

Allegan, Michigan

February 9, 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 Zeter, supported by Councilmember Gratz, made a motion to approve the Regular City Council meeting minutes of January 26, 2015. Motion passed by acclamation. Councilmember Ingalsbee, supported by Councilmember Zeter, made a motion to approve the Special City Council meeting minutes of January 15, 2015. Motion passed with Councilmember Tripp abstaining. Councilmember Gratz, supported by Councilmember Ingalsbee, made a motion to approve the Special City Council meeting minutes of January 31, 2015. Motion passed by acclamation.

Mayor's Report Mayor Leverence had nothing to report.

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

Petitions and Public Comment Austin Kreutz, President of the Allegan Ministerial Association, voiced his support of a prayer/blessing at City Council meetings. Don Oetman, 3252 Lakeview Drive, Allegan, gave his support, individually and on behalf of Christ Community Church for a blessing to be given at future City Council meetings.

Communications Mayor Leverence announced that a Retirement Party for Ed Nahan will be held on Thursday, March 12th starting at 12:00noon at the Griswold Auditorium, lower level.

Mayor Leverence shared the 2015/16 City Council Goals and Preliminary Objectives with the Council. Councilmember Gratz, supported by Councilmember Ingalsbee, made a motion to approve the 2015/16 City Council Goals and Preliminary Objectives as presented. Motion passed by acclamation.

Councilmember McDaniel, supported by Councilmember Ingalsbee, made a motion to approve the request received from the Allegan County Fair for 2015 events and signage placement. Motion passed by acclamation.

Hearings

Programs

Resolutions

RESOLUTION 15.01

**A RESOLUTION TO SET A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON
A PROPOSED COMMERCIAL REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to consider whether it is in the best interest of the City to establish a proposed commercial redevelopment district pursuant to Act No. 255 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended, MCL 207.651 *et seq.*, which would consist of commercial properties within the City's downtown development district.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The date of Monday, March 9, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. is set for a public hearing on the proposed commercial redevelopment district.
2. The City Clerk shall, on or before February 27, 2015, mail notice of the hearing by certified mail to all owners of real property located within the proposed district, and shall post the notice as appropriate and publish it in a newspaper of general circulation in the City.
3. All resolutions and parts of resolutions are, to the extent of any conflict with this resolution, rescinded.

Councilmember McDaniel, supported by Councilmember Ingalsbee, made a motion to approve Resolution 15.01 as presented. Motion passed by acclamation.

RESOLUTION 15.02

**Authorizing a Maintenance Cost Agreement for Traffic Signal with Michigan
Department of Transportation as Further Defined In Plan No. 03041-01-002**

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Transportation installed new traffic signals at M40,M89 (Western Avenue) @M222 (Cedar Street); and

WHEREAS, this project involves the City of Allegan sharing in the cost of installation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Allegan City Council hereby approves this agreement and authorizes City Manager Robert Hillard to sign all documents on behalf of the City of Allegan.

Councilmember Gratz, supported by Councilmember Zeter, made a motion to approve Resolution 15.02 as presented. Motion passed by acclamation.

RESOLUTION 15.03

Authorizing a Maintenance Cost Agreement for Traffic Signal with Michigan Department of Transportation as Further Defined In Plan No. 03041-01-003

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Transportation modernized the traffic signals at M222 (Cedar Street) @M222 (Monroe Street); and

WHEREAS, this project involves the City of Allegan sharing in the cost of the upgrades;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Allegan City Council hereby approves this agreement and authorizes City Manager Robert Hillard to sign all documents on behalf of the City of Allegan.

Councilmember Gratz, supported by Councilmember Zeter, made a motion to approve Resolution 15.03 as presented. Motion passed by acclamation.

RESOLUTION 15.04

Amendments to the City of Allegan Municipal Policy Manual

WHEREAS, under the authority of various provisions of the Municipal Policy Manual and the Code of Ordinances of the City of Allegan, the City Council wishes to amend various existing city policies and fees and codify with existing policies and fees; and

WHEREAS, additions and deletions to multiple sections of the City Council Rules of Procedure shall be incorporated into the Allegan Municipal Policy Manual and read as attached.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council that the above stated additions and deletions to the City of Allegan Municipal Policy Manual be adopted as recommended by the City staff; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the policies and fees hereto shall be the policy as established for the City of Allegan; and all other policies and fees to the extent of such conflict are hereby repealed.

Councilmember McKenzie, supported by Councilmember McDaniel, made a motion to approve Resolution 15.04 as presented. Motion passed by acclamation.

Ordinances

Permits/Licenses/Agreements/Grants Councilmember Gratz, supported by Councilmember Tripp, made a motion to approve the contract agreement between the City of Allegan and Wolverine Fireworks Display, Kawkawlin, Michigan for the 2015 July 3rd Show. Motion passed by acclamation.

Councilmember Zeter, supported by Councilmember Ingalsbee, made a motion to approve the Permit to Display fireworks issued to Wolverine Fireworks Display, Inc., Kawkawlin, Michigan for the 2015 July 3rd Show. Motion passed by acclamation.

Requests for Payments

Requests for Purchases, Services and Equipment

Reports/Minutes of City Boards DPW Director A. Haskin discussed the minutes from the Airport Advisory Board meeting held on January 5, 2015.

Councilmember McDaniel reviewed the minutes from the Parks Commission meeting held on January 5, 2015.

Councilmember McKenzie presented the minutes from the Development Committee meeting held on January 26, 2015.

Councilmember Ingalsbee discussed the minutes from the Public Safety Committee meeting held on January 26, 2015.

Councilmember Gratz reviewed the minutes from the Public Works Committee meeting held on January 26, 2015.

Councilmember Tripp presented the minutes from the M40/M89 Corridor Committee meeting held on January 27, 2015.

Councilmember Ingalsbee reviewed the minutes from the Historic District Commission meeting held on February 2, 2015.

Appointments

Unfinished Business

Approval of Payroll and Accounts Councilmember Ingalsbee, supported by Councilmember McKenzie, made a motion to approve payroll in the amount of \$92,945.40 and accounts payable in the amount of \$1,300,493.91. Motion passed by acclamation.

Department Supervisors Report WTP & WWTP Superintendent D. Sweeris commented that both plants are running well; the new employees at the Water Plant are doing well and on March 27th he will be giving a presentation at the Septage Receiving meeting at the Health Department.

DPW Director A. Haskin stated a new employee started today. He commented that a film crew will be filming a commercial at the airport in a couple of weeks.

Promotions Coordinator K. King announced the City is currently in 7th place in the Budget Travel Contest and asked everyone to keep voting.

Council Comments Councilmember Zeter reminded everyone to keep voting for Allegan in the Budget Travel contest.

Councilmember Ingalsbee announced the Post Office box has finally been moved to the parking lot on Cutler Street. She announced a new organization in Allegan, Allegan Aerobic Athletic Association; she encouraged all to check out their website: alleganaacom.

Councilmember McDaniel thanked the DPW staff for the plowing and snow removal this season.

Councilmember McKenzie asked if anyone attended the recent meeting at Allegan Township regarding the status of the old jail building. Councilmember Ingalsbee stated she was in attendance and basically there was just a lot of discussion.

Councilmember Gratz thanked Finance Director T. Stull and Deputy City Clerk L. Vander Clay for the food provided at the Strategic Planning Session.

Mayor Leverage thanked the Heritage Home Network Group for completing the painting and wallpaper installation at the Griswold. She also thanked David Sturgis from the DPW for allowing her to ride along in a City plow truck last Sunday. She finally thanked the Council for being very welcoming tonight.

Mayor Leverage adjourned the meeting at 7:36pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori K. Vander Clay
Deputy City Clerk

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