

City of Albion
Council Session Minutes
December 16, 2019

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Atchison 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); Al Smith (3); Marcola Lawler (4); Jeanette Spicer (5); Shane Williamson (6) and Mayor Atchison.

ABSENT: Vicky Clark (1)

STAFF PRESENT:

Darwin McClary, City Manager; Cullen Harkness, City Attorney; Jill Domingo, City; Haley Snyder, Interim Assistant City Manager/Deputy Clerk/Treasurer; Kent Phillips, Acting Interim Public Service Director; John Tracy, Director Planning, Building & Code Enforcement; Tom Mead, Finance Director and Scott Kipp, Chief Public Safety.

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

Williamson moved, Reid supported, CARRIED, to Approve the Agenda as presented. (6-0, vv)

VI. PRESENTATIONS

A. Proclamation Welcoming Distinguished Sister City Visitor: Chef Frederick They

Mayor Atchison read aloud Proclamation Welcoming Distinguished Sister City Visitor: Chef Frederick They and presented to Chef Frederick They.

Comments were received from Chef They.

B. 2020 Census-Erin Geier

Erin Geier, Teacher at Harrington School stated the class sizes at Harrington School increase by one (1) class size per year. She would like to see the census as accurate as possible as schools depend on title funding that is dependent on information received from the census. Every person counts. She would like to know what the City's plan is to promote the census and what the school can do to help. She would also like to begin a community partnership with the City.

City Manager McClary stated they can contact the Chicago Office of the U.S. Census who can help to get local people involved and will also help to provide assistance.

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 Lavada Weeks, 917 Luther Dr, Pat Wilson, Census Bureau, Council Member Reid, Mayor Atchison and City Manager McClary.

IX. CLOSED SESSION- None

X. CONSENT CALENDAR (VV) Items on the Consent Calendar are voted on as one unit)

A. Approval Regular Session Minutes, December 2, 2019

Smith moved, Lawler supported, CARRIED, to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. (6-0, vv)

XI. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL DISCUSSION

A. Elect Mayor Pro Tempore

Council Member Reid nominated Council Member Smith as Mayor Pro Tempore

Comments were received from Council Members Reid, Williamson, Smith, Lawler and Spicer and City Attorney Harkness.

Reid moved, Atchison supported, **FAILED**, to Elect Council Member Smith as Mayor Pro Tempore. (3-3, rcv) (Lawler, Spicer & Williamson dissenting)

Council Member Lawler nominated Council Member Williamson as Mayor Pro Tempore.

Lawler moved, Spicer supported, **CARRIED**, To Elect Council Member Williamson as Mayor Pro Tempore. (5-1, rcv) (Reid dissenting)

B. Request Approval Resolution # 2019-39, Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Appropriation

Comments were received from Council Members Smith, Spicer and Williamson and City Manager McClary.

*Council Member Williamson asked to **AMEND** the motion to remove “Also Resolved: The attached fee schedule supporting revenue estimates within the budget is approved” from Resolution #2019-39, Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Appropriation.*

Williamson moved, Smith supported, CARRIED, to AMEND the motion to remove “Also Resolved: The attached fee schedule supporting revenue estimates within the budget is approved” from Resolution #2019-39, Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Appropriation. (6-0, rcv)

Williamson moved, Spicer supported, CARRIED, to Approve Resolution # 2019-39, Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Appropriation removing “Also Resolved: The attached fee schedule supporting revenue estimates within the budget is approved” from Resolution #2019-39, Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Appropriation. (6-0, rcv)

C. Request Approval 2020 Fee Schedule

Comments were received from Council Members Smith, Reid, Spicer and Williamson; Mayor Atchison; City Manager McClary and Finance Director Mead.

Williamson moved, Reid supported, CARRIED, to **TABLE** Approval of 2020 Fee Schedule as presented. (6-0, vv)

D. Request Approval Resolution # 2019-40, FY 2019 Budget Amendments

Comments were received from Finance Director Mead.

Williamson moved, Smith supported, CARRIED, to Approve Resolution # 2019-40, FY 2019 Budget Amendments as presented. (6-0, rcv)

E. Request Approval MITN Bid System Agreements

Comments were received from Council Members Smith and Spicer.

*Council Member Williamson asked to **AMEND** the motion to add contract will begin on January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2029 and will not exceed ten years. (6-0, vv)*

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Williamson moved, Spicer supported, CARRIED, to Approve MITN Bid System Agreements adding contract will begin on January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2029 and will not exceed ten years. (6-0, rcv)

F. Discussion/Approval 1st Reading Ordinance # 2019-11, An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 2, Article IV, To Add Division 5, Sections 2-280 through 2-284, Recreation Advisory Commission

Comments were received from Council Members Spicer, Lawler and City Attorney Harkness

Council Member Lawler asked to AMEND the motion and add that the membership requirement for the commission should be appointed by each of the Council Members from their precinct to the committee and to also change Section 2-281: Members -from five (5) members to seven (7) members.

Comments were received from Council Members Spicer, Williamson, Lawler and Reid and City Manager McClary.

City Attorney Harkness stated that changing the number of members Section 2-281: Members -from five (5) members to seven (7) members would change the terms to the following:

Two members shall be appointed for a one-year term

Two members shall be appointed for a two-year term

Three members shall be appointed for a three-year term

**Council Member Williamson Called the Question*

Williamson moved, Smith supported, CARRIED, to Call the Question on amending the motion to add that the membership requirement for the commission should be appointed by each of the Council Members from their precinct to the committee and to also change Section 2-281: Members -from five (5) members to seven (7) members. (6-0, vv)

Lawler moved, Spicer supported, **FAILED**, to AMEND the motion and add that the membership requirement for the commission should be appointed by each of the Council Members from their precinct to the committee and to also change Section 2-281: Members -from five (5) members to seven (7) members. (2-4, rcv) (Williamson, Reid, Smith & Mayor Atchison dissenting)

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Members shall be residents of the city and an effort shall be made for the membership to reflect all precincts of the city

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Smith moved, Williamson supported, CARRIED, to Approve 1st Reading Ordinance # 2019-11, An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 2, Article IV, To Add Division 5, Sections 2-280 through 2-284, Recreation Advisory Commission changing the number of members Section 2-281: Members -from five (5) members to seven (7) members would change the terms to the following:

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G. Request Approval for Holland Park Sidewalk Improvement Project

Williamson moved, Lawler supported, CARRIED, to **TABLE** Holland Park Sidewalk Improvement Project until report is received from the committee. (6-0, vv)

H. Request Approval Boards & Commission Appointments:

- Johnathon Naracon, Initial Appointment, Albion Economic Development Corporation, Term to Expire 7-1-2024

Comments were received from Mayor Atchison

Williamson moved, Lawler supported, CARRIED, to Approve Johnathon Naracon, Initial Appointment, Albion Economic Development Corporation, Term to Expire 7-1-2024 as presented. (6-0, vv)

- I. Request Approval of Legislative Management Contract with iCompass for \$13,500.00

Comments were received from Council Members Smith and Williamson and City Manager McClary.

City Manager McClary recommended a three-year contract beginning January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2022.

Williamson moved, Spicer supported, CARRIED, To Approve Legislative Management Contract with iCompass for \$13,500.00 for a three-year contract beginning January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2022. (6-0, rcv)

- J. Request Approval for Acceptance of \$3500.00 Grant from Marshall Community Foundation for the Albion-Marshall Connector

Comments were received from Council Members Williamson, Lawler and Spicer; Mayor Atchison and City Manager McClary.

Smith moved, Williamson supported, CARRIED, To Approve Acceptance of \$3500.00 Grant from Marshall Community Foundation for the Albion-Marshall Connector as presented. (6-0, rcv)

XII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The following items were requested for the next agenda:

- Council Member Williamson asked to establish work group for sidewalks
- City Attorney Harkness asked for Discussion/1st Reading Ordinance to Establish Arts Commission
- Council Member Smith asked for the 2020 fee schedule

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 Sonya Brown, 713 Orchard Dr; David Gilbert, Calhoun County Prosecutor; Gary Tompkins, Calhoun County Commissioner and Council Member Lawler.

XIV. CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager McClary included a written report in the Council packets detailing the following:

- Attendance at Meetings
- FY 2020 Budget Preparation
- Albion Community Gardens Property Assessment
- Irwin Avenue Reconstruction Project Update
- BidNet/MITN Purchasing Group Membership
- City Manager Goals & Priorities
- Sidewalk Program Fund
- Recycling Center Agreement with County
- Claim of Injury
- Upcoming Agenda Items

XV. MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS

Comments were received from Council Members Smith, Lawler and Williamson; Mayor Atchison and City Manager McClary.

XVI. EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBER (S)

Williamson moved, Reid supported, CARRIED, To Excuse Council Member Clark (1). (6-0, vv)

XVII. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Lenn Reid (2); Al Smith (3); Marcola Lawler (4); Jeanette Spicer (5); Shane Williamson (6) and Mayor Atchison.

ABSENT: Vicky Clark (1)

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

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

Mayor Atchison adjourned the Regular Session at 9:06 p.m.

Date

Jill Domingo
City Clerk