

Allegan City Council
Minutes
Allegan, MI 49010
November 27, 2017

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Stotmeister called the regular Allegan City Council meeting to order at 7:05P.M.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Perrigo, Morgan, Manning, Ingalsbee, Tripp, McKenzie, Mayor Stotmeister

Absent: None

Others Present: City Manager Joel Dye, City Clerk Danielle Bird, Promotions Coordinator Parker Johnson, Finance Director Tracy Stull.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. MEETING PRAYER

Pastor Alan Carson

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Council Member Tripp and supported by Mayor Pro tem McKenzie to approve the regular meeting minutes from November 13, 2017. Motion passed 7-0.

6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Mayor Pro tem McKenzie and supported by Council Member Morgan to approve the Regular Council Meeting Agenda for the November 27, 2017. Motion Passed 7-0.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Mayor Pro tem McKenzie stated that Public Comments were missed and opened the floor at 7:11pm for Public Comment. No Public Comments were received.

8. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE

9. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS BY THE MAYOR OR COUNCIL

10. PUBLIC HEARINGS & ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS & TABLES ITEMS

12. WRITTEN PETITIONS & REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES

13. REPORTS FROM BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & CITY OFFICES

13A. City Boards, Commissions and Area Agencies

13A.1 – Accept the Minutes for the Allegan Fire District on October 26, 2017.

Council Member Morgan went over the last meeting. The new fire truck is in service and the new air packs are in and training is being scheduled. The grant from Perrigo was denied and the Budget is being discussed at Wednesday's meeting.

13B. Finance Dept. & City Clerk

13B.1 - Request to Approve Accounts Payable and Payroll.

Motion made by Mayor Pro tem McKenzie, supported by Council Member Morgan to approve accounts payable in the amount of \$434,495.07 and payroll in the amount of \$158,645.87 for a total disbursement of \$593,140.94. Motion Passed 7-0.

13B.2 – Adoption of Resolution 17.46 to approve 4th Quarter Budget Adjustments.

City Manager Dye explained this is a typical process and the detail is in the packet. Finance Director Stull said this adjusts everything to the Fiscal Year End.

Motion made by Council Member Tripp, supported by Council Member Manning to adoption of Resolution 17.46 to approve 4th Quarter Budget Adjustments. Motion Passed 7-0.

13C. Police Department

13C.1 – Request for Purchase from Betten Baker Chevrolet Buick GMC Allegan, MI in the amount of \$17,965 for a 2011 Chevrolet to replace the broken down undercover vehicle.

This is will require a budget adjustment, \$13,000 will come from the forfeiture fund and the remaining will come from the carport.

Motion made by Council Member Ingalsbee, supported by Council Member Tripp to approve the purchase from Betten Baker Chevrolet Buick GMC Allegan, MI in the amount of \$17,965 for a 2011 Chevrolet to replace the broken down undercover vehicle. Motion Passed 7-.

13C.2 – Request for Purchase from Ross & Barr Inc. Warren, MI in the amount of \$16,690.00 for Carport.

The new carport will allow the vehicles to be clear of snow and ice, when the Officers need to respond to a call.

Motion made by Council Member Ingalsbee, supported by council Member Perrigo to approve the purchase from Ross & Barr Inc. Warren, MI in the amount of \$16,690.00 for Carport. Motion Passed 7-0.

13D. Public Utilities

13E. Public Works

13E.1 – Request for Change Order from Peters Construction Co. Kalamazoo, MI in the amount of \$6,991.84 for additional tree/curb removal and gravel as part of the Riverfront Parking Lot Project.

This project wrapped up about 3 weeks ago. The island has been removed and they had to remove more curb and tree than expected.

Motion made by Mayor Pro tem McKenzie, supported by Council Member Perrigo to approve the Change Order from Peters Construction Co. Kalamazoo, MI in the amount of \$6,991.84 for additional tree/curb removal and gravel as part of the Riverfront Parking Lot Project. Motion Passed 7-0.

13F. City Manager

13F.1 – Proposed Fiscal Year 2019 City Budget Schedule.

City Manager Dye went over the proposed budget schedule and is suggesting a few changes. He would like an open session with residents and council for “Coffee with Council” on Saturday, January 13th. Council retreat will be a working meeting on Friday, January 26 from 5:30 to 8:00pm, this will allow the department heads to go over their budget and Saturday, January 27th for council to set policies for the fiscal year.

Motion made by Council Member Morgan, supported by Council Member Ingalsbee to approve the proposed fiscal year 2019 City Budget Schedule. Motion Passed 7-0.

13F.2 – Resolution 17.47 Authorizing the City Manager to Sign All Grant Documents Associated with the Michigan Economic Development Grant to redevelop 118 Locust Street.

City Manager Dye is requesting Council to approve him to sign all grant documents for 118 Locust St. The State is recommending this.

Council Member Manning asked if there is any content to be presented to them. City Manager Dye explained Council already approved the Grant; this is just changing the signer.

Motion Made by Council Member Tripp, supported by Council Member Morgon to approve Resolution 17.47 authorizing the City Manager to sign all grant documents associated with the Michigan Economic Development Grant to redevelop 118 Locust St. Motion Passed 7-0

14. COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL & MAYOR & MANAGER

14A. Appointments from the Mayor

14A.1 – Mayoral Appointment of the following three people to the Historic District Commission.

William Edward Quinones – Walker for a three year term set to expire December 1, 2020.

Mike Morton for a two year term set to expire December 1, 2019.

Jill Bentley for a one year term set to expire December 1, 2018.

Mayor Stotmeister stated she changed the terms to expire of these appointments, so only two people will expire a year instead of four members expiring in 2020.

Council Member Ingalsbee stated when she voted for Stacie, she expected more from her and is very disgusted. Mayor Stotmeister explained she is only discussing the appointments for HDC not the boards and commissions for Council Members. Council Member Ingalsbee went on to discuss her disappointment with not re-appointing Pete Savage and only putting Jill Bentley on for one year. She stated Mike Morton tried to disband the HDC years back and now you want to put him on the committee. Mayor Stotmeister explained she went by the content that was on the application not the name.

Council Member Manning would like this to be tabled so all Council members are on the same page and have all the information in front of them.

Council Member Ingalsbee made a motion to retain Pete Savage instead, no support.

Council Member Perrigo stated she is confused on how this whole process works. Council Member Manning does not agree on how this discussion is going and it needs to be done in the right way so everyone understands.

Mayor Pro tem McKenzie said this is why council members needs to be on different boards and commissions, so everyone understands the rules of each board or committee.

Motion made by Council Member Ingalsbee to appoint William Edward Quinones-Walker for a 3 year term set to expire December 1, 2020, supported by Mayor Pro tem Stotmeister. A roll call vote was taken: Perrigo – yes, Morgan – yes, Manning – yes, Tripp – yes, Ingalsbee – yes, McKenzie – yes, Mayor Stotmeister – Yes. Motion Passed 7-0.

Motion made by Mayor Pro tem McKenzie to appoint Mike Morton for a 2 year term set to expire December 1, 2019, supported by Council Member Manning. A roll call vote was taken: Perrigo – yes, Morgan – no, Manning – yes, McKenzie – yes, Ingalsbee – no, Tripp – no, Mayor Stotmeister – yes. Motion Passed 4-3.

Motion made by Mayor Pro tem McKenzie to appoint Jill Bentley to a 3 year term instead of a 1 year term set to expire December 1, 2020, supported by Council member Ingalsbee. A roll call vote was taken: Tripp – yes, Ingalsbee – yes, Perrigo – yes, Morgan – yes, Manning – yes, McKenzie – yes, Mayor Stotmeister – yes. Motion Passed 7-0.

14A.2 – Mayoral Appointment of the following City Councilmembers to the following City Boards and Commissions from December 2017 to November 2018.

Nancy Ingalsbee – Economic Development Corporation/Brownfield Redevelopment Authority and Wellhead Protection Committee.

Council Member Ingalsbee would like to decline her appointments to the EDC and Wellhead Protection Committee. Council Member Manning respects what she has to say and he will take EDC. Council Member Morgan stated he will take Wellhead because he does not want to sit here all night discussing this.

Motion made by Council Member Ingalsbee, supported by Council Member Morgan to appoint Council Member Manning, ex officio, to the E Economic Development Corporation/Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, Planning Commission, Parks Commission and the Design Advisory Board. Motion Passed 7-0.

Mayor Pro tem McKenzie suggested that since we have members who don't want to be on committees maybe we should discuss if anyone else has concerns.

Council Member Tripp is not happy with the whole process of how this is going down. Since he and Nancy are the only two members to be removed from their committees, he would like to remove himself as well.

Mayor Stotmeister I didn't do this to attack anyone. She is available to discuss with anyone her recommendations.

Council Member Morgan this puts a huge burden on the whole Council instead of just talking like adults. Why don't all of us just refuse our appointments then.

Council Member Tripp has been on many committees and feels he is the most well

rounded member.

Council Member Ingalsbee feels she is out to the pasture with these committees and is worthless to them.

Council Member Manning asked for point of order.

Council Member Tripp will take them if they have a pre-session to discuss them.

Mayor Pro tem McKenzie so what I am hearing is then if you didn't get what you wanted then you don't want to serve the community. Then change the process.

Rachel McKenzie – Downtown Development Authority and Planning Commission.

Motion made by Council Member Perrigo, supported by Council Member Manning to appoint Mayor Pro tem McKenzie, ex officio, to the Downtown Development Authority and Planning Commission. Motion Passed 7-0.

Patrick Morgan – Allegan Fire District Board and Election Commission.

Motion made by Mayor Pro tem McKenzie, supported by Council Member Perrigo to appoint Council Member Morgan, ex officio, to the Allegan Fire District, Election Commission and Wellhead Protection Committee. Motion Passed 7-0.

Traci Perrigo – Historic District Commission and Election Commission.

Motion made by Mayor Pro tem McKenzie, supported by Council Member Morgan to appoint Council Member Perrigo, ex officio, to the Historic District Commission and Election Commission. Motion Passed 6-1, with Council Member Tripp opposed.

Stacie Stotmeister – Downtown Development Authority and Planning Commission.

Motion made by Mayor Pro tem McKenzie, supported by Council Member Manning to appoint Mayor Stotmeister, ex officio, to the Downtown Development Authority and Planning Commission. Motion Passed 7-0.

Charles Trip – Airport Advisory Board and Pension Committee.

Motion made by Mayor Pro tem McKenzie, supported by Council Member Morgan to appoint Council Member Tripp, ex office, to the Airport Advisory Board and Pension Committee. Motion Passed 7-0.

14A.3 – Communications from Manager and Council Members

City Manager Dye explained this is a council/manager from of government. When Council hired him 11 months ago, when he met with each member at City Hall, they all said we have to whisper because everyone can hear us. Members need to come to him first and he will go to his staff and get answers. The City is a member of the Michigan Municipal League and there is newly elected official training. Please let him know if anyone would like to attend. The new website is in the design stages. This is going to be bolder and have more color. Staff will be able to update immediately.

Council Member Perrigo – Nothing

Council Member Morgan this was an interesting meeting tonight. Tensions are high. Change is not all bad, we all have to be adults and work together.

Council Member Manning – Nothing

Council Member Tripp tension is high anytime there is a new Mayor. The process needs to change for appointments.

Council Member Ingalsbee her intention was not to burden other council members, but to express her concern over the process and for the other HDC members.

Mayor Pro tem McKenzie is excited to start her new committees.

Mayor Stotmeister asked that Council Members get the bylaws for their new committees. She apologizes if there was a lack of communication on her part and will do better in the future. Please let Danielle know if you will be a the parade on Friday.

15. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26P.M. By Mayor Stotmeister.

Minutes respectfully submitted by,

Danielle Bird
City Clerk