

Resolution #2020-40

To Establish the Community Partnership Program in Albion

WHEREAS, neighborhood cleanups to remove trash, sweep sidewalks, clear curb gutters, and refresh fire hydrant paint often raise residents' spirits and encourage community economic and social development; and

WHEREAS, studies show when individuals participate in keeping their neighborhoods clean and in good condition, they develop a sense of personal ownership which raises that individuals' sense of community and an enhanced feeling of safety in their neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, municipalities are increasingly turning to community service, volunteerism and Public Private Partnerships as cost-effective strategies to deliver improved municipal services; and

WHEREAS, Albion has a multitude of civic and faith-based organizations as well as actively engaged businesses and individuals, all motivated by a strong commitment to public service and improving the quality of life for our entire community; and

WHEREAS, Albion municipal staffing is limited and city resources are not adequate to meet all community demands, implementing a Public Private Partnerships will be a resource multiplier and incorporate our community's predisposition for community service and volunteerism to improve municipal services and in some areas free municipal employees for more pressing tasks; and

WHEREAS, establishing a formal Public Private Partnership program will encourage local businesses, civic organizations and faith institutions to mobilize volunteers; and

WHEREAS, when members of the public step forward and take responsibility for maintaining our city's public spaces and assisting in basic services, it shows pride in **Albion** and inspires others to do their part too; and

WHEREAS, volunteering increases self-confidence; that doing good for others and the community provides a natural sense of accomplishment; that volunteering gives us a sense of pride and identity; and

WHEREAS, city programs which promote volunteerism as part of a broader community change strategy, encourage people to become a part of lasting, local solutions. Over time this results in a ripple of positive change that lifts up our entire community and. has great potential for solving community challenges.

Council Member Mayor Atchison moved, supported by Council Member Smith, to approve the following resolution.

RESOLVED, the City of Albion hereby establishes a Community Partnership Program (CPP) to encourage local businesses, civic organizations, faith institutions and individuals to mobilize volunteer efforts to cleanup vacant lots, alleyways, parks, playgrounds, residential blocks, parking lots, paint fire hydrants, clean curbs and perform basic municipal services on a voluntary basis.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City of Albion supports the proposition that loaning tools and supplies to volunteers to clean and maintain their neighborhoods, or incorporating volunteers to assist in basic municipal functions are cost-effective methods of expanding our city's ability to maintain city infrastructure, support our residents, and build community spirit.

I certify that the above resolution was adopted on July 20, 2020, in a regular session of the Albion City Council and this is a true copy of that resolution.

Ayes 6

Nays 0

Absent 1 (Lauder)

Jill Domingo / 7-20-2020
Jill Domingo, Albion City Clerk / Date