

Allegan, Michigan

October 10, 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 Marcia Marques gave the prayer.

Roll Call

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

Absent: McKenzie

Others

Present: City Clerk L. Vander Clay, Interim City Manager M. Howe

Approval of Minutes Councilmember Tripp, supported by Councilmember Gratz, made a motion to approve the Regular City Council meeting minutes of September 26, 2016. Motion passed with Councilmember McKenzie abstaining.

Mayor's Report Mayor Ingalsbee commented on what a beautiful day it was today and the new council table looks great. She thanked Betty McDaniel for coming to the meeting. Mayor Ingalsbee did report that the garage in violation located in the 500 block of Marshall Street is being handled by PCI. Betty stated she has spoken with Chief Hoyer and Officer Morgan and violations have been taken care of or are in the process of being handled.

City Manager's Report Interim City Manager M. Howe stated attorneys are working on the Library Transfer Agreement and he hopes to have on the next agenda. He talked about the two sewers that were televised last week where the previous backups had occurred. The insurance carrier is reviewing the claim again on Brookside Drive and claim forms were given to the homeowner on River Street, but not sure if they have filed a claim. He indicated the City will be sending a notice to all property owners on how to be proactive in preventing possible sewer backups into their homes. He also discussed the Code Enforcement meeting last week with the Police Department, PCI and staff and it was determined a contact/point person is needed for all complaints.

Petitions and Public Comment Chad Gant, 620 Brookside Drive asked DPW Director A. Haskin what defines a defect in a sewer line. Interim City Manager M. Howe stated that the insurance carrier is reviewing his claim again and we should wait for their determination.

Ryan Deery introduced himself to the City Council as the new Allegan District Library Director.

Communications Councilmember McKenzie, supported by Councilmember Leverage, made a motion to approve the request received from Brad Burke to have a City Wide Garage Sale event weekend on July 28, 29 & 30, 2017. Motion passed by acclamation.

Tony McGhee, Abonmarche gave a presentation of MSHDA granting opportunities for 136 Brady Street. He stated that members of the Downtown Development Authority and Economic Development Corporation are both interested in pursuing grants. Mayor Ingalsbee is in favor of going forward and takes the next steps. Councilmember Leverage would like to see the numbers to be associated with this possible project.

George Mohr, Allegan Public Schools gave a presentation regarding the Safe Routes to School Program Grant request that the he will be submitting on behalf of the schools, the City and Allegan Township, to create walkability and safety with new sidewalks for students.

Interim City Manager M. Howe discussed the current sewer back-up policy and ordinance with City Council and how more discussion is needed to look at changing the ordinance to match the State's statues. He stated the City attorney would need to research and create a new ordinance. Councilmembers were in favor of starting this process.

Hearings

Programs

Resolutions Councilmember Leverage, supported by Councilmember Gratz, made a motion to approve Resolution 16.26 as presented. This resolution recognizes Safe Harbor Children's Advocacy Center as a nonprofit organization to obtain a charitable gaming license through the State of Michigan. Motion passed by acclamation.

RESOLUTION NO. 16.27

A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A REQUEST FOR FUNDING, DESIGNATE AN AGENT, ATTEST TO THE EXISTENCE OF FUNDS TO CARRY OUT VARIOUS INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS AND COMMIT TO IMPLEMENTING A MAINTENANCE PROGRAM FOR INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDED BY THE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM

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

ABSENT: None

WHEREAS, the Safe Routes to School program, a federally funded program administered in Michigan by the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT).

WHEREAS, the City of Allegan, in partnership with Allegan Public Schools, is applying for funds through MDOT from the Safe Routes to School program to construct certain infrastructure projects throughout the City, including sidewalks, to enable and encourage children to safely walk and bike to school.

WHEREAS, MDOT requires a formal commitment from the public agency that will be receiving these funds and will be implementing and maintaining these infrastructure projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the City has authorized Lori K. Vander Clay, City Clerk, to act as agent on behalf of the City to request Safe Routes to School funding, to act as the applicant's agent during the project development, and to sign a project agreement upon receipt of a funding award.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the City attests to the existence of, and commits to, the funds necessary to carry out the project, including engineering for design and construction, permit fees, administration costs, and cost overruns.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the City commits to owning operating, funding and implementing a maintenance program over the design life of the facilities constructed with Safe Routes to School funding.

Councilmember McKenzie, supported by Councilmember Leverage, made a motion to approve Resolution 16.27 as presented. Motion passed by acclamation.

RESOLUTION 16.28

WHEREAS, the City of Allegan has shown a solid commitment to historic preservation and has held the designation of a Certified Local Government with the State of Michigan for a number of years, and;

WHEREAS, the Michigan State Housing Development Authority is providing funds to strengthen historic preservation at the local level;

WHEREAS, the City of Allegan Historic District Commission meets regularly to promote historic preservation throughout the community and is recommending this grant proposal submission;

WHEREAS, the City of Allegan, desires to submit an application for \$106,280 for the Griswold Auditorium Restoration Project, of which \$45,644 will be grant and \$60,636 will be committed match from the City of Allegan General Fund; and

WHEREAS, the proposed grant will, provide renovation to the exterior of the facility (including Masonry-Tuck-Pointing, Brick Replacement & Stone Coping Repairs) to the beloved Griswold Auditorium, which is a major historic attraction to Historic Downtown Allegan.

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that at a regular meeting, held on October 10, 2016, the City Council of the City of Allegan authorized and directed to file an application for \$106,280 for the Griswold Auditorium Restoration Project and that upon approval of the final application by the Michigan State Housing Development Authority, the City Clerk shall be authorized to sign the grant contract, any necessary amendments to the contract, other contract related documents and the required easement and Kelsie King, shall be authorized to be the CLG Grant Project Coordinator.

Councilmember Tripp, supported by Councilmember McKenzie, made a motion to approve Resolution 16.28 as presented. Motion passed by acclamation.

Ordinances

Permits/Licenses/Agreements/Grants

Requests for Payments

Requests for Purchases, Services and Equipment

Reports/Minutes of City Boards Interim City Manager M. Howe reviewed the Griswold Activity Report for August & September, 2016.

Councilmember Morgan discussed the minutes from the Allegan Fire District meeting held on September 7, 2016; the minutes from the special meeting held on September 7, 2016 and the Activity Report for September, 2016.

Councilmember Gratz presented the minutes from the Planning Commission meeting held on September 19, 2016.

Appointments

Approval of Payroll and Accounts Councilmember Tripp, supported by Councilmember McKenzie, made a motion to approve payroll in the amount of \$96,462.56 and accounts payable in the amount of \$178,018.19. Motion passed by acclamation.

Department Supervisors Report DPW Director A. Haskin stated various sewers will be televised this week; Leaf pickup will be starting around the 3rd week of October; the new sidewalk on North Street has been completed and the new sidewalk on Chestnut will be completed this week.

Council Comments Councilmember Leverage utilized the City's fall cleanup and she is really looking forward to snow.

Councilmember Gratz announced that Oktoberfest was great and she thanked DPW Director A. Haskin for the use of the heaters along with assistance from the City and the community. The Jaycees and Chemical Bank employees worked at Jaycee Park last week staining wood.

Councilmember Manning thanked George Mohr for his presentation and working on getting the grant submitted. He also thanked City staff for their continued hard work.

Mayor Ingalsbee adjourned the meeting at 8:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori K. Vander Clay
City Clerk