

City of Albion  
Council Session Minutes  
March 19, 2018

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Brown called the 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:

Sheryl Mitchell, City Manager; Stacey Levin, Assistant City Manager; Cullen Harkness, City Attorney; Scott Kipp, Chief Public Safety; Jim Lenardson, Director Public Services; and Tom Mead, Finance Director

*Brown moved, French supported, CARRIED, to **Amend** the Agenda and Add Item (E) under Consent Calendar-Flags on Graves. (7-0, vv)*

*Brown moved, Lawler supported, CARRIED, to **Amend** Item (C) Discussion-Medical Marihuana Dispensaries to Discussion/Approval of Medical Marihuana Dispensaries on the agenda. (6-1, rcv) (French dissenting).*

V. MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS

Comments were received from Council Members Reid, Lawler, Spicer and French and Mayor Brown.

VI. CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Mitchell announced that this would be her last attendance at a regular council meeting considering her resignation which is effective March 31, 2018 and shared information on Neighborhood Planning Councils.

VII. PRESENTATIONS

A. Proclamation for National Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Day

Mayor Brown presented a Proclamation for National Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Day to American Legion Post #55.

Comments were received from representative from American Legion Post #55.

B. Arbor Day Proclamation

Mayor Brown read aloud a Proclamation for Arbor Day.

VIII. PUBLIC HEARINGS-Albion River Trail Expansion II Grant

Mayor Brown opened the Public Hearing at 7:18 p.m.

No public comments were received.

Mayor Brown closed the Public Hearing at 7:20 p.m.

A. Request Approval Resolution #2018-08, Resolution Authorizing Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant Application for Albion River Trail Expansion II.

Comments were received from City Manager Mitchell who gave a brief overview of the grant application for the Albion River Trail Expansion II.

French moved, Reid supported, CARRIED, To Approve Resolution #2018-08, Resolution Authorizing Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant Application for Albion River Trail Expansion II as presented. (7-0, rcv)

IX. 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 Dr. Stacey Levin, Assistant City Manager; Tom Mead, Finance Director; Jim Lenardson, Director of Public Services; LaVada Weeks, 917 Luther Dr; Sandra Taylor, 1500 E. Michigan Avenue and Jim Stuart, 205 W. Oak St.

X. CONSENT CALENDAR (vv) (Items on Consent Calendar are vote4d on as one unit)

A. Approval Regular Session Minutes, March 5, 2018

B. Approval Special Session Minutes, March 12, 2018

C. Approval Special Session Minutes, March 13, 2018

- D. Approval for Knights of Columbus, Annual Statewide Tootsie Roll Drive on March 23, 24 & 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018
- E. Approval to Place Flags on Veterans Graves

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

#### XI. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL DISCUSSION

- A. Discussion Ordinance # 2018-02, An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 30, Article II, Section (s) 30-26 through 30-28, 30-30 through 30-36, to add sections 30-37 through 30-39 to Article II of Chapter 30

Director of Public Services Lenardson and Cemetery Sexton Patrick Miller gave a brief overview of the ordinance and why it was needed. The ordinance will expand the current rules and regulations and make it easier to enforce.

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

French moved, Spicer supported, CARRIED, to Approve 1<sup>st</sup> Reading Ordinance # 2018-02, An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 30, Article II, Section (s) 30-26 through 30-28, 30-30 through 30-36, to add sections 30-37 through 30-39 to Article II of Chapter 30 as presented. (7-0, rcv)

- B. Request Approval Resolution # 2018-09, A Resolution to Approve Amendment to Schedule of Fees to Include New Cemetery Fees (RCV)

City Manager Mitchell explained the cemetery fees had not been raised in a several years. She asked to amend the resolution to include a 25% discount on multiple lot purchases of twelve (12) or more.

Comments were received from Council Member Spicer and Mayor Brown.

French moved, Spicer supported, CARRIED, to **Amend** Resolution # 2018-09, A Resolution to Approve Amendment to Schedule of Fees to Include New Cemetery Fees to Include a 25% on multiple lot purchases of twelve (12) or more. (7-0, rcv)

French moved, Spicer supported, CARRIED, to Approve Resolution # 2018-09, A Resolution to Approve Amendment to Schedule of Fees to Include New Cemetery Fees including a 25% on multiple lot purchases of twelve (12) or more.

- C. Discussion/Approval Medical Marijuana Dispensaries (RCV)

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

Brown moved, Barnes supported, CARRIED, to Approve Medical Marijuana Dispensaries in the City of Albion. (4-3, rcv) (Reid, Spicer, French dissenting).

#### D. Discussion-Community Development Corporations

Mayor Brown stated he would like to start the Community Development Corporations to overlap with the Rising Tide Project.

City Manager Mitchell stated clarification would be needed to differentiate between the Neighborhood Planning Council and the Community Development Corporations.

Mayor Brown stated the Community Development Corporations are incorporated and may provide legal access to funding that would be helpful. He would like this to be part of the Council goal setting session as goals the Council had previously set were relative to neighborhood stabilization and food access.

Council Member French stated Community Development Corporations are generally created if there is a real need in the community that entities currently in place are not meeting.

#### E. Request Approval for Quote/Proposal for Pre-Demolition & Asbestos Inspection for 608 Austin Avenue (RCV)

Comments were received from Council Members Barnes, Brown and Spicer; City Manager Mitchell and Mayor Brown.

French moved, Brown supported, CARRIED, To **Amend** Motion to Add a \$2,000 limit. (7-0, rcv)

Barnes moved, Brown supported, CARRIED, To Approve Quote/Proposal for Pre-Demolition & Asbestos Inspection with a \$2,000 limit for 608 Austin Avenue. (7-0, rcv)

#### F. Request Approval of Land Lease Agreement with NEW PAR, a Delaware Partnership d/b/a/ Verizon Wireless (RCV)

Comments were received from City Manager Mitchell.

French moved, Reid supported, CARRIED, to Approve Land Lease Agreement with NEW PAR, a Delaware Partnership d/b/a/ Verizon Wireless as presented. (7-0, rcv)

G. Discussion/Approval of Project Rising Tide Communities-Joint Memorandum of Understanding (RCV)

Comments were received from City Manager Mitchell.

French moved, Reid supported, CARRIED, to Approve Project Rising Tide Communities-Joint Memorandum of Understanding as presented. (7-0, rcv)

H. Request Approval for Selection of Candidates for Interim City Manager Position (RCV)

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

*Council Member French moved to Call the Question.*

French moved, Barnes supported, CARRIED, To Call the Question on Approval of Selection of Candidates for Interim City Manager Position. (7-0, rcv)

Brown moved, Lawler supported, CARRIED, to Approve Chief Scott Kipp and Amy Robertson as Interview Candidates for the Interim City Manager Position. (5-2, rcv) (Barnes and Reid dissenting).

I. Request Approval of Albion-Marshall Connector Agreement and Authorization of Payment (RCV)

Comments were received from Council Member Lawler, City Manager Mitchell and Mayor Brown.

French moved, Brown supported, CARRIED, To Approve Albion-Marshall Connector Agreement and Authorization of Payment as presented. (6-1, rcv) (Barnes dissenting).

XII. Future Agenda Items

- Mayor Brown asked for a Special Council meeting on Thursday, March 22, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. to interview Interim City Manager Candidates
- City Attorney Harkness asked for a Discussion on Medical Marijuana Dispensaries ordinance to the April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 Council meeting
- Council Member French asked for a Proclamation & certificates for the National Mayor and County Recognition Day for National Service be added to the April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 Council meeting
- Council Member Lawler asked if Krista Trout-Edwards, Director Calhoun County Land Bank would give an update on the Union Steel property
- Council Member Brown asked for a 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday proclamation be added to the April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 Council meeting

- Council Member French asked for a discussion/approval for the MML to be the consultant for the City Manager Search
- Council Member Brown asked for an EDC update at the April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 Council meeting.

XIII. Motion to Excuse Absent Council Member (s)

No action was necessary as all members were present.

XIV. 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 Chris Herweyer, 400 E Cass St; Wayne Arnold, 906 Hall St; Eric Worley, 420 Allen Place; Karen Yankie, 104 Irwin Avenue and Jim Stuart, 205 W. Oak St.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Brown moved, Spicer supported, CARRIED, to ADJOURN Regular Council Session. (7-0, vv).

Mayor Brown adjourned the Regular Session at 8:19 p.m.

March 22, 2018

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Date

\*\*Minutes were taken by Stacey Levin, Assistant City Manager