

**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 Zeter, supported by Councilmember McDaniel, made a motion to approve the Regular City Council meeting minutes of January 12, 2015. Motion passed by acclamation.

**Mayor's Report** Mayor Leverence thanked the Heritage Home Network Group for purchasing the paint and painting the lounge and the entryway at the Griswold. She announced the City of Allegan is currently No. 7 in the Coolest Small Town voting.

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

**Petitions and Public Comment**

**Communications** Mayor Leverence announced that a Retirement Party for Ray Berkin will be held on Thursday, January 29<sup>th</sup> starting at 12:00noon at the Griswold Auditorium, lower level.

Councilmember McKenzie, supported by Councilmember Zeter, made a motion to approve the request received from Bryce Frost of Stop the Bullying Now to hold a 1 mile Run/Walk within the downtown and for the placement of any signage on City property to advertise the event to be held on Sunday, May 10, 2015. Motion passed by acclamation.

Councilmember Zeter, supported by Councilmember McKenzie, made a motion to approve the request received from APC T-Shirt Company, Allegan, Michigan to hold a "Blessing of the Jeeps" within the downtown and for the closure of Trowbridge Street between Locust and Chestnut Streets and for the placement of signage on City Property to advertise the event to be held on Saturday, May 16, 2015 from 9:00am~12:30pm. Motion passed by acclamation.

City Manager R. Hillard explained the current lease agreement between the City of Allegan and the Allegan District Library in regards to the library building.

Councilmember Ingalsbee stated she has received positive feedback to transfer the building to the library and she would like City Council to proceed with negotiations.

Councilmember Zeter thanked the Library board for hosting the special meeting and is in favor of a transfer.

Councilmember McDaniel also voiced her support of the possible transfer.

Councilmember Tripp stated he was unable to attend the special meeting with the library board, but is in favor of transferring the building to the District Library.

Librarian L. Dorfman announced that on Thursday, January 29<sup>th</sup> the library will be hosting two community forums at 1:00pm and 7:00pm, she invited all to attend.

Councilmember Ingalsbee, supported by Councilmember McDaniel, made a motion to begin the process of transferring the Carnegie Library Building from City ownership to ownership by the Allegan District Library, with the provision that if at any time in the future the Library Board decided to vacate the building and move the library elsewhere, the building would be returned to City ownership for the sum of \$1.00, with no additional financial cost whatsoever regardless of the cost of any improvements made to the library during the time the District Library owned the building. Motion passed by acclamation.

Mayor Leverage announced the City Council Strategic Planning Session will be held on January 31, 2015 from 9:00am~4:00pm at the Griswold Auditorium.

### **Hearings**

### **Programs**

### **Resolutions**

### **Ordinances**

**Permits/Licenses/Agreements/Grants** Councilmember Gratz, supported by Councilmember Zeter, made a motion to approve the Grant Agreement for Arts Services between the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and the City of Allegan. Motion passed by acclamation.

### **Requests for Payments**

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

**Reports/Minutes of City Boards** Mayor Leverage presented the activity reports from the Community Development Department for December, 2014; the Wastewater Treatment Plant for December, 2014 and the Water Treatment Plant for December, 2014.

Councilmember McKenzie reviewed the minutes from the Economic Development Corporation meeting held on January 7, 2015.

Councilmember Ingalsbee reviewed the minutes from the Public Safety Committee meeting held on January 12, 2015.

Councilmember Tripp discussed the minutes from the Finance Committee meeting held on January 19, 2015.

Councilmember Gratz presented the minutes from the Planning Commission meeting held on January 19, 2015.

Councilmember McKenzie discussed the minutes from the Development Committee meeting held on January 22, 2015.

Mayor Leverage presented the Police Department 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Activity Report.

**Appointments** Councilmember Gratz, supported by Councilmember Zeter, made a motion to appoint Councilmember Ingalsbee, Mayor Leverage and City Manager R. Hillard to the Historic District Commission 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 \$96,802.77 and accounts payable in the amount of \$301,047.08. Motion passed by acclamation.

**Department Supervisors Report** Promotions Coordinator K. King announced that Snap Benefits will be accepted at the 2015 Allegan Farmer's Market.

**Council Comments** Councilmember Tripp commented that exciting times are happening in the City.

Councilmember Zeter thanked all who volunteered to paint the lounge and entryway at the Griswold.

Councilmember Ingalsbee enjoyed painting the lounge and entryway.

Councilmember McDaniel indicated the snowflakes in the vacant buildings will be coming down soon and promotional and contact information will be placed in each building.

Councilmember Gratz stated Allegan is now in 5<sup>th</sup> place for the Coolest Small Town.

Mayor Leverage adjourned the meeting at 7:25pm.

**Respectfully submitted,**

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

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