

City of Albion
Council Special Session Minutes
October 8, 2019

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Atchison called the special meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. MOMENT OF SILENCE TO BE OBSERVED

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Vicky Clark (1); Lenn Reid (2); Sonya Brown (3); Marcola Lawler (4); Jeanette Spicer (5); Shane Williamson (6) and Mayor Atchison.

ABSENT: All members were present

STAFF PRESENT:

Darwin McClary, City Manager, Scott Kipp, Chief Public Safety; Cullen Harkness, City Attorney; Jill Domingo, City Clerk and Haley Snyder, Interim Assistant City Manager/Deputy Clerk/Treasurer.

V. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA (Includes any proposed additions, deletions or other changes to the agenda)

Spicer moved, Reid supported, CARRIED, to Approve the Agenda as presented. (7-0, vv)

VI. PRESENTATIONS-None

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS-None

VIII. PUBLIC Comments (Persons addressing the City Council shall limit their comments to agenda items and to no more than three (3) minutes. Proper decorum is required.)

Comments were received from Brenda Davis, 1229 Highland Avenue; Wayne Arnold, 906 Hall St and Yvonne Brown, 209 W. Mulberry St.

IX. CLOSED SESSION-None

X. CONSENT CALENDAR (VV) Items on the Consent Calendar are voted on as one unit) - None

XI. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL DISCUSSION

A. Request Approval to Assign a Third Party to Verify Whether Alleged Conduct by Council Member Brown Occurred

Comments were received from Councils Brown and Williamson and City Attorney Harkness.

Council Member Brown made a motion to add An Investigation into who leaked the complaint submitted to the Mayor to individuals linked to City Watch News without a FOIA request, by a suitable 3rd party law firm/investigator made at the recommendation of City Manager McClary.

Mayor Atchison ~~asked for~~ called Point of Order and asked City Attorney Harkness if the motion made by Council Member Brown should have been added as a separate agenda item.

City Attorney Harkness stated that although he could see both sides, that the motion made by Council Member Brown could be added to the motion on the table.

Brown moved, Lawler supported, CARRIED, to Add an Investigation into who leaked the complaint submitted to the Mayor to individuals linked to City Watch News without a FOIA request, by a suitable 3rd party law firm/investigator made at the recommendation of City Manager McClary. (5-2, rcv) (Williamson and Mayor Atchison dissenting)

Williamson moved, Reid supported, CARRIED, to Approve a Third Party Law Firm Selected by the City Manager and City Attorney Not to Exceed \$10,000.00 Unless Approved by Council to Verify Whether Alleged Conduct by Council Member Brown Occurred and An Investigation into Who Leaked the Complaint Submitted to the Mayor to Individuals Linked to City Watch News Without a FOIA Request, By a Suitable 3rd Party Law Firm/Investigator Made at the Recommendation of City Manager McClary. (7-0, rcv)

XII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS-None

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Persons addressing the City Council shall limit their comments to no more than three (3) minutes. Proper decorum is required.)

Comments were received from Wayne Arnold, 906 Hall St.

XIV. CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager McClary stated he emailed the Council the map of the Opportunity Zone and also the Parks & Recreation Master Plan.

XV. MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS

Comments were received from Council Member Brown, City Attorney Harkness and Mayor Atchison.

*Mayor Atchison ~~asked for~~ **called** Point of Order for Council Member Brown making disparaging remarks about the Mayor.*

XVI. EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBER (S)

No action was necessary as all members were present.

XVII. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Vicky Clark (1); Lenn Reid (2); Sonya Brown (3); Marcola Lawler (4); Jeanette Spicer (5); Shane Williamson (6) and Mayor Atchison.

ABSENT: All members were present.

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

Clark moved, Reid supported, CARRIED, to adjourn the special session. (7-0, vv)

Mayor Atchison adjourned the Regular Session at 6:24 p.m.

Date

Jill Domingo
City Clerk