

Allegan, Michigan

August 22, 2016

Call to Order Mayor Ingalsbee called the regular meeting of the Allegan City Council to order at 7:00 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting Prayer Pastor Chris Timmer gave the prayer.

Roll Call

Present: Gratz, Leverage, Manning, McKenzie, Morgan, Tripp, Mayor Ingalsbee

Absent: None

Others

Present: City Clerk L. Vander Clay, Interim City Manager R. Hoyer

Approval of Minutes Councilmember McKenzie, supported by Councilmember Morgan, made a motion to approve the Regular City Council meeting minutes of August 8, 2016. Motion passed by acclamation. Councilmember McKenzie, supported by Councilmember Manning, made a motion to approve the Special City Council meeting minutes of August 17, 2016. Motion passed with Councilmembers Gratz, Morgan and Tripp abstaining.

Mayor's Report Mayor Ingalsbee is enjoying the weather.

City Manager's Report Interim R. Hoyer debriefed everyone about the tornado warnings that occurred last Saturday and what was learned from the experience.

Petitions and Public Comment

Communications Max Thiele, representing the Board of Review members, discussed his desire to increase the compensation for the members. He stated that in 2009 he requested the City Manager to increase the pay to \$200.00 per day per each member of the Board of Review. Finance Director T. Stull stated that Mr. Thiele questioned the amount of pay received by the board and he didn't think they were being paid the correct amount and is requesting back pay. Finance Director T. Stull received pay comparisons from surrounding communities which she provided to City Council and stated that Mr. Thiele had been paid with a paper check prior to 2012, and after 2012 with direct deposit. Councilmember Manning questioned that since 2009, you haven't been paid the right amount and you are just discovering this error. Mr. Thiele responded yes. He is requesting for the Board of Review members to be paid \$200.00 per day for all meetings of the Board of Review. Finance Director T. Stull recommendation is to pay the members what was approved by City Council in Resolution 16.20 dated August 8, 2016. Councilmembers Leverage and McKenzie feel the pay amount as set forth in

Resolution 16.20 is appropriate. Councilmember Morgan commented that staff should move forward with the current resolution (16.20 as approved August 8, 2016). Mayor Ingalsbee thanked Mr. Thiele for his attendance, however the pay amount for the Board of Review members will be as set forth in Resolution 16.20.

Brian Vilmont, Prein & Newhof gave the City Council an update of the SAW grant and stated that completion should be June, 2017. Brian also discussed the need for an Infrastructure Committee which should consist of two councilmembers and community members. Councilmember McKenzie, supported by Councilmember Manning, made a motion to appoint Councilmembers Gratz, Leverage and Tripp to this committee. Motion passed by acclamation.

Jim Liggett, Ropes Courses gave a presentation about the proposed zipline on the Riverfront. He stated pending approvals that the zipline should be open by spring 2017. Councilmembers are very excited for this project and thanked Jim for his willingness to do this project.

Hearings

Programs

Resolutions

RESOLUTION 16.23

A RESOLUTION APPROVING ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION FOR ACTING INTERIM CITY MANAGER POLICE CHIEF RICK HOYER FOR A TERM NOT TO EXCEED THREE (3) MONTHS

WHEREAS, Police Chief Rick Hoyer has been appointed by City Council to be the acting interim City Manager until an interim City Manager can be secured; and

WHEREAS, he is requesting additional compensation to perform these duties; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Chief Rick Hoyer be compensated \$1,200.00 biweekly starting July 25, 2016 and not to exceed three (3) months.

Councilmember Gratz, supported by Councilmember Morgan, made a motion to approve Resolution 16.23 as presented. Motion passed by acclamation.

Ordinances Councilmember Tripp, supported by Councilmember Gratz, made a motion to approve Ordinance 450 of 2016, which is amending Chapter 11, Article I of the Allegan Code of Ordinances to adopt the 2015 edition of the NFPA 1: Fire Code for final reading and approval. Motion passed by acclamation.

Permits/Licenses/Agreements/Grants Councilmember Leverence, supported by Councilmember Gratz, made a motion to approve the Kalamazoo River/Lake Allegan Watershed Cooperative Agreement for the reduction of phosphorus loading between the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) and the City of Allegan as a stakeholder in the watershed. Motion passed by acclamation.

Requests for Payments

Requests for Purchases, Services and Equipment

Reports/Minutes of City Boards Councilmember Gratz reviewed the minutes from the Planning Commission meeting held on July 18, 2016.

Councilmember Morgan discussed the minutes from the Public Safety Committee meeting held on July 25, 2016.

Mayor Ingalsbee presented the Griswold Activity report for July, 2016.

Utilities Superintendent D. Sweeris presented the Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant Activity Reports for July, 2016.

Councilmember Manning reviewed the minutes from the Airport Advisory Board meeting held on August 1, 2016.

Mayor Ingalsbee discussed the minutes from the Historic District Commission meeting held on August 1, 2016.

Councilmember Manning presented the minutes from the Parks Commission meeting held on August 1, 2016.

Councilmember Manning reviewed the minutes from the Design Advisory Board meeting held on August 3, 2016.

Councilmember McKenzie discussed the minutes from the Economic Development Corporation meeting held on August 3, 2016.

Councilmember Tripp presented the minutes from the Planning Commission meeting held on August 15, 2016.

Appointments

Approval of Payroll and Accounts Councilmember Tripp, supported by Councilmember McKenzie, made a motion to approve payroll in the amount of \$99,250.14 and accounts payable in the amount of \$1,904,860.32. Motion passed by acclamation.

Department Supervisors Report DPW Director A. Haskin announced that a portion of Water Street will be closed to install the fire suppression line for the new restaurant on Water Street.

Utilities Superintendent D. Sweeris commented that no overflows have occurred at the Wastewater Plant during the recent heavy rains.

Finance Director T. Stull thanked the Council for forming the SAW Infrastructure Committee and working with Prein & Newhof. She announced the annual audit will be started the week of September 19th. She thanked her staff, Ravyn and Danielle for working hard during this time of transition at City Hall. She also reminded everyone to sign up to work the Positively Allegan booth at the upcoming Allegan County Fair.

Council Comments Councilmember Leverage appreciated the information and the call from Mayor Ingalsbee about the tornado warning over the weekend.

Councilmember Tripp thanked City staff for all they are doing to help during this transition.

Mayor Ingalsbee thanked City staff as well.

Councilmember Gratz also thanked City staff and commented we need to make Allegan great again.

Councilmember Manning was thankful for the response about the tornados this past weekend.

Mayor Ingalsbee adjourned the meeting at 8:44pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori K. Vander Clay
City Clerk

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