

**Allegan, Michigan**

**April 22, 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, Day, Ingalsbee, Leverage, McKenzie, Tripp, Mayor McDaniel

Absent: None

Others

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

**Approval of Minutes** Councilmember Clark, supported by Councilmember Leverage, made a motion to approve the Regular City Council meeting minutes of April 8, 2013. Motion passed with Councilmember Day abstaining.

**Mayor's Report** Mayor McDaniel read the Arbor Day Celebration Proclamation and presented it to DPW Director A. Haskin. She is hoping for a sunshine filled week and again talked about all the exciting happenings going on in Allegan.

**City Manager's Report** City Manager R. Hillard stated his report would be contained within the contents of the agenda.

**Petitions and Public Comment** Bill Sheaffer, representing Pine Grove Apartments spoke about the yearly USDA inspections that are done on all 55 units. He also stated that any increase in the City's rental inspection program unfortunately will be passed along to the residents of this complex.

Jim Chodl, from Gardner Management, representing Maple Tree Apartments spoke about the yearly USDA and Section 8 inspections that happen at this complex. He also stated that quarterly inspections are performed by the management company.

Councilmember Clark would like the chance to review and have the Public Safety Committee discuss at their next meeting on May 28<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor McDaniel also commented that the proposed increase for rental inspections is not included within the proposed ordinance.

**Communications** Mayor McDaniel presented the Allegan Area Connector, April 2013.

Councilmember Ingalsbee invited all to attend the Rally for the Regent Fundraiser~Saturday May 4, 2013 starting at 7:00pm at Baker Studio.

Councilmember Leverage, supported by Councilmember Ingalsbee, made a motion to approve the request received from Rick & Ruth Smith of the Downtown Bakery & Deli to hold the Downtown Jamboree and Vendor Events on the Locust Street sidewalk and the Water Street parking lot from 4:00pm~8:00pm on Friday May 24<sup>th</sup>; Friday, June 28<sup>th</sup>; Friday, July 26<sup>th</sup>; Friday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> and Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup>. Motion passed by acclamation.

City Manager R. Hillard announced the Redevelopment Ready Community Presentation~May 13, 2013 at the Griswold Auditorium.

Mayor McDaniel announced the upcoming 2013 Art Summer Camps sponsored by the Allegan Area Arts Council, Wayland Camp July 29<sup>th</sup> thru August 2<sup>nd</sup> and Allegan Camp August 12<sup>th</sup> thru August 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Hearings** Councilmember Clark, supported by Councilmember Tripp, made a motion to set a public hearing for the proposed City of Allegan Budget FY 2013/14 on May 13, 2013 at 7:10pm. Motion passed by acclamation.

### **Programs**

### **Resolutions**

#### **Resolution No. 13.15**

#### **A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE OF 2013 SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM JUNIOR LIEN REVENUE BONDS**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Act 94, Public Acts of Michigan, 1933, as amended (the "Act") the Allegan City Council has determined to make improvements to the City of Allegan (the "City") Sanitary Sewer system; and

WHEREAS, the improvements will enable the City to provide more efficient and better quality public services to the users of the sanitary sewer system; and

WHEREAS, the cost of making the improvements is estimated to be not more than \$1,300,000; and

WHEREAS, the improvements shall be financed in part by the issuance of revenue bonds or other evidences of indebtedness in accordance with the Act in the sum of not to exceed \$1,300,000 for a period of not to exceed thirty (30) years; and

WHEREAS, Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended, permits the City to authorize, within limitations which shall be contained in the authorization resolution, an officer to sell, deliver and receive payment for obligations, and to approve interest rates or methods for fixing interest rates, prices, discounts, maturities, principal amounts, denominations, dates of issuance, interest payment dates, redemption rights, place of delivery and payment, and other matters and procedures necessary to complete an authorized transaction.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. DEFINITIONS. Except as provided in this resolution, the definitions contained in the Prior Resolution (defined below) shall apply to the terms in this Resolution. In addition, whenever used in this Resolution except when otherwise indicated by context, the following definitions shall apply to the terms in this Resolution:

(a) “Authorized Officer” means the Mayor and the Clerk of the City, or either of them acting alone.

(b) “Authority” means the Michigan Finance Authority created by Executive Order 2010-2, which, among other things, transferred to the Michigan Finance Authority the powers, duties and functions of the Michigan Municipal Bond Authority, created and established pursuant to Act 227, Public Acts of Michigan, 1985, as amended.

(c) “Bonds” as defined in the Prior Resolution shall include the Series 2013 Bonds which are being issued as Additional Junior Lien Bonds under Section 23 of the Prior Resolution.

(d) “Construction Fund” shall mean the 2013 Sanitary Sewer System Junior Lien Revenue Bonds Construction Fund created pursuant to Section 13.

(e) “Contract Documents” means the Purchase Contract between the City and the Authority, the Supplemental Agreement by and among the City, the Authority and the State of Michigan acting through the Department of Environmental

Quality, and the Issuer's Certificate for the Series 2013 Bonds or such other closing documents required by the Authority for the issuance of the Series 2013 Bonds.

(f) "Improvements" means the design, purchase, acquisition, and construction of improvements to the System, including, but not limited to improvements to the wastewater treatment plant and related facilities, as well as all work necessary and incidental to these improvements.

(g) "Prior Resolution" means Resolution 08.31 adopted by the City Council of the City on August 25, 2008, as supplemented by Resolution 10.30 adopted by the City Council of the City on August 9, 2010, and Resolution 12.24 adopted by the City Council of the City on April 23, 2012.

(h) "Resolution" means this Resolution and all amendments hereto.

(i) "Series 2013 Bonds" means the City's 2013 Sanitary Sewer System Junior Lien Revenue Bonds issued pursuant to this resolution.

2. NECESSITY, PUBLIC PURPOSE: It is hereby determined to be necessary for the public health, safety and welfare of the City to acquire and construct the Improvements to the System in accordance with the maps, plans and specifications therefore prepared by Hubbell, Roth & Clark, Inc., which are hereby approved.

3. ESTIMATED COST; PERIOD OF USEFULNESS: The cost of the Improvements has been estimated by the engineers not to exceed \$1,300,000, including the payment of legal, engineering, financial and other expenses, which estimate of cost is approved and confirmed, and the period of usefulness of the Improvements is estimated to be greater than thirty (30) years.

4. ISSUANCE OF BONDS. To pay a portion of the cost of acquiring and constructing the Improvements and to pay the legal and financial expenses and all other

expenses incidental to the issuance of the Series 2013 Bonds, the City shall borrow the sum of not to exceed \$1,300,000 and issue its revenue bonds pursuant to the provisions of the Act. The Series 2013 Bonds shall be issued in the aggregate principal sum of not to exceed \$1,300,000, as finally determined by the Authorized Officer at the time of sale, or such lesser amount thereof as shall have been advanced to the City pursuant to the Contract Documents.

During the time funds are being drawn down by the City under the Series 2013 Bonds, the Authority will periodically provide the City a statement showing the amount of principal that has been advanced and the date of each advance, which statement shall constitute prima facie evidence of the reported information; provided that no failure on the part of the Authority to provide such a statement or to reflect a disbursement or the correct amount of a disbursement shall relieve the City of its obligation to repay the outstanding principal amount actually advanced, all accrued interest thereon, and any other amount payable with respect thereto in accordance with the terms of the Series 2013 Bonds.

5. SERIES 2013 BOND TERMS. The Series 2013 Bonds shall be issued as one fully registered manuscript bond, shall be sold and delivered to the Authority in any denomination. The Series 2013 Bonds shall be dated the date of delivery to the Authority, or such other date approved by the Authorized Officer, and shall be payable on the dates determined by the Authorized Officer at the time of sale provided the final maturity shall be no later than thirty years after the date of issuance. The Series 2013 Bonds shall bear interest at a rate of not to exceed 5% per annum as determined by the Authorized Officer, payable semiannually on the dates determined by the Authorized Officer at the time of sale.

Notwithstanding the above, the final amount of any maturity and terms of the Series 2013 Bonds shall be as provided in the Contract Documents and will be finally determined by the Authorized Officer.

6. PAYMENT OF BONDS; PLEDGE OF NET REVENUES. As provided in Section 6 of the Prior Resolution, the principal of and interest on the Series 2013 Bonds, as Additional Junior Lien Bonds, shall be payable from the Net Revenues derived from the operation of the System, including future improvements, enlargements and extensions thereof, after provision has been made for the payment of expenses of administration, operation and maintenance thereof and the Net Revenues of the System, including future enlargements, improvements, and extensions thereto, are hereby pledged to the payment of the principal of and interest on the Series 2013 Bonds. To secure the payment of the principal of and interest on the Series 2013 Bonds there is hereby created a statutory lien to and in favor of the Bondholders of the Series 2013 Bonds upon the Net Revenues of the System, including future enlargements, improvements, and extensions thereof, which is a junior lien of equal standing and priority with respect to the Net Revenues of the System securing other outstanding Junior Lien Bonds, but subordinate to the first lien on the Net Revenues of the System securing any First Lien Bonds. The Net Revenues so pledged shall be and remain subject to such lien until the payment in full of the principal of and interest on the Series 2013 Bonds or until Bonds are defeased as provided in the Prior Resolution.

The Series 2013 Bonds, including both principal and interest thereon, shall not be a general obligation of the City and shall not constitute an indebtedness of the City for the purpose of any debt limitations imposed by any constitutional, statutory or charter provisions.

7. PRIOR REDEMPTION: The Series 2013 Bonds issued and sold to the Authority shall be subject to redemption prior to maturity by the City only with the prior written consent of the Authority and on such terms as may be required by the Authority.

8. PAYING AGENT AND REGISTRATION.

(a) Appointment of Paying Agent. The initial Paying Agent for the Series 2013 Bonds shall be the City Treasurer.

(b) Authority's Depository. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Resolution, so long as the Authority is the owner of the Series 2013 Bonds, (a) the Series 2013 Bonds are payable as to principal, premium, if any, and interest in lawful money of the United States of America, at The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N. A., or at such other place as shall be designated in writing to the City by the Authority (the "Authority's Depository"); (b) the City agrees that it will deposit with the Authority's Depository payments of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Series 2013 Bonds in immediately available funds by 12:00 noon at least five business days prior to the date on which any such payment is due whether by maturity, redemption or otherwise; in the event that the Authority's Depository has not received the City's deposit by 12:00 noon on the scheduled day, the City shall immediately pay to the Authority as invoiced by the Authority an amount to recover the Authority's administrative costs and lost investment earnings attributable to that late payment; and (c) written notice of any redemption of the Series 2013 Bonds shall be given by the City and received by the Authority's Depository at least 40 days prior to the date on which such redemption is to be made.

9. SALE OF BONDS. The Series 2013 Bonds shall be sold to the Authority. The City determines that a negotiated sale to the Authority is in the best interest of the

City because the terms offered by the Authority are more favorable than those available from other sources of funding.

10. BOND FORM: The Series 2013 Bonds shall be substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A, and incorporated herein, with such completions, changes and additions as may be required by the Authority or as recommended by the City's Bond Counsel and approved by the officers of the City signing the Series 2013 Bonds.

11. AUTHORIZED OFFICER: The Authorized Officer is hereby designated, for and on behalf of the City, to do all acts and to take all necessary steps required to effectuate the sale, issuance and delivery of the Series 2013 Bonds to the Authority. The Authorized Officer is hereby authorized to execute and deliver the Contract Documents in substantially the form presented at this meeting, with such changes, additions and completions as are approved by the Authorized Officer. The City hereby approves the Contract Documents in the form presented at this meeting with such changes as are approved by the Authorized Officer. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Resolution, the Authorized Officer is authorized within the limitations of this Resolution to determine the specific interest rate or rates to be borne by the bonds, not exceeding 5% per annum, the principal amount, interest payment dates, dates of maturities, and amount of maturities, redemption rights, the title of the Series 2013 Bonds, date of issuance, and other terms and conditions relating to the Series 2013 Bonds and the sale thereof provided, however, the last annual principal installment shall not be more than thirty years from the date of issuance of the Series 2013 Bonds. The Authorized Officer's approval of the terms shall be evidenced by his or her signature on the document or agreement stating such terms. The Authorized Officer is hereby authorized for and on behalf of the City, without further City Council approval, to do all acts and

take all necessary steps required to effectuate the sale, issuance, and delivery of the Series 2013 Bonds. The Authorized Officer, together with the Treasurer, or any one or more of them, are authorized to execute any orders, receipts, agreements, pledge agreements, documents or certificates necessary to complete the transaction, including, but not limited to, any issuers certificate, any certificates relating to federal or state securities laws, rules or regulations, any applications to the Michigan Department of Treasury, and any revenue sharing pledge agreement. The City hereby approves the Revenue Sharing Pledge Agreements in the form presented to this meeting, with such changes as are approved by the Authorized Officer, and authorizes the Authorized Officer to execute and deliver the Revenue Sharing Pledge Agreement if it is required by the Authority.

12. EXECUTION OF BONDS: The Mayor or the Mayor Pro Tem and the Clerk or the Deputy Clerk of the City are hereby authorized and directed to sign the Series 2013 Bonds, either manually or by facsimile signature, on behalf of the City. Upon execution, the Series 2013 Bonds shall be delivered to the purchaser thereof.

13. CONSTRUCTION FUND. The proceeds of the Series 2013 Bonds shall be deposited in the Construction Fund. Such moneys shall be used solely for the purpose for which the Series 2013 Bonds were issued. Any unexpected balance in the Construction Fund remaining after completion of the Improvements may be used for such purposes as allowed by law. After completion of the Improvements and disposition of remaining Series 2013 Bond proceeds, if any, pursuant to the provisions of this Section, the Construction Fund shall be closed.

14. CONTRACT WITH BONDHOLDERS: The provisions of this Resolution shall constitute a contract between the City and the Bondholders from time to

time, and after the issuance of any of such Series 2013 Bonds, no change, variation or alteration of the provisions of this Resolution may be made which would lessen the security for the Series 2013 Bonds. The provisions of this Resolution shall be enforceable by appropriate proceedings taken by such Bondholder, either at law or in equity.

15. INTERNAL REVENUE CODE: The City has consulted with its attorney and understands that the Code contains certain requirements on (i) the expenditure of proceeds from the sale of the Series 2013 Bonds, (ii) the investment of the proceeds from the issuance of the Series 2013 Bonds and (iii) the rebate of interest earned on the investment of the proceeds of the Series 2013 Bonds under certain circumstances. The City hereby covenants to comply with such requirements.

16. PUBLICATION AND RECORDATION. This Resolution shall be published once in full in a newspaper of general circulation in the City qualified under state law to publish legal notices, and the same shall be recorded in the records of the City and such recording authenticated by the signature of the City Clerk.

17. RESOLUTION SUBJECT TO MICHIGAN LAW. The provisions of this Resolution are subject to the laws of the State of Michigan.

18. SECTION HEADINGS. The section headings in this Resolution are furnished for convenience of reference only and shall not be considered to be a part of this Resolution.

19. SEVERABILITY: If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Resolution shall be held invalid, the invalidity of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any of the other provisions of this Resolution.

20. CONFLICT: Except as provided above, all Resolutions and Resolutions or parts thereof, insofar as the same may be in conflict herewith, are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict; provided, that the foregoing shall not operate to repeal any provision thereof, the repeal of which would impair the obligation on the Bonds or the Prior Bonds.

21. EFFECTIVE DATE OF RESOLUTION: Pursuant to Section 6 of the Act, this Resolution shall be approved on the date of first reading and this Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its adoption.

Councilmember Day, supported by Councilmember Ingalsbee, made a motion to approve Resolution 13.15 as presented. Motion passed by acclamation.

#### **RESOLUTION 13.16**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF ALLEGAN TO  
MAKE APPLICATION TO THE MICHIGAN ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION ON BEHALF OF THE  
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR FUNDING A  
PLANNING STUDY FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 213-215  
HUBBARD STREET IN DOWNTOWN ALLEGAN

WHEREAS, the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC), on behalf of the Michigan Strategic Fund (MSF) is accepting Part I Applications for new projects under the State of Michigan's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Downtown Development Planning Grant (DPG) program; and

WHEREAS, the CDBG Downtown Development Planning Grant Program is designed to identify activities that the Unit of General Local Government (UGLG) could undertake to increase the viability/accessibility of economic opportunities that will revitalize and stimulate job creation within the downtown area; and

WHEREAS, planning projects will only be considered if the UGLG can demonstrate that the planning grant will likely lead to an eligible implementation project, is building or area specific, and has identified goals and outcomes.

WHEREAS, the Downtown Development Authority has identified 213-215 Hubbard Street as a potential property which we believe, under the proper circumstances and with planning assistance, can meet the program goals for likely job creation, and enhance the viability of the downtown area; and

WHEREAS, the Downtown Development Authority is currently undergoing the Allegan Riverfront Development assessment in order to target community and economic development opportunities to assist with revitalizing Allegan's downtown and believe this effort complements the Planning Grant program; and

WHEREAS, the Downtown Development Authority has recommended approval to and requests the City Council to submit the grant to improve the likelihood of creating jobs and enhancing the economic situation in the Downtown.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is resolved as follows:

1. The Allegan City Council does hereby authorize the City Manager to act on its behalf, as well as the Downtown Development Authority, to submit an application to the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) in the amount of \$20,000.00 for a planning grant at 213-215 Hubbard Street for the development of a full service restaurant adjacent to the riverfront within the DDA District.
2. The Allegan City Council supports the Downtown Development Authority commitment to the implementation of the CDBG Downtown Development Planning Grant Program and supports the \$10,000.00 match for the effort to enhance job creation and the economy in Downtown Allegan.
3. The Allegan City Council supports the Downtown Development Authority process to conducted a Request for Qualifications process, and if the grant is awarded, will select Abonmarche as the planning consulting firm to assist the City in the development of the plan for 213-215 Hubbard Street.
4. This resolution shall take effect upon authorization by the Allegan City Council.
5. All resolutions and parts of resolutions are, to the extent of any conflict with this resolution, rescinded.

Councilmember Day, supported by Councilmember Clark, made a motion to approve Resolution 13.16 as presented. Motion passed by acclamation.

### **RESOLUTION 13.17**

#### ***Authorizing 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Budget Adjustments***

**WHEREAS**, in order to ensure all budgeted fund and activities for the 2012/2013 budget year end within budget parameters; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Allegan Finance Director is authorized to make the necessary adjustments to complete this action; and

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the following attached 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Budget Recommendations are authorized for adjustment and shall reflect the 2012/2013 adopted budget;

Councilmember Clark, supported by Councilmember Day, made a motion to approve Resolution 13.17 as presented. Motion passed by acclamation.

**Ordinances** Mayor McDaniel introduced Ordinance 434 for final reading. This ordinance is to amend Chapter 7 of the Code of Ordinances to provide building regulations within the City of Allegan. Councilmember McKenzie requested this item be tabled until the proposed new fee structure is determined. Mayor McDaniel stated that any new fee structure is not connected to this proposed ordinance. Councilmember Ingalsbee commented it is important for the Council to pass this ordinance amendment tonight, as is, without the new fee structure. Councilmember Ingalsbee, supported by Councilmember Clark, made a motion to approve Ordinance 434 for final reading. Motion passed with Councilmember McKenzie voting no.

**Permits/Licenses/Agreements/Grants**

**Requests for Payments**

**Requests for Purchases, Services and Equipment** Councilmember Clark, supported by Councilmember Leverage, made a motion to approve the request for services received from Owen Ames Kimball, Grand Rapids, Michigan for the Septage and UV Improvement Project at the Wastewater Treatment Plant in the amount of \$938,600.00. Motion passed by acclamation.

**Resolution 13.14**

**A RESOLUTION TO TENTATIVELY AWARD  
A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT  
FOR WASTEWATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Allegan \_\_\_\_\_ (*legal name of applicant*) wishes to construct improvements to its existing wastewater treatment and collection system; and

**WHEREAS**, the wastewater system improvements project formally adopted on May 14, 2012 \_\_\_\_\_ (*date of final project plan adoption*) will be funded through Michigan's State Revolving Fund Program (*SRF and/or SWQIF Programs*); and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Allegan \_\_\_\_\_ (*legal name of applicant*) has sought and received construction bids for the proposed improvements and has received a low bid in the amount of \$938,600 \_\_\_\_\_ from Owen Ames Kimball \_\_\_\_\_ (*name of the contractor*); and

**WHEREAS**, the project engineer, Hubbell, Roth, & Clark, Inc. \_\_\_\_\_, has recommended awarding the contract to the low bidder.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City of Allegan \_\_\_\_\_ (*legal name of applicant*) tentatively awards the

contract for construction of the proposed wastewater system improvements project to Owen Ames Kimball (*name of the contractor*), contingent upon successful financial arrangements with the State Revolving Fund \_\_\_\_\_ (*SRF and/or SWQIF Programs*).

Councilmember Day, supported by Councilmember Clark, made a motion to approve Resolution 13.14 as presented. Motion passed by acclamation.

Councilmember Clark, supported by Councilmember Tripp, made a motion to approve the request for services received from BenchDog Woodworks, Inc., Allegan, Michigan for improvements at City Hall in the amount of \$7,200.00. Motion passed by acclamation. **(Requires Budget Adjustment)**

Councilmember Day, supported by Councilmember Clark, made a motion to approve Change Order No. 1 received from Fedewa, Inc., Nashville, Michigan to perform welding work on the North Water Tower in the amount of \$3,700.00. Motion passed by acclamation.

Councilmember Day, supported by Councilmember Clark, made a motion to approve Change Order No. 2 received from Fedewa, Inc., Nashville, Michigan to repaint the Booster Station in the amount of \$4,200.00. Motion passed by acclamation.

Councilmember Clark, supported by Councilmember Ingalsbee, made a motion to approve the request for services received from Cornelisse Design Associates, Grand Rapids, Michigan for the design and engineering of the Veteran's Park Improvements in the amount of \$16,130.00. Motion passed by acclamation.

Councilmember Day, supported by Councilmember Ingalsbee, made a motion to approve Change Order No. 3 received from Owen Ames Kimball, Grand Rapids, Michigan in the amount of \$25,851.00 for the Basin 3 Project at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Motion passed by acclamation.

**Reports/Minutes of City Boards** Councilmember Clark discussed the minutes from the Finance Committee meetings held on March 21, 2013 & April 8, 2013.

WWTP Superintendent D. Sweeris discussed the plant's activity report for March, 2013.

WTP Superintendent R. Berkin reviewed the plant's activity report for March, 2013.

Mayor McDaniel presented the Community Development Department Activity Report for March, 2013.

Councilmember Leverage reviewed the minutes from the Economic Development Corporation meeting held on April 8, 2013.

Councilmember Tripp discussed the minutes from the Public Works Committee meeting held on April 8, 2013.

DPW Director A. Haskin reviewed the minutes from the Parks Commission meeting held on April 10, 2013.

Councilmember Tripp presented the minutes from the Planning Commission meeting held on April 15, 2013.

Councilmember Day reviewed the Life EMS First Quarter Summary.

### **Appointments**

### **Unfinished Business**

**Approval of Payroll and Accounts** Councilmember Day, supported by Councilmember Clark, made a motion to approve payroll in the amount of \$93,826.74 and accounts payable in the amount of \$142,093.15. Motion passed by acclamation.

**Department Supervisors Report** WWTP Superintendent D. Sweeris thanked the City Council for their support regarding all the improvements at the plant. The plant handled the recent rains very well. He announced that on April 27<sup>th</sup> free soil testing will be provided at Ace Hardware.

WTP Superintendent R. Berkin stated no flooding issues occurred at the plant and thanked City Council and previous Council's for the support in building a new water plant.

DPW Director A. Haskin commented that Spring Clean-up continues thru April 17<sup>th</sup>. He also commented on the recent flooding and how fortunate the City was because it could have been a lot worse. He stated the dam handled all the water very well, however the Cook Street Drain area couldn't keep up with the rain and some residents on Grand/Weeks Streets did experience some sewer back-ups.

Downtown Coordinator V. Knuckles announced the Farmers Market will be starting for the season on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. She commented on how supportive the community has been in supporting the fundraising efforts at the Regent.

**Council Comments** Councilmember Leverage thanked DPW Director A. Haskin for all his help with keeping an eye on the water levels at the dam during the recent rains.

Councilmember Ingalsbee announced her attendance at the AAESA Open House and she recently spoke to a Political Science class at Lake Michigan College at the Vo-tech.

Councilmember Clark thanked Joe and Deb Leverage for the recent piano concert at the Griswold. He also thanked the DPW staff for their hard work during the recent heavy rains.

Councilmember Tripp appreciates City staff for all their hard work.

Councilmember Day thanked Doug, Ray and Aaron for all their great work.

Mayor McDaniel thanked City Manager R. Hillard for all his updates and work during the recent heavy rains which caused minor flooding issues around the City.

Mayor McDaniel adjourned the meeting at 8:07pm.

**Respectfully submitted,**

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

The City of Allegan is an equal opportunity provider and employer