

**Allegan, Michigan**

**February 25, 2013**

**Call to Order** Mayor Pro tem Day called the regular meeting of the Allegan City Council to order at 7:00 PM.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call**

Present: Councilmembers: Clark, Day, Leverage, McKenzie, Tripp

Absent: Ingalsbee, McDaniel

Others

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

Mayor Pro tem Day, supported by Councilmember Clark, made a motion to excuse Mayor McDaniel and Councilmember Ingalsbee 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 February 11, 2013. Motion passed by acclamation.

**Mayor's Report** Mayor Pro tem Day announced the attendance of Tim Perrigo, Director of the Allegan Area Chamber of Commerce. He then presented Councilmember Clark with the Chamber's Community Pride & Beautification Award. Mayor Pro tem Day thanked the Chamber for all their efforts and also Councilmember Clark for his support of Allegan.

**City Manager's Report** City Manager R. Hillard announced the next Riverfront Design Meeting will be on Thursday, April 11, 2013 at 7:00pm at the Griswold.

**Petitions and Public Comment**

**Communications** Councilmember Clark, supported by Councilmember Leverage, made a motion to approve the requests received from the coordinators of the Allegan Old Iron Bridge Motorcycle Show for the closure of Brady Street from Second Street to Hubbard and Locust Street from Hubbard to Trowbridge on Saturday, May 25, 2013 and to hang a banner advertising the event from the railing on the boardwalk from May 1<sup>st</sup> through May 25<sup>th</sup>. Motion passed by acclamation.

Mayor Pro tem Day presented the Allegan Area Connector for February, 2013.

**Hearings** Mayor Pro tem Day opened the public hearing for the sale of garage structure located at 433 Hubbard Street at 7:07pm. Ed Kowalski thinks removal of the structure is a great idea and should enhance the line of vision when turning left on Hubbard Street. Mayor Pro tem Day, supported by Councilmember Clark, made a motion to close the public hearing at 7:09pm. City Manager R. Hillard requested this item be reviewed by the Development Committee and provide a recommendation to the City Council.

**Programs**

**Resolutions** Councilmember Clark, supported by Councilmember McKenzie, made a motion to approve Resolution 13.07 which provides the approval of a liquor permit to Agostino LaFranca to be located at 320 Western Avenue. Motion passed by acclamation.

**RESOLUTION 13.08**

**Resolution Expressing the Immediate Need to Fund the Repair of Michigan's Roads and Transportation Systems to Help Make Michigan Communities Vibrant in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**

**WHEREAS**, let it be known that Michigan is losing \$3 million per day and more than \$1 billion per year due to maintenance costs and increased wear and tear on our roads and bridges; and

**WHEREAS**, Michigan's roads are consistently ranked among the nation's worst; and

**WHEREAS**, one-third of all fatal and serious traffic crashes in Michigan can be linked, in part, to poor road conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, developing effective public transit options in Michigan is a necessary tool for attracting and retaining residents, workers and businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, research shows that people across the nation are choosing communities that offer various modes of transportation, easy access to the places they live, work and play, and allow them to travel without having to rely on a car; and

**WHEREAS**, in particular, systems like streetcars and light rail have been credited with sparking new commercial and residential development; and

**WHEREAS**, Michigan's gas tax—the user fee that is the primary source of transportation funding—has not increased since 1997. At the same time, the gas tax revenue collected today, adjusted for inflation is equal to that which was collected in 1974; and

**WHEREAS**, we risk a future fiscal crisis if we do not increase our investment in transportation. Currently 32 percent of Michigan's road are ranked as being in poor condition. By 2018 this number is expected to jump to more than 65 percent; and

**WHEREAS**, if property funded the percentage of roadways in poor condition would greatly improve; and

**WHEREAS**, bringing a road from poor to good pavement condition costs six times more than it does to bring a road from fair to good condition; and

**WHEREAS**, investing \$10 billion over the next ten years to fix Michigan's road and bridges would create 12,000 jobs and prevent 100 crash-related deaths per year.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the City of Allegan hereby urges Gov. Snyder and Michigan legislators to make the necessary investments to Michigan's transportation network to save taxpayer dollars, save lives and improve our economy.

Councilmember Clark, supported by Councilmember Day, made a motion to approve Resolution 13.08 as presented. Motion failed by a 3-2 margin. Councilmembers Leverage, McKenzie & Tripp voting nay and Councilmember Clark & Mayor Pro tem Day voting yes. Councilmember McKenzie commented her nay vote came from the wording in the action paragraph **"to save taxpayer dollars"**. Councilmember Leverage commented she has a problem with a **"blanket of support resolution"**. She feels that supporting this resolution is not good for residents or the economy at this time. Councilmember Clark requested this resolution be placed on the March 11, 2013 City Council agenda.

### **Ordinances**

**Permits/Licenses/Agreements/Grants** Councilmember Clark, supported by Councilmember Leverage, made a motion to approve the Perrigo Plant #4 Site Plan as presented. Motion passed by acclamation.

### **Requests for Payments**

### **Requests for Purchases, Services and Equipment**

**Reports/Minutes of City Boards** Mayor Pro tem Day presented the Community Development Activity Report for January, 2013.

Councilmember Leverage reviewed the minutes from the Downtown Development Authority meeting held on February 14, 2013.

Councilmember Tripp discussed the minutes from the Planning Commission meeting held on February 18, 2013.

Mayor Pro tem Day presented the Allegan City Police Department 2012 Year-End Report.

**Appointments** Mayor Pro tem Day, supported by Councilmember Clark, made a motion to re-appoint Becky Rininger to the Parks Commission for a three (3) year term. Motion passed by acclamation.

Mayor Pro tem Day, supported by Councilmember McKenzie, made a motion to re-appoint Paula Mintek to the Parks Commission for a three (3) year term. Motion passed by acclamation.

Mayor Pro tem Day, supported by Councilmember Tripp, made a motion to re-appoint Ruth Smith to the Parks Commission for a three (3) year term. Motion passed by acclamation.

Mayor Pro tem Day, supported by Councilmember Leverage, made a motion to appoint Councilmembers Clark and Ingalsbee and City Manager R. Hillard to the Historic District Commission Selection Sub-committee. Motion passed by acclamation.

Mayor Pro tem Day, supported by Councilmember McKenzie, made a motion to appoint Councilmembers Leverage and McKenzie and City Manager R. Hillard to the Downtown Development Authority Selection Sub-committee. Motion passed by acclamation.

Mayor Pro tem Day, supported by Councilmember Tripp, made a motion to appoint Councilmembers Leverage and McKenzie and City Manager R. Hillard to the Allegan Area Economic Development Corporation Selection Sub-committee. Motion passed by acclamation.

Mayor Pro tem Day, supported by Councilmember McKenzie, made a motion to appoint Councilmembers Clark and Tripp and DPW Director A. Haskin to the Airport Advisory Board Selection Sub-committee. Motion passed by acclamation.

Mayor Pro tem Day, supported by Councilmember McKenzie, made a motion to appoint Councilmember Tripp and Mayor McDaniel and City Manager R. Hillard to the Zoning Board of Appeals Selection Sub-committee. 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 \$97,965.21 and accounts payable in the amount of \$827,918.43. Motion passed by acclamation.

**Department Supervisors Report** Finance Director T. Stull continues to work on the upcoming budget. She also invited everyone to stop at City Hall to see the recent renovations.

**Council Comments** Councilmember Leverage had a great time at the Oscar Party held at the Regent.

Councilmember Clark had a nice vacation but it is always good to be home.

Councilmember Tripp thanked the DPW staff for the fantastic job on snow removal.

The meeting was adjourned by Mayor Pro tem Day at 7:27pm.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Lori K. Vander Clay**  
**Deputy City Clerk**

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