



Memorandum

Office of the City Manager

TO: Honorable Mayor Atchison and Albion City Council
FROM: Darwin D. P. McClary, City Manager
DATE: February 18, 2020
RE: **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

NORTH ALBION STREET BRIDGE LANE REDUCTION

The city's bridge inspection engineer recommends reducing the traveling lanes on the North Albion Street Bridge by six (6) feet on each side, thereby resulting in an access lane(s) with a width of 18 feet. The reason for the lane reduction is to maintain current load limits on the bridge by directing traffic to the center supports of the bridge that are still in relatively good shape. This lane reduction may require motorists to yield to oncoming traffic that is already traversing the bridge, so yield signs will be installed immediately before the bridge approach in each direction. Appropriate light-weight barricades (e.g., construction barrels) will be placed to direct traffic. The alternative to these measures would be to do nothing, which would require reducing the approved load limit on the bridge to four (4) tons and thereby eliminating access across the bridge for most heavy duty pickup trucks and larger vehicles.

Public Safety Chief Kipp is preparing a temporary traffic control order that will take effect immediately and is good for 90 days. City council will need to approve a permanent traffic control order at your next meeting. The Department of Public Services will be installing the barricades and signage shortly.

SOLID WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES CONTRACT

I met with Granger Waste Services on February 7 to begin negotiations on a new solid waste collection services contract and should be receiving an initial proposal back from the company this week in preparation for continued negotiations.

SIDEWALK PROGRAM FUND REVIEW COMMITTEE

Administration is working to set up the first meeting of the Sidewalk Program Fund Review Committee as soon as possible, and I will keep council updated on this matter.

RECREATIONAL MARIHUANA

I have been made aware that representatives from a couple medical marihuana companies may be addressing city council during the public comment portion of the meeting to request that the city council give further consideration to recreational marihuana facilities within the city. In November 2018, Albion electors considered the state-wide recreational marihuana ballot proposal, and the proposal passed in all six city precincts. In February 2019, the city council opted the community out of recreational marihuana but adopted a resolution committing to giving further consideration to the matter within 60 days after the state adopts its emergency rules governing recreational marihuana in the state. The emergency rules went into effect on July 3, 2019.

CITY MANAGER EXTENDED OFFICE HOURS

To provide greater opportunity for citizens, business owners, and organizations to be able to meet with me and discuss their important ideas and concerns, I am scheduling extended office hours so that the public can meet with me after regular city hall business hours. My extended office hours will be held every Thursday from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM by appointment. Anyone wishing to meet with me after hours can call my office at 517-629-7172 or e-mail me at dmclary@cityofalbionmi.gov to schedule a time. Please contact my office by noon the day before so that we can make sure to accommodate requests.

UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS

For the information of city council, the following items are in the queue for city council consideration over the next few council meetings (this is not an exhaustive list):

- Michigan Transportation Economic Development Category A grant agreement
- Rental Registration and Inspection Ordinance and Program
- Solid Waste Collection Contract
- IT Services Contract
- Sidewalk Program Fund Utilization
- Holland Park Sidewalk Improvement Project
- City Hall Closures for Document Management/Purge
- Betty Butterfield Request to Purchase City Property
- Consideration of 4-Day Workweek for City Hall

