Members French and Brown, City Attorney Harkness and Commissioner Art Kale.

C. Technology Committee Update

 Council Member Brown stated that the website is up and running but that things are on hold with some of the content items waiting for the new manager. Michelle Mueller has been doing some of the updates for the website.

 Comments were received from Council Members Brown, French and Barnes and Interim City Manager Kipp.

D. Austin Avenue Initiative

 Council Member Barnes stated that we still have blight in the 600 block of Austin Avenue and would like to have the city’s code enforcement officer walk through the buildings. He would like to continue to work on this project and make the area more attractive as it is one of the entrances into the city.

 E. Future Agenda Items

Council Member French would like assessing services added to the next agenda

City Attorney Harkness would like the purchase agreement for Dollar General added to the next agenda.

Council Member Barnes would like approval for him to attend the annual MML convention in Marquette added to the next agenda.

Comments were received from Council Members Brown, Barnes and Wheaton and Mayor Domingo.

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

 Brown moved, French supported, CARRIED, to excuse Council Member

 Krause. (6-0, vv)

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 Tori Wilson, Recreation Director and Council Members Reid, Wheaton and French.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. The Mayor requests an Executive Session under

The Open Meetings Act (Section 15.268 (f), P.A. 267

of 1976, as amended) to review the specific contents

of an application for employment or appointment to a public

office when the candidate requests that the application remain

confidential.

1. The Interim City Manager requests an Executive Session under

 The Open Meetings Act (Section 15.286 €, P.A. 267 of 1976, as

Amended) to consult with the City Attorney regarding trial or

 Settlement strategy in connection with specific litigation

 French moved, Wheaton supported, CARRIED, to adjourn to the Executive

 Session. (6-0, vv)

 Mayor Domingo adjourned to Executive Session at 8:06 p.m.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

French moved, Brown supported, CARRIED, to Adjourn the Regular Session (6-0, vv)

 Mayor Domingo adjourned Regular Session at 9:30p.m.

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Date Jill Domingo

 City Clerk