

City of Albion
City Council Meeting
December 7, 2015

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Domingo opened the regular session at 6:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

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

STAFF PRESENT:

Sheryl Mitchell, City Manager; Jill Domingo, City Clerk; Cullen Harkness, City Attorney; Jim Lenardson, Director of Public Services; Tom Mead, Finance Director and Scott Kipp, Chief of Public Safety.

III. MOMENT OF SILENCE TO BE OBSERVED

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Manager requests an Executive Session under the Open Meetings Act (Section 15.268 (c) P. A. 267 of 1976, as amended) for strategy and negotiation sessions connected the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement when either negotiating party requests a closed hearing.

French moved, Brown supported, CARRIED, to Adjourn to Executive Session (7-0,vv)

Council resumed regular session at 7:15 p.m.

VI. MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS

Comments were received from Mayor Domingo.

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. FY 2016 Budget

Mayor Domingo opened the public hearing at 7:16 p.m.
No public or council comments were received.

Mayor Domingo closed the public hearing at 7:17 p.m.

B. Five Year Parks & Recreation Master Plan 2016-2020

Mayor Domingo opened the public hearing at 7:18 p.m.

Comments were received from Carl Gibson, Calhoun County Senior Services who was expressed concern about the long term care of our parks and asked if a long term maintenance plan was in place.

City Manager Mitchell stated the maintenance for the parks come from the general fund. She stated we also partner with local entities such as Starr Commonwealth, Michigan Works and Albion College all of whom help with the maintenance of the seventeen (17) parks in the City.

City Manager Mitchell would also like to thank the members of the Citizens Advisory Committee:

Alena Farooq
Tamara Crupi
Gregg Strand
Greg Polnasek
Joanne Konkle
Elizabeth Schultheiss
Lenn Reid
Larry Williams

Mayor Domingo closed the public hearing at 7:21 p.m.

VIII. CITIZENS COMMENTS

Comments were received from Jeff Kotas, 925 Hall St; Carrie Nichols, 815 Huntington Blvd; Sonya Brown, 713 Orchard Dr.; Donna Cahill, 912 N. Superior St.; Jess Roberts, 915 S. Superior St.; Susan Harden, 1100 Maple St.; Marcola Lawler, 918 N. Berrien St.; Darlene Corey, 809 E. Broadwell; Harry Wilson, 511 Albion Rd.; Wesley Dalton, Albion College; Alfredia Dysart-Drake, 1016 S. Superior St.; Lonnie Brewer, Hillside Rd.; Donnie Brewer, 918 N. Clinton St.; Connor Neely, Albion College and Mike Bearman, 11016 29 Mile Rd.

All comments pertained to Agenda Item K-Resolution # 2015-34, A Resolution Disapproving the Proposed Annexation of Albion Public Schools by Marshall Public Schools in the Absence of Specific Guarantees, Assurances and Answers.

IX. CONSENT CALENDAR (VV)

(Items on Consent Calendar are voted on as one unit)

A. Approval Regular Session Minutes-November 16, 2015

Approval Budget Study Session Minutes-November 23, 2015

French moved, Brown supported, CARRIED, to Approve the Consent Calendar as presented. (7-0, vv)

X. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL DISCUSSION

- A. Request Approval to Close City Hall on December 18th, 2015 from 11:30 to 1:00 for Employee Christmas Party (VV)

Comments were received from City Manager Mitchell.

French moved, Krause supported, CARRIED, to Approve City Hall Closure on December 18th, 2015 from 11:30 to 1:00 for Employee Christmas Party. (7-0, vv)

- B. Request Approval of 2016 Fee Schedule (RCV)

City Manager Mitchell stated a change to the payment extension/modification will be a \$10.00 flat fee.

Comments were received from Council Member French and Mayor Domingo.

French moved, Krause supported, CARRIED, To Approve the 2016 Fee Schedule with the change to the payment extension/modification fee to a \$10.00 flat fee as presented. (7-0, rcv)

- C. Request Approval 1st Reading Ordinance # 2015-08, Vehicles for Hire Ordinance (RCV)

Comments were received from Council Members Brown and French and City Attorney Harkness.

French moved, Brown supported, CARRIED, To Approve Ordinance # 2015-08, Vehicle for Hire Ordinance as presented. (7-0, rcv)

- D. Request Approval of 2015 TPOAM Contract (RCV)

French moved, Barnes supported, CARRIED, To **Remove** Approval of 2015 TPOAM Contract from the Agenda. (7-0, rcv)

- E. Request Approval of Parks & Recreation Five Year Master Plan 2016-2020 (RCV)

Krause moved, French supported, CARRIED, To Approve Parks & Recreation Five Year Master Plan 2016-2020 as presented. (7-0, rcv)

F. Request Approval to Authorize Purchase and Financing of Recreation Department Vehicle (RCV)

Comments were received from City Manager Mitchell and Scott Evans, CEO, Homestead Savings Bank.

Barnes moved, French supported, CARRIED, To Approve Purchase and Financing of Recreation Department Vehicle as presented. (7-0, rcv)

G Discussion-Albion Housing Providing Bus Shelters for Kids in the Winter Months

Council Member Barnes asked Albion Housing if they would consider providing bus shelters for kids in the winter months. Albion Housing responded they did not have the funds to provide this service.

Council Member Barnes asked if the school district would provide these shelters for the kids.

City Manager Mitchell stated Marshall Schools said they would look into providing them throughout the City.

H. Request Approval Resolution # 2015-31, 90/10 Health Insurance (RCV)

Comments were received from City Manager Mitchell.

French moved, Barnes supported, CARRIED, to Approve Resolution # 2015-31, 90/10 Health Insurance as presented. (7-0, rcv)

I. Request Approval Resolution # 2015-32, A Resolution for Proposed Ballot Language to Amend Chapter 10, Section 22 of the City of Albion Charter (RCV)

Comments were received from Council Member French ; City Manager Mitchell, and City Attorney Harkness.

French moved, Brown supported, CARRIED, to Approve Resolution # 2015-32, A Resolution for Proposed Ballot Language to Amend Chapter 10, Section 22 of the City of Albion Charter as presented. (7-0, rcv)

J. Request Approval Resolution # 2015-33, To Prohibit Truck Traffic on Barnes St. (Between Clark and Mingo Streets) (RCV)

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

French moved, Brown supported, CARRIED, to Approve Resolution # 2015-33, To Prohibit Truck Traffic on Barnes St. (Between Clark and Mingo Streets) as presented. (7-0, rcv)

- K. Request Approval Resolution # 2015-34, Resolution Disapproving the Proposed Annexation of Albion Public Schools by Marshall Public Schools in the Absence of Specific Guarantees, Assurances and Answers (RCV)

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

Brown moved, Decker supported, CARRIED, to Approve Resolution # 2015-34, Resolution Disapproving the Proposed Annexation of Albion Public Schools by Marshall Public Schools in the Absence of Specific Guarantees, Assurances and Answers as presented. (4-3, rcv) (Barnes, French and Krause dissenting)

- L. City Manager Report

City Manager Mitchell highlighted the following items:

- The City has received a \$294,000 grant from the DNR for the Albion River Trail
- ADPS will be doing the county wide "Shop with a Cop" this Saturday and approximately 15 children from Albion will be participating
- Tuesday, December 8th will be the last day for our French Intern, Marie Macone. City Manager Mitchell thanked Marie for all her hard work and her positive and cheerful personality.
- The Council is invited to Business After Hours from 5-6:30 on Tuesday, December 8th, 2015 at Homestead Bank to welcome Scott & Connie Evans.

Comments were received from Marie Macone, French Intern, who thanked Sheryl and the Albion Community for all they did for her during her internship.

- M. Future Agenda Items

No future agenda items were requested.

- N. Motion to Excuse Absent Council Member (s)

No action needed as all members were present.

- XI. 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 Vivian Davis, 901 Huntington Blvd.; Mike Bearman, 11016 29 Mile Rd. and Sonja Brown, 713 Orchard Dr.

All comments pertained to Agenda Item K-Resolution # 2015-34, A Resolution Disapproving the Proposed Annexation of Albion Public Schools by Marshall Public Schools in the Absence of Specific Guarantees, Assurances and Answers.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Brown moved, Decker supported, CARRIED, to ADJOURN Regular Session. (7-0, vv).

Mayor Domingo adjourned the Regular Session at 9:10 p.m.

Date

Jill Domingo
City Clerk