

City of Albion
Council Session Minutes
September 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: Vicky Clark (1), Lenn Reid (2); Sonya Brown (3); Jeanette Spicer (5), and Mayor Atchison. Shane Williamson (6) arrived at 7:05 p.m.

ABSENT: Marcola Lawler (4)

STAFF PRESENT:

Scott Kipp, Interim City Manager/Chief Public Safety; Cullen Harkness, City Attorney; Jill Domingo, City Clerk; Kent Phillips, Acting Interim Public Service Director.

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

Mayor Atchison asked to removed Items C & D from Items for Individual Discussion.

Reid moved, Spicer supported, CARRIED, to Approve the Agenda with the above correction. (5-0, vv)

VI. PRESENTATIONS

A. Restoration of the Coca Cola Sign-Linda Kolmodin

Linda Kolmodin gave the following update of the Coca Cola Sign Restoration:

- \$50,000 needs to be raised to match a State Patronicity grant which will be used for the restoration of the Coca Cola sign; a Malleable Mural and a Tee Ball Statue
- Only towns with bottling companies in town have received funding for restoration of the signs from Coca-Cola

- The cost of the sign is expensive as it is being restored not just repainted; the use of specialized equipment due to the location of the sign being over the river and OSHA and EPA requirements
- Grants and funding will be handled by the Albion Community Foundation
- The Malleable Mural will be located on the back of the Albion Malleable Brewery company as this was a fitting choice for a mural celebrating the backbone of the foundry industry in Albion
- The Tee Ball Statue will be a metal statue of an Albion six-year old player standing at the batting tee and will be placed on a new beautification lot on South Superior Street honoring Jerry Sacharski one of the founders of pee-wee baseball. On June 25, 1956, Albion held the first organized baseball game using this tee.
- There will be a kick-off event on Thursday, September 19th, 2019 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the Ludington Center, 101 N. Superior St. She invites the community to come in have a coke and some popcorn and learn more about the projects.

Comments were received from Council Member Clark and Spicer 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 (h), P.A. 267 of 1976, as amended) to consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute.

Spicer moved, Reid supported, CARRIED to adjourn to Closed Session. (6-0, rcv)

Mayor Atchison adjourned to closed session at 7:14 p.m.

Mayor Atchison re-convened the regular session at 7:20 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT: Marcola Lawler (4)

- X. CONSENT CALENDAR (VV) Items on the Consent Calendar are voted on as one unit)
- A. Approval Study Session Minutes, September 3, 2019
 - B. Approval Regular Session Minutes, September 3, 2019
 - C. Approval of Assembly Permit for Festival of the Forks on September 20th & 21st, 2019

Williamson moved, Brown supported, CARRIED, to Approve the Consent Calendar as presented. (6-0, vv)

XI. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL DISCUSSION

A. Discussion/Approval Dalrymple Site Recommendations

Council Member Brown stated that most of the residents she spoke to that live in the area of the Dalrymple School are not in favor of a fence surrounding the property but would like to have a path. She also asked whether the lawn and snow removal would be kept up by the City.

Acting Interim Director Public Services Phillips stated the City would mow two passes on either side of the path and would remove snow from the path. The path will run east to west (Dalrymple to Ann Street). The path and signs will be complete by the 2nd week of October.

Interim City Manager/Chief Public Safety Kipp stated when the actual school was removed from the site, contaminated dirt was hauled out and was replaced with fill.

Additional comments were received from Council Members Clark, Spicer and Reid and Mayor Atchison.

Brown moved, Clark supported, CARRIED to Authorize the City to Install a Mill Path (east to west), Signs and Garbage Cans on the Dalrymple Site. (6-0, rcv)

B. Request Approval GovHr Settlement Agreement

Williamson moved, Brown supported, CARRIED, To Approve GovHr Settlement Agreement as presented. (6-0, rcv)

C. Discussion/Approval Replacement of Drinking Fountain at Holland Park

***This item was removed from the agenda.*

D. Discussion/Approval \$950.00 to Install Pipe and Connections to Maintain Landscape at Holland Park

***This item was removed from the agenda.*

E. Request Approval City Manager Contract

Comments were received from Council Members Williamson and Brown, City Attorney Harkness and Mayor Atchison.

Williamson moved, Brown supported, CARRIED, to Approve City Manager Contract as presented. (6-0, rcv)

XII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The following items were requested for the next agenda:

City Attorney Harkness requested the following items for the next agenda:

- A resolution to amend the City's retirement plan
- An amendment to the vaping ordinance due to a change in State law

Council Member Clark asked for a Habitat for Humanity presentation

Council Member Reid asked for the following:

- Discussion/Approval Replacement of Drinking Fountain at Holland Park
- Discussion/Approval \$950.00 to Install Pipe and Connections to Maintain Landscape at Holland Park

Interim City Manager/Chief Public Safety asked for a Community Policing Update Presentation

Mayor Atchison asked for the following items:

- Kids -N- Stuff Presentation
- Discussion Littering Ordinance
- Discussion Dog Ordinance

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 Sybil Sanders, 606 W. Center St; Al Smith, 1209 Adams St; Calhoun County Commissioner Gary Tompkins and Juanita Solis-Kidder, 1211 Edwards St.

XIV. CITY MANAGER REPORT

No City Manager report was given.

XV. MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS

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

XVI. EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBER (S)

Brown moved, Spicer supported, CARRIED, To Excuse Council Member Lawler (4). (6-0, vv)

XVII. ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT: Marcola Lawler (4)

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

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

Mayor Atchison adjourned the Regular Session at 8:11 p.m.

Date

Jill Domingo
City Clerk