

Allegan, Michigan

August 11, 2014

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: Ingalsbee, Leverage, Tripp, Zeter, McKenzie, Mayor McDaniel

Absent: Gratz

Others

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

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

Approval of Minutes Councilmember Zeter, supported by Councilmember Leverage, made a motion to approve the Regular City Council meeting minutes of July 28, 2014. Motion passed by acclamation.

Mayor's Report Mayor McDaniel had nothing to report.

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

Petitions and Public Comment

Communications Councilmember Zeter, supported by Councilmember McKenzie, made a motion to approve the request received from Apple Blossom Chapel and Gardens, Fennville, Michigan to place signage on City property at various locations from August 28, 2014~September 9, 2014 to advertise the Garden Party Bridal Show. Motion passed by acclamation.

Councilmember Leverage, supported by Councilmember Ingalsbee, made a motion to approve the request received from Jordan Norman to use the Mahan Park Gazebo to hold a free concert for local artists on August 22, 2014 starting at 5:30pm. Motion passed by acclamation.

Councilmember Tripp, supported by Councilmember Zeter, made a motion to approve the request received from the Allegan Jaycees to hold Oktoberfest on September 20, 2014 on the riverfront from 12:00noon to 12:00am and for the placement of signage on City property to advertise this event. Motion passed by acclamation.

Councilmember Tripp, supported by Councilmember Zeter, made a motion to approve the request received from the Forever Curious Children's Museum to hold their annual Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre fundraiser on February 20 & February 21, 2015 at the Griswold Auditorium and for the waiver of the rental fees. Motion passed by acclamation.

City Manager R. Hillard explained the Two-way Street option for a portion of Trowbridge Street between Chestnut and Walnut in which the current angle parking would be changed to parallel. The USPS mailbox could be moved to the parking lot behind Country House Furniture, across the street from the Post Office.

Councilmember Ingalsbee commented that winter made that street hard to navigate and this is a step to opening the downtown for incoming traffic.

Councilmember McKenzie questioned the parking for the Senior Center residents. She feels that parking is lacking on this street.

Mayor McDaniel feels that the residents of the Senior Center have plenty of parking in front of their building.

Councilmember Tripp wondered about the option of one 15 minute designated parking spot in front of the center.

Councilmember Leverage asked if all of Trowbridge Street could be made a two-way option.

City Manager R. Hillard responded that MDOT is still researching that option at the highway intersection, however he isn't anticipating a problem with restrictions.

Councilmember Tripp, supported by Councilmember Ingalsbee, made a motion to set a public hearing for August 25, 2014 at 7:05pm and to mail all residents and property owners from Chestnut Street to M89 inviting their input at the next City Council meeting. A roll call vote was taken: Ingalsbee-yes; Tripp-yes; Leverage-yes; McKenzie-no; Zeter-no; McDaniel-no. Tie vote, no decision.

Councilmember McKenzie made a motion to send notices to residents and property owners from Chestnut to Walnut for public input at the next City Council meeting on August 25th. Motion failed due to lack of support.

Councilmember Ingalsbee, supported by Councilmember Tripp, made a motion to send notices to residents and property owners from Chestnut to Cedar stating the change to two-way street from one-way option, sending a copy of the map and stating the decision will be made at the August 25th City Council meeting. Motion passed with Mayor McDaniel abstaining.

Hearings

Programs

Resolutions

Ordinances Mayor McDaniel introduced Ordinance 444 of 2014 for final reading. This ordinance will regulate the Parking of Motor Vehicles. Councilmember Leverage, supported by Councilmember Ingalsbee, made a motion to approve Ordinance 444 for final reading. Motion passed with Mayor McDaniel voting no.

Permits/Licenses/Agreements/Grants Councilmember McKenzie, supported by Councilmember Tripp, made a motion to approve the License Agreement with WSMH, Inc., dba WWMT and the City of Allegan for the “Live Eye” skycam and equipment located on the City water tower and the Griswold Auditorium. Motion passed by acclamation.

Requests for Payments

Requests for Purchases, Services and Equipment

Reports/Minutes of City Boards Mayor McDaniel presented the minutes from the Development Committee meeting held on July 28, 2014 and the Allegan Police Department 2nd Quarter Activity Report.

Councilmember Ingalsbee discussed the minutes from the M40/M89 Corridor meeting held on July 29, 2014.

Appointments Councilmember Ingalsbee, supported by Councilmember Leverage, made a motion to re-appoint Kathy Cassady to the Historic District Commission for a three (3) year term. Motion passed by acclamation.

Councilmember Ingalsbee, supported by Councilmember Tripp, made a motion to re-appoint Jill Bentley to the Historic District Commission for a three (3) year term. Motion passed by acclamation.

Councilmember McKenzie, supported by Councilmember Ingalsbee, made a motion to appoint City Manager R. Hillard; Councilmembers McKenzie and Leverage to the Economic Development Corporation Selection Sub-committee. Motion passed by acclamation.

Unfinished Business

Approval of Payroll and Accounts Councilmember McKenzie, supported by Councilmember Leverage, made a motion to approve payroll in the amount of \$93,682.64 and accounts payable in the amount of \$1,100,808.20. Motion passed by acclamation.

Department Supervisors Report Allegan County Commissioner M. Thiele gave various updates related to the County.

Council Comments Councilmember Tripp commented the City is looking good.

Councilmember Zeter stated the “Block Party” on Thomas Street was a great success. He kayaked the Kalamazoo River yesterday and can’t believe what a great asset the City has.

Councilmember Leverage also attended the “Block Party” and said the food was excellent and she also kayaked the river and feels it needs to be showcased.

Councilmember Ingalsbee announced the upcoming Secret Spaces Tour on September 20th.

Mayor McDaniel adjourned the meeting at 8:09pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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