



**CITY OF ALLEGAN  
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Monday October 23, 2023, at 7:00 PM  
City Council Chamber – 231 Trowbridge Street  
Allegan, Michigan**

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Galloway called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**2. Roll Call**

Present: Andrus, Bird, Galloway, Hanse, Morgan, Redding, Zeter

Absent: None.

Also Present: City Manager Joel Dye, Downtown Manager Parker Johnson, City Clerk Michaela Kleehammer, and Water Utilities Director Doug Sweeris.

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

**4. Approval of Agenda**

4A – Approval of the Regular Council Meeting Agenda for October 23, 2023.

Motion by Hanse with support from Bird to approve the Regular Meeting Agenda for October 23, 2023. **Motion passed 7-0.**

**5. Approval of Minutes**

5A – Approval of the Study Session Meeting Minutes from the October 9, 2023, Council Meeting.

Motion by Hanse with support from Andrus to approve the study session meeting minutes from October 9, 2023. **Motion passed 7-0.**

5B – Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes from the October 9, 2023, Council Meeting.

Motion by Andrus with support from Hanse to approve the regular meeting minutes from October 9, 2023. **Motion passed 7-0.**

**6. Special Presentations & Recognition by Mayor or Council**

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6A – Official Letter by Mayor Pro Tem Roger Bird.

**7. First Reading of Ordinances and Scheduling of Public Hearings**

7A – First reading and scheduling of a second reading and public hearing for the November 13, 2023, Council meeting for Ordinance 515 to amend Chapter 8 – Cemeteries, of the City of Allegan Code of Ordinances.

Motion by Andrus with support from Morgan to schedule a second reading and public hearing for the November 13, 2023, Council meeting for Ordinance 515. **Motion 6-1. Yea: Andrus, Bird, Galloway, Hanse, Morgan, Zeter. Nay: Redding.**

**8. Public Hearings and Adoption of Ordinance**

8A – Second reading, public hearing, and adoption of Ordinance 513 to amend Chapter 12 – Garbage and Refuse, of the City of Allegan Code of Ordinances.

Public Hearing (7:18 – 7:19): Let the record show that no public comment was given.

Motion by Bird with support from Morgan to adopt Ordinance 513. **Motion passed 5-2. Yea: Andrus, Bird, Galloway, Morgan, Zeter. Nay: Hanse and Redding.**

8B – Second reading, public hearing, and adoption of Ordinance 514 to amend Chapter 17 – Offenses, of the City of Allegan Code of Ordinances.

Public Hearing (7:21 – 7:21): Let the record show that no public comment was given.

Motion by Hanse with support from Morgan to adopt Ordinance 514. **Motion passed 4-3. Yea: Hanse, Morgan, Redding, Zeter. Nay: Andrus, Bird, Galloway.**

**9. Public Comment (Comments will be limited to three (3) minutes or less)**

- Brett Medemar (247 North)
- Chris Machiela (4718 40<sup>th</sup> St)
- Ronald Jones (217 Lincoln)
- Mark Lytle (126 Park Dr)
- Traci Perrigo (176 Jackson)

**10. Written Petitions & Reports from Special Committees**

**11. Reports from Boards, Commissions & City Offices**

11A. City Boards, Commissions, and Area Agencies

11A.1 – Downtown Development Authority October Meeting – Mayor Galloway

11A.2 – Public Spaces Commission October Meeting – Councilmember Morgan

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11A.3 – Planning Commission October Meeting – Mayor Pro Tem Bird

11A.4 – Riverfront Design Committee October Meeting – City Manager Dye

11B. Finance Department

11B.1 – Request to approve Accounts Payable and Payroll.

Motion by Bird with support from Morgan to approve accounts payable and payroll.

**Motion passed 7-0.**

11C. Public Safety

11D. Water Utilities

11D.1 – Request to authorize a purchase order for Northwest Kent Mechanical to rehab the Eastern Avenue Lift Station in the amount of \$430,000.

Motion by Hanse with support from Andrus to authorize the purchase order for Northwest Kent Mechanical. **Motion passed 7-0.**

11E. Public Works

11E.1 – Request to authorize a purchase order for CHOP for FY2024 Annual Tree Removal Program in the amount of \$18,085.

Motion by Hanse with support from Bird to authorize the purchase order for CHOP.

**Motion passed 7-0.**

11F. City Manager & City Clerk

11F.1 – Request to authorize a purchase order for Northwest Kent Mechanical to replace the current ground well cooling system at the Regent Theatre with a new closed loop cooling system for \$92,300.

Motion by Bird with support from Andrus to authorize the purchase order for Northwest Kent Mechanical. **Motion passed 7-0.**

11F.2 – Request to enter into a six-month due diligence agreement with Joe and Deb Leverage for the purchase of city owned land north of the city water treatment plant.

Motion by Zeter with support from Bird to approve the due diligence agreement with Joe and Deb Leverage. **Motion passed 7-0.**

11F.3 – Request to approve a special use permit for 402 Trowbridge Street to operate a commercial daycare center in the R-2 Residential Zoning District.

Motion by Andrus with support from Morgan approve the special use permit for 402 Trowbridge Street. **Motion passed 7-0.**

**12. Board Appointments**

**13. Communications from City Manager, Council & Mayor**

Water Utilities Director Doug Sweeris informed Council that he has scheduled for the well at the Griswold Auditorium to be decommissioned.

Downtown Manager Johnson listed the hours for downtown and residential trick-or-treating scheduled for October 31<sup>st</sup>.

City Manager Dye discussed the fees for turning water on and off.

Councilmember Redding asked whether the gate under the dam powerhouse was included in the dam inspection report.

Councilmember Andrus addressed the public comments made by her husband and the comments Ron Jones has made towards herself, city staff, and other council members.

Mayor Andrus echoed Councilmember Andrus's sentiments regarding comments from Mr. Jones.

Mayor Pro Tem Bird and Councilmember Morgan reaffirmed their support for Mayor Galloway and Councilmember Andrus.

**14. Closed Session**

**15. Adjournment**

Mayor Galloway adjourned the meeting at 8:02 PM.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Michaela Kleehammer, City Clerk**