

City of Albion
Council Session Minutes
August 19, 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: 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; Haley Snyder, Interim Assistant City Manager/Deputy Clerk/Treasurer; Cullen Harkness, City Attorney; Lauren Ferguson, Assistant City Manager; Jill Domingo, City Clerk; Kent Phillips, Acting Interim Public Services Director and Tom Mead, Finance Director.

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

Mayor Atchison asked for the following changes to the agenda:

1. Add 4-H Creative and Performing Arts Presentation
2. Move Agenda Item H (Request Approval for \$7795.00 to Send New Public Safety Officer to the Police Academy at Lansing Community College) to Agenda Item A

Williamson moved, Brown supported, CARRIED, to Approve the Agenda with the above changes. (7-0, vv)

VI. PRESENTATIONS

A. Albion Farmers Market Update-Ms. Laura Overholt, EDC

Laura Overholt, Food Hub/Farmers Market Manager provided Council with the following update:

- The produce vendors have been struggling this year; however, they have secured eight (8) new vendors for the market
- Landscaping work has been done to spruce up Stoffer Plaza
- Bridge Cards are accepted/you will receive two times the produce for each dollar spent
- This Wednesday, the Farmers Market will be providing a yoga class beginning at 5:00 p.m.
- They have arts & crafts vendors
- The market has doubled in number of vendors and customers
- New hours are Wednesday from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- They are also working at obtaining food that can be purchased at the market
- The last two Wednesdays, they have had 15-16 vendors
- Wednesday hours will end the end of September; Saturday hours will remain until the end of October
- The 2nd Thursday of each month, the Food Hub provides a food giveaway

Comments were received from Council Members Brown, Spicer, Williamson and Clark and Mayor Atchison.

B. 4-H Creative and Performing Arts

Marquetta Frost and Sherry Grice updated the Council on the 4-H Creative and Performing Arts program as follows:

- On Tuesday, August 20th, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the Bohm Theatre, the children from the 4-H Creative and Performing Arts program will perform an original production called "Albion's 1st" and will highlight several of Albion's first such as the T-Ball Program and Mother's Day. There is a \$5.00 admission and any and all donations are welcome
- The play was researched and written by the kids in the program
- Thirty (30) children are enrolled in the program which runs for 6 weeks
- The 4-H Creative and Performing Arts program has been running for over twenty (20) years
- The program also provides leadership mentoring
- They will be providing performances at 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. on Collaboration Corner for the Walk the Beat festival being held this weekend

Comments were received from Council Members Reid, Spicer, Brown and Clark and Mayor Atchison.

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.)

No public comments were received.

IX. CLOSED SESSION- The City Attorney requests a Closed Session under the Open Meetings Act (Section 15.268 (a), P.A. 267 of 1976, as amended) to consider the dismissal, suspension, disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, or to consider a periodic personnel evaluation of a public officer, employee or staff member of individual agent, if the named person requests a Closed Hearing.

Brown moved, Williamson supported, CARRIED to adjourn to Closed Session. (7-0, rcv)

Mayor Atchison adjourned to closed session at 7:25 p.m.

Mayor Atchison re-convened the special session at 7:46 p.m.

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

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

- A. Approval Special Session Minutes, August 1, 2019
- B. Approval Regular Session Minutes, August 5, 2019

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

XI. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL DISCUSSION

- A. Request Approval for \$7795.00 to Send New Public Safety Officer to the Police Academy at Lansing Community College

Comments were received from Council Members Lawler and Brown and Interim City Manager/Chief Public Safety Kipp.

Williamson moved, Brown supported, CARRIED to Approve \$7795.00 to Send New Public Safety Officer to the Police Academy at Lansing Community College as presented. (7-0, rcv)

- B. Request Approval 2nd Reading & Adoption Ordinance # 2019-06, An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance 58-165, Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages in Public Places

Comments were received from City Attorney Harkness.

Williamson moved, Brown supported, CARRIED, To Approve 2nd Reading & Adoption Ordinance # 2019-06, An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance 58-165, Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages in Public Places. (6-1, rcv) (Reid dissenting)

- C. Update on Dalrymple Property

Interim Public Services Director Phillips stated the stakes have been placed and caution tape will be placed along the perimeter of the property, signs are ordered and millings to create the path should be completed in the next few weeks. The danger and contaminated property signs were ordered last Friday.

Council Member Brown asked to have two (2) recommendations for a more permanent solution along with quotes for cost and a timeline for completion of the project.

Comments were received from Council Members Clark and Reid and Interim City Manager/Chief Public Safety Kipp.

- D. Request Approval 1st Reading Ordinance # 2019-07, An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance 58-167, Drug Paraphernalia

Comments were received from Council Member Clark, City Attorney Harkness and Interim City Manager/Chief Public Safety Kipp.

Brown moved, Spicer supported, CARRIED to Approve 1st Reading Ordinance # 2019-07, An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance 58-167, Drug Paraphernalia as presented. (7-0, rcv)

- E. Discussion Speed Study on N. Eaton Street

Interim City Manager/Chief Public Safety Kipp stated it is possible to have MDOT do a speed study on Eaton St., however if they find the average

speed higher than the posted speed, they will increase the speed limit to the average speed. Interim City Manager/Chief Public Safety Kipp researched the issue and stated there is a black box that can be purchased and posted in various areas of the City. The cost is approximately \$4,000. If purchased, the City would be able to do their own speed studies on various streets throughout the City. He will provide a quote for the cost of the black box at the next meeting.

Comments were received from Council Members Brown, Williamson, Spicer and Clark and Mayor Atchison.

- F. Request Approval Resolution # 2019-29, A Resolution to Designate Appropriate Methods of City Council Electronic Communications for Official Business

Comments were received from Council Member Brown.

Brown moved, Lawler supported, CARRIED to Approve Resolution # 2019-29, A Resolution to Designate Appropriate Methods of City Council Electronic Communications for Official Business as presented. (7-0, vv)

- G. Request Approval Resolution # 2019-30, To Approve Pursuing MDOT Transportation Economic Development Funds Category A Grant Application

Comments were received from Council Members Lawler, Brown, Williamson, Spicer and Clark; Interim City Manager/Chief Public Safety Kipp; Interim Assistant City Manager/Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Snyder; Mayor Atchison; Finance Director Mead and Acting Interim Public Services Director Phillips.

Council Member Lawler asked to Call to Question

Lawler moved, Spicer supported, CARRIED, to Call the Question. (7-0, rcv)

Williamson moved, Clark supported, CARRIED to Approve Resolution # 2019-30, To Approve Pursuing MDOT Transportation Economic Development Funds Category A Grant Application as presented. (4-3, rcv) (Lawler, Clark, Brown dissenting).

- H. Michigan Marijuana Regulatory Agency's "Public Forum" (Social Equity Outreach Program) on Thursday 29 August 2019 @ Ismon House

Mayor Atchison stated The Michigan Marijuana Regulatory Agency will be holding a public forum for the Social Equity Outreach Program on Thursday, August 29th, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Ismon House.

Member Brown asked if the meeting needed to be posted for possible quorum of the Council.

City Attorney Harkness stated he did not believe the meeting needs to be noticed. His understanding is that the purpose of the session on Thursday is for members of the state's licensing and Regulatory Affairs division to provide information on the social equity program. Council will be there to gather information and ask questions.

XII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The following items were requested for the next agenda:

- Council Member Brown asked for Darlymple Site Recommendations
- Interim City Manager/Chief Public Safety would provide quote for the City purchasing box to do our own speed studies
- Mayor Atchison asked for the following items:
 - Demolition of the Union Steel Building Presentation- Calhoun County Land Bank
 - Big Read Presentation-Jess Roberts
 - Discussion Tree City Designation
- Council Williamson asked for the following:
 - An update on the City's property
 - Trees being removed in the City

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Persons addressing the City Council shall limit their comments to no more than three (3) minutes. Proper decorum is required.)

Comment were received from Garrett Brown, 1016 S. Superior St and Calhoun County Commissioner Gary Tompkins.

XIV. CITY MANAGER REPORT

Interim City Manager/Chief Public Safety Kipp provided the following City Manager Report:

- The North Street project will be wrapping up in the next two weeks
- Irwin Avenue project started last Monday

XV. MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS

Comments were received from Council Members Lawler and Williamson and Mayor Atchison.

XVI. EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBER (S)

No action was necessary as all members were present.

XVII. 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

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

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

Mayor Atchison adjourned the Regular Session at 9:14 p.m.

Date

Jill Domingo
City Clerk