



**CITY OF ALLEGAN
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**Thursday, April 30, 2014 6:00 PM
Griswold Auditorium - 401 Hubbard Street
Allegan MI 49010**

MINUTES

Call to Order Mayor Leverage called the special meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Roll Call

Present: Councilmembers: Gratz, Ingalsbee, Mayor Leverage, McKenzie, Zeter, McDaniel (Arrived at 6:35P)

Absent: Tripp

Others

Present: City Manager R. Hillard, Chief R. Hoyer, DPW Director A. Haskin, and WWTP Superintendent D. Sweeris

Old Business

Department Supervisors

- Police Department

Chief R. Hoyer reviewed his department's budget with City Council. The City Council asked a number of questions and discussed a number of subjects including approaches to drug enforcement, federal surplus equipment purchased through the Allegan County Sheriff Department, and other details related to revenue and expenditures.

- Department of Public Works

DPW Director A. Haskin reviewed his budget with City Council. The City Council asked a number of questions and discussed a number of subjects including the corner lot on Hubbard/Cedar (M-89/40), airport issues, infrastructure projects in the Wolcott neighborhood, and other details related to revenue and expenditures. The Parks Commission is in the process of reviewing the corner lot, and will make a recommendation on how to proceed to the City Council for approval.

- Wastewater Treatment Plan

WWTP Superintendent D. Sweeris talked about his department's budget with City Council. The City Council had a number of questions and discussion points. The primary conversation was the proposed 2% increase, and its effect on the budget and the residents. The increase is intended to continue to invest in major maintenance issues, including the RO filters, water tower paintings, and other equipment at the WWTP and WTP. The City council indicated that it would be critical to educate the community on these needs. The Public Works Committee will be the lead committee on this issue. Further, the City Council discussed the bio-solids project, and the issue with the lack of farm fields for bio-solids removal.

R. Hillard indicated that the public hearing for the budget is scheduled for May 11, 2015, and the final decision on the budget is scheduled for May 26, 2015.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

**Robert Hillard
City Manager**