



**CITY OF ALLEGAN
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Monday August 28, 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 7:01 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 Finance Director Tracy Stull.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Approval of Agenda

4A – Approval of the Regular Council Meeting Agenda for August 28, 2023.

Motion by Andrus with support from Hanse to approve the Regular Council Meeting Agenda for August 28, 2023, as amended. **Motion passed 7-0.**

5. Approval of Minutes

5A – Approval of the Study Session Minutes from August 14, 2023, Council Meeting.

Motion by Bird with support from Hanse to approve the study session minutes from August 14, 2023. **Motion passed 7-0.**

5B – Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes from August 14, 2023, Council Meeting.

Motion by Redding with support from Bird to approve the regular meeting minutes from August 14, 2023. **Motion passed 7-0.**

Motion by Redding with support from Andrus to direct staff to develop a plan for removal of the dam powerhouse. **Motion failed 2-5. Yea: Redding, Zeter. Nay: Andrus, Bird,**

Galloway, Hanse, Morgan.

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

9. Public Comment (7:17 – 7:24)

- Ron Jones (217 Lincoln)
- LaShonda Robinson (244 James)

10. Written Petitions & Reports from Special Committees

10A – Request from Wings of Hope.

Motion by Bird with support from Morgan to charge Wings of Hope \$200 for use of the Griswold Auditorium and Marilla Lounge on December 2, 2023. **Motion passed 6-1. Yea: Andrus, Bird, Galloway, Hanse, Morgan, Redding. Nay: Zeter.**

10B – Request from Allegan Heroes.

Motion by Hanse with support from Andrus to charge Allegan Heroes \$200 for use of the entire Griswold Auditorium building on November 4, 2023. **Motion passed 6-1. Yea: Andrus, Bird, Galloway, Hanse, Morgan, Redding. Nay: Zeter.**

10C – Request from Allegan Speak Up.

Motion by Hanse with support from Andrus to charge Allegan Speak Up \$200 for use of the Griswold Auditorium on October 14, 2023. **Motion passed 5-1-1. Yea: Andrus, Galloway, Hanse, Morgan, Redding. Nay: Zeter. Abstain: Bird.**

11. Reports from Boards, Commissions & City Offices

11A. City Boards, Commissions, and Area Agencies

11B. Finance Department

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

Motion by Bird with support from Andrus to approve accounts payable and payroll. **Motion passed 7-0.**

11B.2 – Request to adopt Resolution 23.26 to approve an agreement package for the City of Allegan Retirement Plan Services and transferring the city’s recordkeeping from John Hancock to Empower.

Motion by Hanse with support from Bird to adopt Resolution 23.26. **Motion passed 7-0.**

11C. Public Safety

11D. Water Utilities

11E. Public Works

11E.1 – Request to authorize a purchase order for Michigan Pavement Marking (MPM) Company for lane striping certain streets and various intersections in the city in the estimated amount of \$16,000 and contingencies for the amount of \$200 for a total amount of \$16,200.

Motion by Andrus with support from Bird to authorize the purchase order for Michigan Pavement Marking Company. **Motion passed 7-0.**

11F. City Manager & City Clerk

11F.1 – Request to approve the cancellation of the September 11, 2023, Council meetings to participate in the annual Allegan County Fair Parade.

Motion by Hanse with support from Andrus to cancel the September 11, 2023, study session and regular session meetings. **Motion passed 7-0.**

11F.2 – Request to accept for your information proposed changes to Chapters 1-5, 7-8, 10-12, 14, 15, 18, and 21 of the City of Allegan Code of Ordinances.

Motion by Andrus with support from Hanse to accept the report. **Motion passed 5-2. Yea: Andrus, Bird, Galloway, Hanse, Morgan. Nay: Redding, Zeter.**

11F.3 – Request to approve a minor plat amendment to combine parcels 51-300-043-01 (527 Maple) and 51-300-045-00 (531 Maple).

Motion by Morgan with support from Bird to approve the plat amendment. **Motion passed 7-0.**

11F.4 – Acceptance of the July 2023 Downtown Infrastructure and Streetscape Project Progress report.

12. Board Appointments

13. Communications from City Manager, Council & Mayor

Finance Director Stull noted that she has been working on end-of-year reporting and paperwork for Fiscal Year 2023 in preparation for the upcoming audit.

Clerk Kleehammer asked that Council lets her know if they plan to participate in the Allegan County Fair Parade.

City Manager Dye thanked Parker Johnson and Ryan Burza for their hard work coordinating and running events during the summer months.

Councilmember Morgan also thanked Parker and Ryan for coordinating summer events. Morgan discussed solar powered portable EV chargers.

Councilmember Redding inquired about when a final report for the July 3 Jubilee fireworks incident will be presented and asked some questions about the water and sewer readiness to serve (RTS) charges.

Councilmember Andrus asked about fall cleanup dates, who is responsible for overgrown vegetation on vacant lots, and about the progress on restoration of the former site of the Allegan Event zipline.

Councilmember Zeter discussed front yard parking throughout the city.

Motion by Zeter with support from Redding to clear the balance on Ronald Jones's water and sewer account. **Motion failed 2-5. Yea: Redding, Zeter. Nay: Andrus, Bird, Galloway, Hanse, Morgan.**

Mayor Pro-Tem Bird thanked Parker and Ryan for their hard work with summer events, inquired about the missing length of sidewalk in front of Tilt, and offered to combine efforts with any council members that are willing to help pay for Mr. Jones's water and sewer bill.

14. Closed Session

15. Adjournment

Mayor Galloway adjourned the meeting at 8:33 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michaela Kleehammer, City Clerk