

City of Albion
Council Session Minutes
March 5, 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; Jill Domingo, City Clerk; Scott Kipp, Chief Public Safety; Jim Lenardson, Director Public Services; Tom Mead, Finance Director and John Tracy, Director Planning, Building & Code Enforcement.

V. MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS

Comments were received from Mayor Brown.

VI. CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Mitchell updated the Council on the following items:

- Albion Legislative Day - A meeting with legislators and administrators in Lansing is being scheduled for March 14, 2018. The Mayor and Council Members are invited to participate in the planning session on March 8th and Legislative Day on March 14th
- Council Goal Setting Session - Was attempting to look at a date the week of March 5th. Only heard from 2 council members. Is there a preferred date for scheduling this work session?

- Council Rules - asked for Council availability the week of March 12th_ Three council members have indicated they are available on Monday, March 12th at 7pm. Does council wish to schedule the meeting for this date?
- MML 16/50 Initiative - MML has invited me to participate in this new initiative. The 16/50 Initiative name was developed to highlight that although the general population of women in the state of Michigan is 50.8% [2], a mere 16% of Michigan municipal managers are women. The focus on the unique skills and challenges that women bring to and face in the profession, the 16/50 Initiative will work to deliver impactful education and awareness to remove barriers for women seeking the highest level of the profession and provide exclusive professional development opportunities.
- MSU Extension - Civic Democracy Project - The next planning meeting is scheduled for March 23rd at 1 pm. Everyone is welcomed to attend.
- Zoning Re-Write - The next meeting is scheduled for March 15 at 7pm.
- Greater Albion Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Bureau - The Annual Meeting and Awards Ceremony is March 21st at 6pm at Duck Lake Country Club. Tickets are \$35.
- Albion Marshall Connector Meeting - Scheduled for March 27 at 11am at Marshall City Hall.

VII. PRESENTATIONS

A. Oath of Office-PSO Officer Collin Morgan

Chief Kipp introduced Public Safety Officer Collin Morgan and gave a brief background. Chief Kipp stated we were able to hire PSO Morgan due to the Community Policing grant the City received.

Clerk Domingo administered the oath of office to PSO Morgan.

PSO Morgan's girlfriend and son pinned his badge.

VIII. PUBLIC HEARINGS-None

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

Comments were received from Lonnie Brewer, 1200 Hillside Rd, Apt. 9; Mike Bearman, 11016 29 Mile Rd; John Face, 812 N. Eaton St; Moleda Johnson, 902 Boyd Dr; Lavishia McDonald, 309 Crandall St and Shinetta Brewer, 1319 Hillside Rd.

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

A. Approval Regular Session Minutes-February 20, 2018

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

XI. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL DISCUSSION

- A. Discussion/Approval of Agreement to Convey Property After Demolition (Dalrymple School Property) (RCV)

Comments were received from Council Members French and Brown; Mayor Brown; Krista Trout-Edwards, Calhoun County Land Bank Director and Brian Wensauer, Calhoun County Treasurer.

French moved, Brown supported, CARRIED, To Approve Agreement to Convey Property After Demolition (Dalrymple School Property) as presented. (7-0, rcv)

- B. Request Approval Ordinance # 2018-03, An Ordinance to Amend Article V of Chapter 22, Section 22-205, of the Albion Code of Ordinances, Medical Marihuana Facilities License Applications Evaluation (RCV)

Comments were received from Mayor Brown and Attorney Harkness.

French moved, Brown supported, CARRIED, To Approve Ordinance # 2018-03, An Ordinance to Amend Article V of Chapter 22, Section 22-205, of the Albion Code of Ordinances, Medical Marihuana Facilities License Applications Evaluation as presented. (7-0, rcv)

- C. Request Approval Resolution # 2018-06, To Approve the Awarding of Water Tower Repainting Bid to Seven Brothers Painting, Inc. (RCV)

Comments were received from Council Member French and City Manager Mitchell.

French moved, Lawler supported, CARRIED, to Approve Resolution # 2018-06, To Approve the Awarding of Water Tower Repainting Bid to Seven Brothers Painting, Inc. as presented. (7-0, rcv)

- D. Request Approval Resolution # 2018-07, To Set Medical Marihuana License Fees (RCV)

Comments were received from Council Member French and Attorney Harkness.

French moved, Brown supported, CARRIED, To Approve Resolution # 2018-07, To Set Medical Marihuana License Fees as presented. (7-0, rcv)

- E. Request Approval 2017 Planning Commission Report (RCV)

Comments were received from City Manager Mitchell.

French moved, Reid supported, CARRIED, to Approve 2017 Planning Commission Report as presented. (7-0, rcv)

F. Request Approval of Demolition of 608 Austin Avenue from Solid Waste Funds (RCV)

Comments were received from Council Members Barnes, Brown, French and Spicer and Director of Planning, Building & Code Enforcement Tracy.

Council Member French asked to postpone Approval of Demolition of 608 Austin Avenue from Solid Waste Funds until additional information can be obtained.

Comments were received from Council Members Barnes, Spicer and Brown and Director of Planning, Building & Code Enforcement Tracy.

French moved, Spicer supported, CARRIED, to Postpone Approval of Demolition of 608 Austin Avenue from Solid Waste Funds until additional information can be obtained. (7-0, vv)

Council Member Brown asked to amend the motion to Postpone Approval of Demolition of 608 Austin Avenue from Solid Waste Funds until additional information can be obtained and add having an environmental assessment done on the property with cost of environmental assessment being taken from the solid waste fund.

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

Additional comments were received from Director of Planning, Building & Code Enforcement Tracy stating he will try to have the environmental assessment done for the next Council meeting.

Brown moved, French supported, CARRIED, to Approve Postponement of Demolition of 608 Austin Avenue from Solid Waste Funds until additional information can be obtained and an environmental assessment done on the property with cost of the environmental assessment being taken from the solid waste fund. (7-0, rcv)

G. Request Approval of MML Registration Fees for Council Members (RCV)

Comments were received from Mayor Brown.

French moved, Brown supported, CARRIED, to Approve MML Registration Fees for Council Members as presented. (7-0, rcv)

H. Request Approval Boards & Commissions Initial Appointment (RCV)

- Albert Amos, Planning Commission, Initial Appointment, Term to Expire 12-31-2020

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

Council Member Brown called for Point of Order to stay on topic of appointment of Albert Amos to the Planning Commission.

Spicer moved, Brown supported, CARRIED, to Albert Amos, Planning Commission, Initial Appointment, Term to Expire 12-31-2020 as presented. (4-3, rcv) (Reid, French and Barnes dissenting).

I. Request Approval of Engagement Agreement with Attorney Scott Smith of Dickinson Wright in Connection with the Review of Council Rules of Procedure (RCV)

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

Brown moved, Spicer supported, CARRIED, to Approve Engagement Agreement with Attorney Scott Smith of Dickinson Wright in Connection with the Review of Council Rules of Procedure as presented. (6-1, rcv) (Barnes dissenting).

J. Discussion-Discussion Regarding Project Rising Tide Kickoff and Invitations

Mayor Brown stated the Project Rising Tide Program is an initiative to provide communities with the tools they need to design and build a successful economic framework. It supports the development of vibrant, thriving communities to attract business investment and talent by creating a sustainable path toward economic stability and growth. The initial meeting will be a roundtable discussion with the Governor and a panel of community members and stakeholders.

Council Member French asked Mayor Brown for clarification on how the initial list was comprised.

Mayor Brown stated he solicited names from City Manager Mitchell, EDC Director Deprez and the Council. Once the names were submitted, Mayor Brown compiled the list. He tried to prioritize community voices with demographics, no redundancies, to allow space for reasonable disagreements and a broad understanding of the EDC and downtown corridor. This is an opportunity for community members to have a voice.

Council Member Barnes asked to be removed from the list to allow Amy Deprez, EDC Director to be a part of the meeting.

Council Member Lawler felt the list was carefully put together and appreciated the opportunity for input. It was a good job.

Council Member Spicer is excited at the prospect of the meeting to help Leaders of the Community to assess what type of assistance is needed. Feels this is moving in a positive direction for Albion.

City Manager Mitchell stated there are two (2) levels of participation. The panel group is able to communicate with the Governor while others will be in the audience. There is a limited number of seats for the meeting. She stated Mayor Brown had checked with Attorney Scott Smith and it was the Council's decision to affirm the list of potential panelists. You may not want to have too many representatives from small businesses and feels it is imperative that EDC Amy Deprez is on the panel instead of in the audience.

Council Member Spicer asked if the meeting will be videotaped? That is uncertain but the media will be at the meeting.

Mayor Brown stated he has chosen the Planning Commission Chair; EDC Chair; DDA Chair and ARC Chair as representation. He was being cautious in not having too many representatives from one project.

Barnes, moved, Spicer supported, CARRIED, to Approve the List for the Project Rising Tide Initial Round Table Meeting with the Governor with the Addition of EDC Director Amy Deprez as a Panelist. (7-0, rcv)

K. Discussion-Community Development Organizations

Mayor Brown asked to postpone this discussion until further information is received by the Council.

French moved, Brown supported, CARRIED, to **Postpone** Discussion of Community Development Organizations until further information is received by the Council. (7-0, vv)

L. Discussion-Neighborhood Planning Council

City Manager Mitchell stated Andrew Texel, AmeriCorps Vista member is moving forward with the Neighborhood Planning Council which are groups of citizens who reside in the same neighborhood who meet to discuss, plan, and take action on issues and opportunities in their neighborhood. NPCs can act as a platform for neighborhood residents to voice their opinions to Albion city staff, elected officials, and other stakeholders in the community. Mr. Texel will be setting up individual meetings with the Mayor and Council to discuss questions and concerns they may have. A resolution will be introduced at the next Council meeting. An all precinct meeting will be held in April. Some of the discussion items will be what are the elements of the re-zoning, what type of housing developments are needed, neighborhood policing, rehabilitation and beautification. This initiative will provide feedback for the Mayor and Council to find ways to move forward.

The Neighborhood Planning Council membership is open to everyone in all precincts. The Mayor and Council Members are ex-officio members.

Comments were received from Council Member French and Mayor Brown.

XII. Future Agenda Items

- Council Member Brown asked to have a discussion on medical marijuana dispensaries added to the next agenda.
- City Attorney Harkness asked for discussion on an amendment to the Cemetery ordinance added the next agenda.
- Mayor Brown asked for a discussion on community development corporations added to the next agenda.

Mayor Brown asked to have the Council Goal Setting Study Session on Monday, March 12, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

The consensus of the Council is to set Monday, March 12, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers as the Council Goal Setting Study Session.

XIII. Motion to Excuse Absent Council Member (s) (VV)

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 Lavada Weeks, 917 Luther Dr; Clarissa Lewis, 712 Hoaglin Dr; Victoria Williams, 707 Orchard Dr; Robbie Patterson, 412 E. Porter St; Gary Tompkins, Calhoun County Commissioner; Mike Bearman, 11016 29 Mile Rd; Ronnie Sims, 710 W. Erie St; AL Smith, 1209 Adams St; Louis Theriot, 803 S. Superior

St; Lonnie Brewer, 1200 Hillside Rd Apt 9; Lashea Brewer, 309 Booth Dr; Wanda Kemp, 703 Valhalla Dr and Mayor Brown.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

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

Mayor Brown adjourned the Regular Session at 9:10 p.m.

Date

Jill Domingo
City Clerk