



**CITY OF ALLEGAN
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Monday March 27, 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: Bird, Galloway, Hanse, Redding, Zeter

Absent: Andrus and Morgan

Motion by Redding with support from Zeter to excuse Councilmembers Andrus and Morgan.

Motion passed 5-0.

Also Present: City Attorney Nick Curcio (7:30), City Manager Joel Dye, Police Chief Jay Gibson, Downtown Manager Parker Johnson, Department of Public Works Director Doug Kadzban, City Clerk Michaela Kleehammer, Finance Director Tracy Stull, and Water Utilities Director Doug Sweeris.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Approval of Agenda

4A – Approval of the Regular Council Meeting Agenda for March 27, 2023.

Motion by Redding with support from Bird to approve the Regular Council Meeting Agenda for March 27, 2023, with the addition of agenda item 11E.5. **Motion passed 5-0.**

5. Approval of Minutes

5A – Approval of the Study Session Minutes from March 13, 2023, Council Meeting.

Motion by Redding with support from Hanse to approve the study session minutes from March 13, 2023. **Motion passed 5-0.**

5B – Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes from March 13, 2023, Council Meeting.

Motion by Bird with support from Hanse to approve the regular meeting minutes from March 13, 2023. **Motion passed 5-0.**

6. Special Presentations & Recognition by Mayor or Council

7. First Reading of Ordinances and Scheduling of Public Hearings

8. Public Hearings and Adoption of Ordinance

8A – Second reading and public hearing for Ordinance 508 to amend Chapter 6 – Animals, of the City of Allegan Code of Ordinances.

Public Hearing (7:04 – 7:05): Let the record show that no public comment was given.

Motion by Redding with support from Bird to amend Section 6-21(a) to allow a maximum of six chickens per parcel. **Motion passed 5-0.**

Motion by Redding with support from Zeter to remove the second Section 6-21(i). **Motion failed 2-3. Yea: Redding, Zeter. Nay: Bird, Galloway, Hanse.**

Motion by Redding ~~with support from Redding~~ with support from Zeter to remove Sections 6-22~~1~~ to 6-24. **Motion failed 2-3. Yea: Redding, Zeter. Nay: Bird, Galloway, Hanse.**

Motion by Bird with support from Redding to adopt Ordinance 508 as amended. **Motion passed 4-1. Yea: Bird, Galloway, Hanse, Redding. Nay: Zeter.**

9. Public Comment

10. Written Petitions & Reports from Special Committees

11. Reports from Boards, Commissions & City Offices

11A. City Boards, Commissions, and Area Agencies

11A.1 – Planning Commission March 20th Meeting – Roger Bird

11B. Finance Department

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

Motion by Bird with support from Redding to approve accounts payable and payroll. **Motion passed 5-0.**

11C. Police Department

11C.1 – Request to approve a grant application for MCOLES Public Safety Academy Assistance Program.

Motion by Redding with support from Bird to approve the MCOLES Public Safety Academy Assistance Program grant application. **Motion passed 5-0.**

11D. Water Utilities

11D.1 – Request to approve a contract with Abonmarche for the professional engineering services for DWAM/DSMI in the amount of \$326,635.00.

Motion by Hanse with support from Redding to approve the Abonmarche contract for professional engineering services for DWAM/DSMI. **Motion passed 5-0.**

11D.2 – Request to authorize a purchase order for Silversmith Data for two android tablets and GPS units in the amount of \$7,260.00.

Motion by Hanse with support from Bird to authorize the purchase order for Silversmith Data. **Motion passed 5-0.**

11E. Public Works

11E.1 – Request to authorize a purchase order for Chloride Solutions LLC for beet juice for the 2023/2024 winter season in the amount of \$8,250.00.

Motion by Hanse with support from Redding to authorize the purchase order for Chloride Solutions LLC. **Motion passed 5-0.**

11E.2 – Request to authorize a purchase order for the State of Michigan MiDeal program for road salt for the 2023/2024 winter season in the amount of \$40,500.00.

Motion by Hanse with support from Bird to authorize the purchase order for the State of Michigan MiDeal program. **Motion passed 5-0.**

11E.3 – Request to adopt Resolution 23.07 to authorize a change in the Standard Lighting Contract between the City of Allegan and Consumers Energy Company.

Motion by Bird with support from Redding to adopt Resolution 23.07. **Motion passed 5-0.**

11E.4 – Request to authorize a purchase order for Abonmarche for engineering services related to the Rossman Park Improvement Project in the amount of \$24,900.00 and appoint the City Manager or his designee as a signatory.

Motion by Hanse with support from Bird to authorize the purchase order for Abonmarche. **Motion passed 5-0.**

11E.5 – Request to adopt Resolution 23.09 to support the 2nd Street Bridge project funded by the MDOT Local Bridge program.

Motion by Hanse with support from Redding to adopt Resolution 23.09. **Motion passed**

5-0.

11F. City Manager & City Clerk

11F.1 – Request to adopt Resolution 23.08 to establish a fee for the keeping of chickens permit.

Motion by Bird with support from Redding to adopt Resolution 23.08. **Motion passed 5-0.**

12. Board Appointments

12A – Appoint of Jason Ramaker to the Planning Commission with a term set to expire on December 31, 2026.

Motion by Hanse with support from Redding to approve Jason Ramaker's appointment to the Planning Commission. **Motion passed 5-0.**

13. Communications from City Manager, Council & Mayor

City Manager Dye noted the success of Cabaret over the last two weekends and that Cabaret plans to come back to Allegan in 2024. Dye informed Council that Joe Leverence has exited the Due Diligence agreement between Mr. Leverence and the City of Allegan regarding the city dam powerhouse. Additionally, Dye mentioned that the rental rehab project for 109 Locust and 114/116 Locust has been reduced to only 109 Locust Street.

Downtown Manager Johnson informed Council that Hoard of the Dragon will be closing, but that the city is already in communication with another party interested in occupying the space.

DPW Director Kadzban briefly discussed the engineering plans from Abonmarche for the Riverfront boardwalk and that the city will be going out for bid on the improvement project soon.

Councilmember Zeter remarked on the professionalism he experienced in working with the Water Utilities department as they did work at his property.

Mayor Pro-Tem Bird asked Water Utilities Director Sweeris whether the city has found the source of water loss yet. Bird also expressed his excitement about the construction downtown.

Mayor Galloway also expressed her excitement about the construction occurring downtown and urged other council members to contact city staff if they have questions about any reports in the City Council packets.

14. Closed Session

14A – Request to enter in closed session per MCL 15.268(h) to consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute.

Motion by Hanse with support from Bird to enter in closed session per MCL 15.268(h).

Motion passed 4-1. Yea: Bird, Galloway, Hanse, Zeter. Nay: Redding.

Motion by Bird with support from Hanse to exit closed session and enter in regular session.

Motion passed 5-0.

15. Adjournment

Mayor Galloway adjourned the meeting at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michaela Kleehammer, City Clerk