

City of Albion
Council Session Minutes
November 5, 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: Maurice Barnes (1), Lenn Reid (2), Sonya Brown (3), Marcola Lawler (4), Jeanette Spicer (5), Andrew French (6) and Mayor Brown.

ABSENT: All members were present.

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 John Tracy, Director Planning, Building & Code Enforcement.

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.)

No public comments were received.

VIII. CLOSED SESSION-The City Attorney requests a Closed Session under the Open Meetings Act (Section 15.268 (e), P. A. 267 of 1976, as amended) to consult with the City Attorney regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with specific pending litigation.

French moved, Spicer supported, CARRIED to adjourn to Closed Session. (7-0, vv).

Mayor Brown adjourned to Closed Session at 7:07 p.m.

Mayor Brown re-convened the regular session at 7:17 p.m.

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

A. Approval Regular Session Minutes, October 15, 2018

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

X. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL DISCUSSION

A. Discussion-Update on 608 Austin Avenue

Director of Planning, Building & Code Enforcement Tracy stated the County has asked that the payment for the demolition of 608 Austin Avenue be made in advance with a cost of \$21,175.00 The demolition will be complete in two (2) to three (3) weeks.

Comments were received from Council Member French.

B. Request Approval of Tax Tribunal Settlement

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

Barnes moved, Brown supported, CARRIED, To Approve the Tax Tribunal Settlement as presented. (7-0, rcv)

C. Discussion/Approve Study Session Dates: Suggested dates are Thursday, November 8, 2018; Tuesday, November 13, 2018; Thursday, November 15, 2018; Monday, November 26, 2018, Thursday, November 29, 2018

Comments were received from Council Member French who asked that the candidates running for office be included in the schedule and Mayor Brown who asked City Manager Rufus to send out a doodle poll to the Council and candidates running for office to set the study session dates.

XI. Future Agenda Items

The following items were requested for the next agenda:

- City Attorney Harkness asked for an online code update.

- Council Member French asked for approval of amended Council Rules & Procedures
- Mayor Brown asked for 2nd reading and approval of the Ethics Ordinance
- Council Member Reid asked for a discussion item for checking into the transmitter in Precinct 2 that goes out when we have a storm.

Comments were received from City Manager Rufus who stated she would contact Consumers and look into Council Member Reid's question and that she has asked Director of Planning, Building & Code Enforcement Tracy to hold off a few weeks on the online code update so she may have the opportunity to review the updates to the zoning codes.

XII. Motion to Excuse Absent Council Member (s)

No action was necessary as all members were present.

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 Rufus stated the following:

- The sign in sheet at the front desk has been put into place for security of the staff.
- The City has a \$1.6 million dollar SAW grant that has been signed off by previous administration the City does not have all the paperwork and all of the work was not completed.
- 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 has an open-door policy.

XV. MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS

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

Brown moved, Spicer supported, CARRIED, to adjourn the regular session. (7-0, vv)

French moved, Brown supported, CARRIED, to stop the adjournment of the regular session. (7-0, rcv)

French moved, Brown supported, CARRIED, to Add item XVI-Report from Calhoun County Commissioner Gary Tompkins. (7-0, vv)

XVI. CALHOUN COUNTY COMMISIONER REPORT

Calhoun County Commissioner Gary Tompkins updated the Mayor and Council on County items.

Mayor Brown asked for Point of Privilege for comments from City Manager Rufus.

City Manager Rufus stated she would like to thank the Mayor and Council and the staff for all of their help with the transition.

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

Brown moved, Spicer supported, CARRIED, to adjourn the regular session. (7-0, vv)

Mayor Brown adjourned the Regular Session at 7:45 p.m.

Date

Jill Domingo
City Clerk