

Allegan, Michigan

January 28, 2013

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present: Councilmembers: Clark, Ingalsbee, Leverence, McKenzie, Tripp, Mayor McDaniel

Absent: Day

Others

Present: City Manager R. Hillard, Deputy City Clerk L. Vander Clay

Mayor McDaniel, supported by Councilmember Ingalsbee, made a motion to excuse Councilmember Day from the meeting. Motion passed by acclamation.

Approval of Minutes Councilmember Clark, supported by Councilmember Tripp, made a motion to approve the Regular City Council meeting minutes of January 14, 2013. Motion passed by acclamation.

Mayor's Report Mayor McDaniel commented on the great work done by the DPW staff with snow removal.

City Manager's Report City Manager R. Hillard stated that Planning Commission meeting was cancelled last week due to extremely bad weather conditions. Michigan Township Services will be rescheduling.

Petitions and Public Comment

Communications Saree Miller from Allegan County Fair was present to explain the Fair's requests regarding the 2013 Allegan County Fair Parade which will be held on Thursday, September 12, 2013; 2013 Summer Concerts possibility of six (6) and the signage during the 2013 Allegan County Fair. Councilmember Clark, supported by Councilmember Ingalsbee, made a motion to approve the requests as presented. Motion passed by acclamation.

Councilmember Ingalsbee talked about a small park being created on the jail site once demolition has occurred. She stated that Linda Clark and she had a meeting with D. Wedge from Allegan County and he will be taking their ideas and concerns to an Allegan County Commissioners meeting in the near future. Councilmember Ingalsbee is requesting letters of support from the Parks Commission and City Council be sent to the Allegan County Commissioners. Councilmember Leverage, supported by Councilmember Tripp, made a motion to send letters of support from the Parks Commission and Allegan City Council to the Allegan County Commissioners asking for “green space” on the site of the existing jail. Motion passed by acclamation.

Councilmember Clark, supported by Councilmember Leverage, made a motion to accept the 2013 City Council Goals as presented. Motion passed by acclamation.

Mayor McDaniel presented the Allegan Area Connector for January, 2013.

Hearings Councilmember Clark, supported by Councilmember Ingalsbee, made a motion to set a public hearing for the proposed sale of the garage structure located at 433 Hubbard Street for February 25, 2013 at 7:05pm. Motion passed by acclamation.

Programs

Resolutions

RESOLUTION 13.02 RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE PRELIMINARY 2013/14 CITY MILLAGE RATE

WHEREAS, the City of Allegan City Council created a Millage Review Committee (which was merged into the Finance Committee) to review the financial condition of the city and make a recommendation on the upcoming fiscal City Millage Rate; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee met and reviewed the financial condition of the City, basing the recommendation on property taxes, state revenue sharing and other economic factors;

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee is recommending the 2012/13 City Millage Rate be maintained at 16.4884, based on the prepared recommendation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council directs staff to prepare all budget estimates based on maintaining the Preliminary City Millage Rate at 16.4884; and

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, that the final City Millage Rate and any adjustments which reflect property value increases or decreases shall be adopted by the City Council as part of the 2013/14 Budget Decision and any subsequent decisions

Councilmember Clark, supported by Councilmember Leverage, made a motion to approve Resolution 13.02 as presented. Motion passed by acclamation.

RESOLUTION 13.03

Resolution Approving Application of Essential Properties for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for Improvements at 959 Industrial Drive

Whereas, pursuant to P.A. 198 of 1974, M.C.L. 207.551 et seq., after duly noticed public hearings held on September 26, 1977 and September 22, 2008, the Allegan City Council by resolutions established the Industrial Development Districts;

Whereas, Essential Properties, has filed an application for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate with respect to improvements to be acquired and installed within the Industrial Development; and

Whereas, before acting on said application, the Allegan City Council held a hearing on January 14, 2013, at the Griswold Auditorium, 401 Hubbard Street, at 7:05pm, at which hearing the applicant, the Assessor and a representative of the affected taxing units were given written notice and were afforded an opportunity to be heard on said application; and

Whereas, the new building addition has not begun earlier than six (6) months before November 27, 2012, the date of acceptance of the application for the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate; and

Whereas, completion of the building addition is calculated to and will at the time of issuance of the certificate have the reasonable likelihood to retain, create or prevent the loss of employment in the City of Allegan; and

Whereas, the aggregate SEV of real and property exempt from ad valorem taxes within the City of Allegan, after granting this certificate, will not exceed 5% of an amount equal to the sum of the SEV of the unit, plus the SEV of personal and real property thus exempted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY the City Council of the City of Allegan that:

1. The City Council finds and determines that the granting of the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate considered together with the aggregate amount of the certificates previously granted and currently in force under Act No. 198 of the Public Acts of 1974 and Act No. 225 of the Public Acts of 1978, shall not have the effect of substantially impeding the operations of the City of Allegan, or impairing the financial soundness of a taxing unit which levies ad valorem property taxes in the City of Allegan.

2. The application from Essential Properties, for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate, with respect to the building addition on the following address of, 959 Industrial Drive, Allegan, MI 49010 situated within the Industrial Development District, is hereby approved.

3. The Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate when issued shall be and remain in force for a period of 12 years.

Councilmember Tripp, supported by Councilmember Clark, made a motion to approve Resolution 13.03 as presented. Motion passed by acclamation.

Ordinances

Permits/Licenses/Agreements/Grants Councilmember Clark, supported by Councilmember Tripp, made a motion to approve the First Amendment to Communications Tower Lease Agreement between the City of Allegan and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC., Alpharetta, Georgia regarding the water tower located at 180 Western Avenue. Motion passed by acclamation.

Requests for Payments

Requests for Purchases, Services and Equipment Councilmember Clark, supported by Councilmember Ingalsbee, made a motion to approve the request for services received from Lakeshore Electric Sales, Stevensville, Michigan for Arc Flash/Short Circuit Study for all City Buildings in the amount of \$12,560.00. Motion passed by acclamation. **(Requires Budget Adjustment)**

Reports/Minutes of City Boards Councilmember Clark presented the minutes from the M40/M89 Corridor Committee meeting held on October 30, 2012.

Mayor McDaniel reviewed the Arts & Entertainment/Downtown Coordinator Activity Report for December, 2012.

Councilmember Clark discussed the 2012 Year End Allegan Fire District Activity Report.

Councilmember Leverage reviewed the minutes from the Allegan Area Economic Development Corporation meeting held on January 14, 2013.

Mayor McDaniel presented the minutes from the Finance Committee meeting held on January 14, 2013.

Councilmember Clark reviewed the minutes from the Public Works Committee meeting held on January 14, 2013.

Mayor McDaniel presented the minutes from the Life EMS Ambulance meeting held on January 17, 2013.

Mayor McDaniel presented the Allegan City Police Department 2012 4th Quarter Activity Report.

Appointments Councilmember Clark, supported by Councilmember Leverage, made a motion to appoint Councilmember Ingalsbee, ex officio, to the Allegan Fire District, Public Safety, Election Committee, M40/M89 Corridor and Historic District Commission. Motion passed by acclamation.

Councilmember Clark, supported by Councilmember Ingalsbee, made a motion to appoint Councilmember Tripp, ex officio, to the Public Works Committee, Planning Commission and Election Committee. Motion passed by acclamation.

Councilmember Clark, supported by Councilmember Ingalsbee, made a motion to appoint Councilmember Leverage, ex officio, to the Development Committee, Downtown Development Authority and Allegan Area Economic Development Corporation. Motion passed by acclamation.

Councilmember Clark, supported by Councilmember Leverage, made a motion to appoint Councilmember McKenzie, ex officio, to the Development Committee, Allegan Area Economic Development Corporation, Downtown Development Authority and Chamber of Commerce. Motion passed by acclamation.

Councilmember Leverage, supported by Councilmember Ingalsbee, made a motion to appoint Councilmember Clark, ex officio, to the Allegan Fire District, Finance Committee and Airport Advisory Board. Motion passed by acclamation.

Councilmember Clark, supported by Councilmember Leverage, made a motion to appoint Councilmember Day, ex officio, to the Public Works Committee, Finance Committee, Pension Committee, Public Safety Committee, Ambulance Board and Construction Board of Appeals. Motion passed by acclamation.

Councilmember Clark, supported by Councilmember Leverage, made a motion to appoint Mayor McDaniel, ex officio, to the Public Safety Committee, Downtown Development Authority, Planning Commission, Parks Commission, Public Works Committee, Development Committee, Finance Committee and Highland Business Park. Motion passed by acclamation.

Councilmember Ingalsbee, supported by Councilmember Leverage, made a motion to appoint a Planning Commission Selection Sub-committee consisting of City Manager R. Hillard, Councilmember Tripp and Mayor McDaniel. Motion passed by acclamation.

Unfinished Business

Approval of Payroll and Accounts Councilmember Clark, supported by Councilmember McKenzie, made a motion to approve payroll in the amount of \$90,114.03 and accounts payable in the amount of \$119,005.97. Motion passed by acclamation.

Department Supervisors Report

Council Comments Councilmember McKenzie thanked the DPW for the great job they have done with snow removal.

Councilmember Tripp commented on how sad it is to see that McFarland Jewelers is closing, however he wishes them the best. He also commented on how long term planning is very important and the keep thinking ahead.

Councilmember Leverage really enjoyed the Strategic Planning meeting.

Councilmember Ingalsbee thanked DPW staff, L. Courtney for all the hard work that she does to keep the city sidewalks clear. She announced her Transportation Committee will be having a meeting with the Wayland State Police Post to discuss truck traffic.

Councilmember Clark thanked the DPW staff for the great job done with snow removal.

Mayor McDaniel announced she will be on vacation during the month of February.

The meeting was adjourned by Mayor McDaniel at 7:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori K. Vander Clay
Deputy City Clerk

