

City of Albion
Council Session Minutes
November 19, 2018

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Brown called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. MOMENT OF SILENCE TO BE OBSERVED

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Lenn Reid (2), Sonya Brown (3), Marcola Lawler (4), Jeanette Spicer (5), Andrew French (6) and Mayor Brown.

ABSENT: Maurice Barnes (1) was absent.

STAFF PRESENT:

LaTonya Rufus, City Manager; Scott Kipp, Chief Public Safety; Cullen Harkness, City Attorney, Jill Domingo, City Clerk; Kent Phillips, Interim Director Public Services; Tom Mead, Finance Director, Larry Williams, Recreation Director and Haley Snyder, Deputy Clerk Treasurer.

V. PRESENTATIONS-None

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS-None

VII. 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 Dave Atchison, 108 W. Erie St and Nancy McFarlane, National Trailways Alliance.

VIII. CONSENT CALENDAR (vv) (Items on Consent Calendar are voted on as one unit)

IX. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL DISCUSSION

A. Request Approval 2nd Reading & Adoption of Ordinance # 2018-08, Ethics Ordinance

Comments were received from City Attorney Harkness who suggested on page 4 that the 3/5 vote should be changed to a majority vote.

Council Member French made a motion to change the 3/5 vote to a super majority vote.

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

French moved, Reid supported, **FAILED**, to Change the 3/5 Vote to a Super Majority Vote. (2-4, rcv) (Brown, Lawler, Spicer and Mayor Brown dissenting).

Brown moved, Spicer supported, **CARRIED**, To Approve 2nd Reading & Adoption of Ordinance # 2018-08, Code of Ethics as presented. (6-0, rcv)

B. Request Approval Resolution # 2018-27, Review of Financial Qualifications of Candidates for Elective Office

Comments were received from Council Members French and Brown; City Attorney Harkness; Mayor Brown and Finance Director Mead.

Brown moved, Lawler supported, **CARRIED**, To Approve Resolution # 2018-27, Review of Financial Qualifications of Candidates for Elective Office as presented. (6-0, rcv)

C. Request Approval of City Manager Contract Amendment Relative to Moving Expense

Comments were received from Council Member French and City Attorney Harkness.

Brown moved, Spicer supported, **CARRIED**, to Approve City Manager Contract Amendment Relative to Moving Expense as presented. (6-0, rcv)

D. Request Approval Attorney Fees for Council Rules Review

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

Brown moved, Spicer supported, **CARRIED**, To Approve Attorney Fees for Council Rules Review as presented. (6-0, rcv)

E. Request Approval Project Rising Tide Fellow Agreement

Comments were received from Council Members French and Brown; City Attorney Harkness and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Snyder.

Council Member Brown made a motion to amend the Rising Tide Fellow agreement on the 1st line to read: City of Albion represented by City Manager LaTonya Rufus.

Brown moved, French supported, CARRIED, to Amend the Rising Tide Fellow Agreement on the 1st line to read: City of Albion Represented by City Manager LaTonya Rufus. (6-0, vv)

Brown moved, Lawler supported, CARRIED to Approve the Project Rising Tide Fellow Agreement with the above Amendment. (6-0, rcv)

F. Request Approval Resolution # 2018-28, A Resolution to Approve the Development Project Agreement with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and the City of Albion River Trail Expansion Project

Comments were received from Council Members French and Brown; City Manager Rufus and Chief Public Safety Kipp.

French moved, Spicer supported, CARRIED, To Approve Resolution # 2018-28, A Resolution to Approve the Development Project Agreement with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and the City of Albion River Trail Expansion Project as presented. (6-0, rcv)

G. Request Approval 2019 Meeting Dates

Comments were received from Mayor Brown.

Brown moved, Lawler supported, CARRIED, To Approve the 2019 Meeting Dates as presented. (6-0, vv)

H. Discussion/Approval of Setting Initial City Manager Goals

Mayor Brown suggested the following City Manager Goals:

1. Administration & Oversight
 - Continue to review administration policy and procedures
 - Review Staffing configurations
2. Infrastructure

- Assess funding options for sidewalks, street lights, street lighting and street signs. (research & report)
- Options for high speed internet downtown (research & report)
- Options for local transportation (research & report)

3. Neighborhoods

- Continue to improve code enforcement function for the City
- Work with Neighborhood Planning Council

4. Community & Economic Development

- Food & child care options
- Work with Planning sub-committee on zoning re-write

5. Training

- Attend trainings provided by MML and other agencies

Comments were received from Council Members French, Brown, Spicer and Reid; Mayor Brown; City Attorney Harkness; City Manager Rufus and Chief Public Safety Kipp.

Council Member Brown asked for a motion to amend approval of City Manager's initial goals to include the goals outlined above pursuant to the City Manager's contract.

Comments were received from Council Member French and City Attorney Harkness.

Brown moved, Lawler supported, CARRIED, to Approve Amendment to include Approval of City Manager's Initial Goals as Outlined Pursuant to the City Manager's Contract. (6-0, vv)

Spicer moved, Lawler supported, CARRIED, to Approve Initial City Manager's Goals as Outlined Pursuant to the City Manager's Contract. (6-0, rcv)

X. Future Agenda Items

The following items were requested for the next agenda:

- Mayor Brown would like a Special meeting on Monday, November 26, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. and a Budget Study Session on Tuesday, November 27, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.
- City Attorney Harkness would like a Resolution for Opt-Out Insurance
- Council Member Brown would like a report on what additional programming will be available from Recreation

- Council Member French would like the 2nd Reading & Adoption of the Amended Council Rules and Procedures

XI. Motion to Excuse Absent Council Member (s)

French moved, Lawler supported, CARRIED, To Excuse Council Member Maurice Barnes (1) (6-0, vv)

XII. 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 Al Smith, 1209 Adams St; Alyssa Priami, 310 E> Michigan Avenue; Polly Wilson, 606 W. Erie St; Alfredia Dysart-Drake, 1016 S> Superior St; Edna Williams, 12 W. Broadwell St, Apt 5 and Calhoun County Commissioner Gary Tompkins.

XII. CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Rufus stated the following:

- Water rates must be increased as we are not currently in compliance with the State as our water fund is not self-sustaining at this time.
- She relies on Staff and Department Heads and we work as a team.

XIV. MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS

Comments were received from Council Member French and Mayor Brown.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Spicer moved, Brown supported, CARRIED, to adjourn the regular session. (6-0, vv)

Mayor Brown adjourned the Regular Session at 9:00 p.m.

Date

Jill Domingo
City Clerk