

Call to Order City Clerk R. Hillard called the regular meeting of the Allegan City Council to order at 7:00 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

City Manager/Clerk R. Hillard called for nominations for Mayor. Councilmember Zeter, supported by Councilmember Ingalsbee, made a motion to nominate Councilmember Leverage for Mayor. Councilmember Ingalsbee, supported by Councilmember Zeter, made a motion to close the nominations for Mayor. Councilmember Tripp, supported by Councilmember Ingalsbee, made a motion to accept Councilmember Leverage as Mayor for a one year term. Motion passed by acclamation.

City Manager/Clerk R. Hillard administered the oath of office to Councilmember Leverage as Mayor.

Mayor Leverage called for nominations for Mayor Pro tem. Councilmember Tripp, supported by Councilmember McKenzie, made a motion to nominate Councilmember Ingalsbee for Mayor Pro tem. Mayor Leverage, supported by Councilmember Gratz, made a motion to nominate Councilmember Zeter for Mayor Pro tem. Councilmember Gratz, supported by Councilmember Zeter, made a motion to close the nominations for Mayor Pro tem. A roll call vote for taken for Mayor Pro tem: Gratz-Ingalsbee; Ingalsbee-Ingalsbee; McDaniel-Ingalsbee; McKenzie-Ingalsbee; Zeter-Ingalsbee; Mayor Leverage-Ingalsbee. Councilmember Ingalsbee 7-0 to be Mayor Pro tem for a one year term.

City Manager/Clerk R. Hillard administered the oath of office to Councilmember Ingalsbee as Mayor Pro tem.

Roll Call

Present: Councilmembers: Gratz, Ingalsbee, McKenzie, Tripp, Zeter, McDaniel, Mayor Leverage

Absent: None

Others

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

Approval of Minutes Councilmember Tripp, supported by Councilmember McDaniel, made a motion to approve the Regular City Council meeting minutes of October 27, 2014. Motion passed by acclamation.

Mayor's Report Mayor Leverage thanked everyone for their nominations and support.

City Manager's Report City Manager R. Hillard congratulated Mayor Leverage and Mayor Pro tem Ingalsbee and thanked outgoing Mayor McDaniel and Mayor Pro tem McKenzie and his looking forward to working with the council. He announced the Holiday Parade will be held on Friday, December 5th starting at 7:00pm.

Petitions and Public Comment Jack Ephofen, 504 River wondered when the DPW staff will be cleaning debris off of the storm drains and when leaves will be picked up?

Communications Councilmember Ingalsbee, supported by Councilmember Gratz, made a motion to approve the request received from Allegan County Central Food Pantry to ring bells during the City's Christmas Parade on December 5, 2014 and at Allegan Art Hop on December 12, 2014 to gather funds to benefit the pantry. Motion passed by acclamation.

City Manager R. Hillard discussed the demolition cost estimates for 315 Hubbard could be between \$15,000-\$25,000 and 313 Spruce from \$15,000-\$20,000 however, asbestos abatement is estimated and included in the costs.

Councilmember Tripp wondered if 315 Hubbard could be remodeled and used for public restrooms.

Councilmember McDaniel would like to see 315 Hubbard torn down. That location could have numerous possibilities for future development.

Councilmember Zeter asked if any restrictions are tied to 315 Hubbard? City Manager R. Hillard stated he had contacted the County Treasurer's Office and they indicated there would not be any standard restrictions.

Councilmember Tripp, supported by Councilmember Ingalsbee, made a motion to approve the acceptance of 315 Hubbard from the Allegan County Treasurer and not sell the structure immediately and let the DDA and staff figure out if this lot can be incorporated into the Riverfront Improvement plan. Motion passed by acclamation.

Councilmember McDaniel, supported by Councilmember Gratz, made a motion to approve the acceptance of 313 Spruce from the Allegan County Treasurer. Motion passed by acclamation.

Hearings

Programs

Resolutions

Ordinances

Permits/Licenses/Agreements/Grants Councilmember McDaniel, supported by Councilmember Ingalsbee, made a motion to approve the Grant Agreement between Michigan State Housing Development Authority and the City of Allegan for the Historic District Mid-Century Modern Study. Motion passed by acclamation.

Councilmember Tripp, supported by Councilmember Ingalsbee, made a motion to approve the request for Approval to Hire a Water Treatment Plant Manager. Motion passed by acclamation.

Requests for Payments

Requests for Purchases, Services and Equipment Councilmember Ingalsbee, supported by Councilmember McDaniel, made a motion to approve the request for services received from Wray's Septic Tank & Development Co., Allegan, Michigan for the demolition of 236 Monroe Street in the amount of \$9,860.00 Motion passed by acclamation. **(Requires Budget Adjustment)**

Reports/Minutes of City Boards Councilmember Ingalsbee discussed the minutes from the M40/M89 Corridor Committee meeting held on July 29, 2014 and the Allegan Fire District Activity Reports for July & August, 2014.

Councilmember McDaniel reviewed the minutes from the Parks Commission meeting held on October 6, 2014.

Mayor Leverage discussed the minutes from the Development Committee meetings held on October 10; October 22; October 23 and October 27, 2014 and the Economic Development Corporation meeting held on November 5, 2014.

Councilmember Ingalsbee reviewed the minutes from the Historic District Commission meeting held on November 3, 2014.

Appointments Councilmember McKenzie, supported by Councilmember McDaniel, made a motion to re-appoint James Beaudoin to the Construction Board of Appeals for a two (2) year term. Motion passed by acclamation.

Councilmember Tripp, supported by Councilmember Zeter, made a motion to re-appoint Tod Heckman to the Construction Board of Appeals for a two (2) year term. Motion passed by acclamation.

Councilmember Ingalsbee, supported by Councilmember Gratz, made a motion to re-appoint Dan Wedge to the Highland Business Park for a three (3) year term. Motion passed by acclamation.

Councilmember Tripp, supported by Councilmember Gratz, made a motion to re-appoint Mike Walsh to the Highland Business Park for a three (3) year term. Motion passed by acclamation.

Councilmember Tripp, supported by Councilmember Zeter, made a motion to re-appoint Jeff Melvin to the Highland Business Park for a three (3) year term. Motion passed by acclamation.

Councilmember Zeter, supported by Councilmember Gratz, made a motion to re-appoint Scott Ellis to the Highland Business Park for a three (3) year term. Motion passed by acclamation.

Unfinished Business

Approval of Payroll and Accounts Councilmember Ingalsbee, supported by Councilmember McKenzie, made a motion to approve payroll in the amount of \$96,199.90 and accounts payable in the amount of \$508,976.23. Motion passed by acclamation.

Department Supervisors Report Wastewater Treatment Superintendent D. Sweeris stated that hauling of bio-solids from the plant will start next week. He stated that replacement parts have been ordered for septage station no. 1. Interviews continue and he would like to hire someone before the end of 2014. He announced the annual City Christmas Party will be on December 12th starting at 12:00noon at the Griswold.

Council Comments Councilmember McDaniel invited all to attend the Veteran's Day Service on the 11th at 11:00am at the Veteran's Memorial. She talked about the lights on the bridge; upcoming Festive Fridays and Art Hop. She is happy to see all the street paving. She announced the USPS is planning on moving the mailbox to a different location.

Councilmembers McKenzie and Gratz congratulated Mayor Leverage and Mayor Pro tem Ingalsbee.

Councilmember Tripp commented that it is nice to finally see the bridge lit.

Councilmember Zeter congratulated the Allegan High School Band for taking 2nd place at the State competition.

Councilmember Ingalsbee thanked all for voting for her. She announced the upcoming events at the Allegan District Library, Ladies Tea on November 16th and the dedication ceremony on November 21st. She shared a conversation that she had with a local businessman about WWTP Superintendent D. Sweeris and how much he appreciated Doug and all his hard work at the plant.

Mayor Leverage thanked councilmembers for their support.

Mayor Leverage adjourned the meeting at 7:51pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori K. Vander Clay
Deputy City Clerk

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