

**Allegan, Michigan**

**March 23, 2015**

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Meeting Prayer** Pastor Wally Coots gave the prayer.

**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 McKenzie, supported by Councilmember Gratz, made a motion to approve the Regular City Council meeting minutes of March 9, 2015. Motion passed by acclamation.

**Mayor's Report** Mayor Leverence commended the Allegan Fire District for all their efforts in fighting the recent fire at Allegan Metal Finishing. She thanked City Manager R. Hillard for his efforts. She asked all to keep the families involved in your thoughts and prayers.

**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 the upcoming ACCTV meeting on Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm, Allegan Township Hall.

Councilmember Ingalsbee, supported by Councilmember Gratz, made a motion to approve the request received from Kim Caines, Chair for Art in the Garden, to place signage on City property from March 28<sup>th</sup> thru April 11<sup>th</sup> to advertise their event on April 11<sup>th</sup> at the Silo. Motion passed by acclamation.

Councilmember Tripp, supported by Councilmember Gratz, made a motion to approve the request received from Jeff Clearwater, Knight of Columbus, to place signage on City property from April 11<sup>th</sup> thru May 10<sup>th</sup> to advertise the Blessing of the Bikes and Classic Cars event on May 10<sup>th</sup>. Motion passed by acclamation.

Plant Superintendent D. Sweeris discussed the Non-Domestic Sewer User Survey. He stated this is a MDEQ requirement with the intent of gathering information for the purpose of protecting the system and the treatment plant. Mailings will be sent to Industrial and Commercial users.

Councilmember Ingalsbee, supported by Councilmember Zeter, made a motion to approve the request received from Pastor Austin Kreutz to have a gathering for the National Day of Prayer on May 7, 2015 at 12:00noon in front of City Hall. Motion passed by acclamation.

Councilmember Ingalsbee, supported by Councilmember Zeter, made a motion to approve the request to place signage on City property for the Allegan Band Mattress Sale on March 28<sup>th</sup>. Motion passed by acclamation.

### **Hearings**

### **Programs**

### **Resolutions**

**Ordinances** Mayor Leverage introduced Ordinance 446 of 2015 for first reading. This ordinance regulates the removal of snow and ice from sidewalks within the City. Councilmember Gratz, supported by Councilmember Ingalsbee, made a motion to approve Ordinance 446 for first reading. Motion passed by acclamation.

**Permits/Licenses/Agreements/Grants** Councilmember McDaniel, supported by Councilmember Gratz, made a motion to approve the Right-of-Way Telecommunications Permit with Frontier North. Motion passed by acclamation.

### **Requests for Payments**

**Requests for Purchases, Services and Equipment** Councilmember Zeter, supported by Councilmember Gratz, made a motion to approve the request for services received from Nashville Construction Company, Nashville, Michigan for guardrails at North Main Street and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Bridge in the amount of \$7,240.00. Motion passed with Councilmember McDaniel voting no. **(Requires Budget Adjustment)**

**Reports/Minutes of City Boards** City Manager R. Hillard reviewed the minutes from the Economic Development Corporation meeting held on March 4, 2015.

Mayor Leverage discussed the minutes from the Downtown Development Authority meeting held on March 7, 2015.

Councilmember Tripp presented the minutes from the Finance Committee meeting held on March 9, 2015.

Councilmember Gratz talked about the minutes from the Public Works Committee meeting held on March 9, 2015.

**Appointments** Councilmember Zeter, supported by Councilmember McKenzie, made a motion to re-appoint Marcia Wagner to the Downtown Development Authority for a four (4) year term. Motion passed by acclamation.

Councilmember Zeter, supported by Councilmember Ingalsbee, made a motion to appoint Julie Schell to the Downtown Development Authority for a four (4) year term. Motion passed with Councilmember McDaniel voting no.

Councilmember Ingalsbee, supported by Councilmember Zeter, made a motion to appoint Tammy Gorby as acting Deputy Clerk for the May 5, 2015 Special Election. 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 \$101,470.83 and accounts payable in the amount of \$181,123.57. Motion passed by acclamation.

**Department Supervisors Report** Superintendent D. Sweeris stated the Water Plant handled the recent fire well, he estimated that between 500 hundred and 600 hundred thousand gallons of water was used. He announced that he will be a presenter at the upcoming Septage Receiving meeting at the Allegan County Health Department. He stated the Septage Receiving Stations have been busy.

**Council Comments** Councilmember Tripp excited to see the street sweeper out.

Mayor Leverage thanked Dave Sturgis and Ricky Jennings from the Water Department, for helping with an issue at the Hydro Dam last week.

City Manager R. Hillard stated he will be attending the MML Conference in Lansing this week.

Mayor Leverage adjourned the meeting at 7:32pm.

**Respectfully submitted,**

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

