

City of Albion  
Study Session Minutes  
April 29, 2019

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Atchison opened the study session at 6:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Vicky Clark (1), Lenn Reid (2), Sonya Brown (3); Marcola Lawler (4), Jeanette Spicer (5), Shane Williamson (6) and Mayor Atchison.

ABSENT: All members were present.

STAFF PRESENT:

Scott Kipp, Interim City Manager/Chief Public Safety; Jill Domingo, City Clerk and Lauren Ferguson, Assistant City Attorney.

III. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL DISCUSSION

A. Initiatives Proposed by Council Members

Mayor and Council Member Goals & Priorities were as follows:

Mayor Atchison:

1. Integrated master plan for City infrastructure and establish funding for:

- Streets
- Wastewater
- Water
- Sidewalks
- Signage

Funding:

- USDA Grants currently being worked on
- 4-year low interest rate loan
- An asset management plan is currently being worked on

Engineering services to assess street quality

Funding:

- Increase street millage which expires in 2020
- Re-Allocating budget monies to improve maintenance of streets

2. Economic Stimulus

- Create Corridor Improvement Authority for Austin and Eaton St. Corridors

3. Vibrant Recreation Program

Council Member Clark (1):

1. Hire City Manager
2. Economic Stimulus for Austin St. / Eaton St. /Michigan Avenue
3. Youth/Recreation-Creating a Work/Earn/Play program
4. Parolee community service-work program
5. Housing & entryways into the City
6. Rental Certification

Council Member Reid (2):

1. Exterior Clean-Up
2. City Wide Clean-Up date for 2020
3. Recreation
4. Tree Removal Clean-up
5. Remove leaves on the sides of streets
6. Youth or church groups to help senior citizens with clean-up
7. Clean up woods by Johnson's Day Care
8. Centralized Volunteer Coordination Program

Council Member Brown (3):

1. Hire City Manager
2. Rental Certification
3. Infrastructure Plan & Funding:  
Funding Options:
  - Economic Development Opportunities
  - Grants
  - Loans
4. Keep tax dollars in town
5. Workforce Development
6. Local Transportation
7. Economic Development-Austin St. /Eaton St. /Michigan Avenue
8. Community Center/Youth Programming/Recreation
9. Demolition of blighted buildings
10. Albion Street Bridge
11. Clean up woods by Johnson's Daycare
12. Affordable Housing
13. Code Enforcement

Council Member Lawler (4):

1. Attract new businesses to the City
2. Demolish Union Steel Building
3. Senior Housing
4. Sewer/Water Infrastructure
5. Youth/Recreation
6. City Wide Trash Service/Review Contract

Council Member Spicer (5):

1. Repair East Broadwell Street
2. Caldwell School utilization of empty lot
3. City Wide Communication Tool
4. Second Grocery Store
5. Water Tower
6. Exterior Clean-up/Painting Program for Blight Elimination

Council Member Williamson (6):

1. Hire City Manager
2. Infrastructure Plan
3. Recreation
4. Rental Certification
5. Senior Housing

Additional comments were received from Interim City Manager/Chief Public Safety Kipp.

**B. Select Initiatives Priority # 1 thru #6**

Mayor Atchison stated he would compile a list that will be sent to the Council to set long and short-term goals. Council should prioritize four (4) long term and four (4) short-term goals. The Council will discuss and approve long and short-term goals at the next Council meeting.

Comments were received from Council Members Clark, Lawler, Brown, Spicer, Reid and Williamson; Mayor Atchison and Interim City Manager/Chief Public Safety Kipp.

**IV. 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 Garrett Brown, 1016 S. Superior St and Mike Bearman, 1209 Barnes St.

**V. CITY MANAGER REPORT-None**

**VI. MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

Comments were received from Council Members Lawler and Spicer.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

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

Mayor Atchison adjourned the Study Session at 7:05 p.m.

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Date

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Jill Domingo  
City Clerk