

Allegan City Council
Minutes
Allegan, MI 49010
July 16, 2018

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Stotmeister called the Special City Council meeting to order at 5:00PM.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Manning, Ingalsbee, Tripp, Perrigo, Manning, Mayor Pro tem Stotmeister

Absent: Morgan

Others Present: City Manager Joel Dye, City Clerk Danielle Bird, Community Development Coordinator Jordan Meagher, City Intern Benjamin Andrews.

Motion by Ingalsbee, supported by Perrigo, to excuse Patrick Morgan from the Special Council Meeting. Motion passed 5-0.

Council Member Morgan arrived at 5:03PM.

3. Public Comment

None

4. Discussion

4A.1 – Process for filling vacant council seat.

City Manager Dye explained City Council has 35 days to fill the current vacancy, which started on July 10. Staff put together a timeline to help Council fill the Vacancy.

- The person needs to be a registered elector of the City of Allegan for 6 Months.
- The deadline for electors to file an application is July 31, 2018.
- City Council will interview applicants during a special meeting on August 6, 2018 and select the applicant at the end of the special meeting.
- August 13, 2018 the new city council member will be sworn in.

Council Member Perrigo will be out of town.

Council Member Tripp recommended adding committee meetings on the

application.

Mayor Pro tem asked how this would be advertised. City Manager Dye stated it would be in the paper, social media, posted at City Hall and on the City Website.

Motion by Manning, supported by Morgan to approve the process for selecting the vacant council seat. Motion Passed 6-0.

4A.2 – Results from Board of Determination from Allegan County Drain Commission.

The Board of Determination voted to move forward with the District.

Max Kaylor of 668 Sherman is opposed to the drain district

Jeff Kaylor – Trowbridge Township Supervisor feels council should appeal their decision. The whole meeting struck him wrong. It would be beneficial to Trowbridge and Cheshire Residents if the City of Allegan were in the district.

City Manager Dye went over the Drain Code of 1956. The City can appeal within 20 days of receipt of notification by registered mail from the Drain commissioner. There is a filing fee of \$175.00

Council Member Morgan asked if any other Jurisdictions that are going to appeal this. He feels we should reach out to other municipalities and discuss this with them. The Engineer at the meeting said it would still look like a Natural Stream.

Council Member Ingalsbee it is like handing them a blank check. She feels the City should pay to fight this.

Council Member Manning this is effecting a natural stream.

Motion by Morgan supported by Ingalsbee to appeal the Trowbridge/Cheshire Drainage District.

Mayor Pro tem McKenzie asked if there is any further discussion on this.

Council Member Ingalsbee stated the creek is beautiful and does not see any issues doing any damage to structures.

City Manager Dye there is one resident that believes that the creek is eroding her yard.

Council Member Morgan this is a creek and there will be natural eroding.

Mayor Pro tem McKenzie does not like that there is no scope of what is going to be done.

With no further discussion, the Motion Passed 6-0.

4A.3 – Update on sale of City property on the corner of Sherman and Western

City Manager Dye gave an update on the current sale with Grocery Outlet. Waiting on the Title Commitment from Chicago Title, before the Property can be closed on. He received a phone call from a developer who was working with previous council before the market crashed on developing the neighborhood. The developer asked if the Grocery Outlet would sell to him.

Max Kaylor of 668 Sherman Street said the traffic is very bad when school gets out. He will take a different route to avoid the area.

Council Member Morgan the City should put a push on MDOT and is happy that Joel is looking what is best for everyone.

Council Member Manning before the current set up, people would fly through there until some was killed.

Council Member Ingalsbee asked if the City could put a traffic light.

City Manager Dye stated a traffic light needs to be warranted. There needs to be traffic studies that show the amount of vehicles, wrecks etc.

Council Member Tripp asked if there would be room for the Grocery Outlet with the plans that the developer has.

City Manager Dye explained that the Grocery Outlet is growing and the warehouse will be a distribution center to stock other stores.

4A.4 – Process of selecting an architecture firm for the design and construction management of the New City Hall.

The City Received seven bids. They showed the percentage of Guaranteed Maximum Price of 1.4 Million. Not all the firms provided all the information. Does Council want to interview firms.

Mayor Pro tem McKenzie suggest Council interviews all the firms.

Council Member Morgan if everything was not received in the bid, then why interview that firm.

City Manager Dye staff can suggest three or four firms to interview.

4A.5 – 2018 MML Conference discussion

The Conference is in Grand Rapids starting September 20th. Council is encouraged to go and learn and speak with other Council Members. Please contact Danielle about going and to get registered.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro tem McKenzie adjourned the meeting at 5:50PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by,



Danielle Bird
City Clerk