

City of Allegan
City Council Study Session Minutes

Monday, February 24, 2020 at 6:00 P.M
City Council Chambers, 231 Trowbridge Street
Allegan, MI 49010

I. Call to order

Mayor Perrigo called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

II. Public Comments

Charles Tripp was in attendance to discuss the Riverfront Bathroom project. Tripp noted he had concerns regarding the costs of the project and provided the Council and staff several inquiries regarding the approval process. It should be noted staff researched Tripp concerns and found not issues with the approval process.

III. Public Murals/Painting

City Manager, Dye, provided a PowerPoint presentation to the Council regarding the Public Spaces Commission topic of public Mural/Painting. The PSC has been discussing how to better regulate and promote the placement of murals throughout the City. The PSC believes murals in other communities add value to the building environment. Dye noted it was the recommendation of the PSC to ask the Council for direction and feedback regarding the idea of permitting & regulating the placement of Murals throughout the City.

A general discussion ensued regarding the presentation. Council comments included loving the ideas of having murals throughout the City, not the Councils place to regulate freedom of expression, appreciation of the PSC to promote placement, Council not wanting to stand in the way of public art, not on board with the City regulating the application process.

IV. Cemetery Rule

City Manager, Dye, provided a PowerPoint presentation to the Council regarding Cemetery Rules for Oakwood Cemetery. The Public Spaces Commission has been discussing updates to the rules governing the Cemetery. Part of the PSC discussions, the Commission engaged a group of members of the public to make several recommended changes to Chapter 8 of the Code of Ordinance. Dye noted the proposed amendments were provided in the Study Session Agenda Packet for Council review.

A general discussion ensued regarding the presentation. Council comments included hours of when the Cemetery is open to the public, topic of pets in the Cemetery, appreciation the PSC is looking at updating the Ordinance to accommodate a variety people on how they grieve, and honor loved one. The consensus of the Council was to discuss the topic on a future Study Session Agenda.

V. Safe Routs to School projects Update

City Manager, Dye, provided a PowerPoint presentation to the Council regarding Safe Routes to School Update. Dye noted the contractors awarded the bid of the project are, Milbocker & Son. The City was planning on having 26 lights installed along the sidewalks of Grant Street. The Council will have the opportunity to review the purchase order for the lights before Consumers Energy installs them.

VI. Adjournment

Mayor Perrigo adjourned the meeting at 6:57

Minutes submitted by: Christopher Tapper, City Clerk, City of Allegan