

Allegan, Michigan

January 12, 2015

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

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

Absent: None

Others

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

Approval of Minutes Councilmember McDaniel, supported by Councilmember Tripp, made a motion to approve the Regular City Council meeting minutes of December 22, 2014. Motion passed with Councilmember Zeter abstaining.

Mayor's Report Mayor Leverence introduced Tessa Pierce Thomas, she read her poem Maple, Oak, Sassafras and Pine. She gave a copy to each councilmember and gave a plaque with the poem on it, which will be on display at the Griswold Auditorium.

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

Petitions and Public Comment John Barber announced that he has received his Eagle Scout designation due to his project of installing fire hydrant markers for the City.

Communications Mayor Leverence presented the 2015 Public Meeting Schedule.

Mayor Leverence announced the upcoming meeting of the City Council and the Allegan District Library Board on Thursday, January 15, 2015 at 6:00pm at the Allegan District Library.

Hearings

Programs

Resolutions

Ordinances

Permits/Licenses/Agreements/Grants

Requests for Payments

Requests for Purchases, Services and Equipment Councilmember Gratz, supported by Councilmember Zeter, made a motion to approve the request for purchase received from Grand Equipment, Hudsonville, Michigan for Skytrak upgrades and service at the Wastewater Treatment Plant in the amount of \$13,000.00. Motion passed by acclamation.

Councilmember McDaniel, supported by Councilmember Gratz, made a motion to approve the request for services received from Abonmarche, Benton Harbor, Michigan for design, construction engineering services and grant administration for the Riverfront Improvement Project in the amount of \$56,575.00. Motion passed by acclamation.

Reports/Minutes of City Boards Councilmember McDaniel presented the minutes from the Downtown Development Authority meeting held on December 11, 2014.

Councilmember McDaniel reviewed the minutes from the Development Committee meeting held on December 22, 2014.

Councilmember Ingalsbee discussed the minutes from the Public Safety Committee meeting held on December 22, 2014.

Councilmember Ingalsbee presented the minutes from the Historic District Commission meeting held on January 5, 2015.

Appointments Councilmember McKenzie, supported by Councilmember Zeter, made a motion to appoint Councilmembers McKenzie, Zeter and Mayor Leverage to the Downtown Development Authority Selection Sub-committee. 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 \$92,912.66 and accounts payable in the amount of \$625,832.09. Motion passed by acclamation.

Department Supervisors Report DPW Director A. Haskin commented that snow removal from the downtown is ongoing.

WWTP & WTP Superintendent D. Sweeris announced that two new employees have been hired at the Water Treatment Plant and that both plants are running well.

Promotions Coordinator K. King has created an events plan for 2015 that will be presented at the Strategic Planning Meeting. She loves having the sidewalks in the City plowed.

Council Comments Councilmember McDaniel commented on how great it is to have the sidewalks plowed. She is happy to see that the Allegan District Library is offering more and more workshops and things to do. She has heard all positive comments regarding the lights on the bridge.

Councilmember Zeter also stated he has heard many positive comments about the bridge and the lights and thinks they look great.

Councilmember Ingalsbee announced the upcoming open house at Christ Community Church on January 24th to welcome their new pastor. She hopes that everyone takes advantage of the many opportunities offered at the Allegan District Library including the Kalamazoo Brass at the library on the 14th.

Mayor Leverage thanked Tessa Pierce Thomas for the plaque.

Mayor Leverage adjourned the meeting at 7:24pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori K. Vander Clay
Deputy City Clerk

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