

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALGONA, KOSSUTH COUNTY, IOWA

The City Council of the City of Algona, Iowa, met in regular session on January 3, 2006, at 4:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, with Mayor Lynn R. Kueck and the following council members:

Present: Kohlhaas, Curtis, Lighter, Von Ruden

Absent: Esser, Weaver

Also present: City Administrator O'Donnell, Public Works Director Schaeffer, City Attorney Doster

Administrator O'Donnell administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Kueck. Mayor Kueck administered the Oath of Office to Council Members Lighter and Kohlhaas.

Council Member Weaver enters the Council Chambers at 4:31 PM.

AGENDA

Lighter moved and Curtis seconded the motion to approve the agenda for this meeting. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

CITIZEN'S OPPORTUNITY

Mayor Kueck wished everyone a happy New Year and thanked the Algona Fire Department for the New Year's Eve fireworks show.

He also wished former City employee "Shorty" Mertz happy birthday.

Council Member Lighter thanked all citizens who decorated their homes for the holiday season.

Council Member Kohlhaas thanked the *Algona Upper Des Moines* and the Kossuth County Driftskippers for their educational pieces on snow mobiles.

CONSENT AGENDA

Lighter moved and Kohlhaas seconded the motion that the following be approved as part of the Consent Agenda:

- a. Minutes of December 19, 2005, council meeting
- b. Appropriating Resolution No. 05/06-13 (bills)
- c. Cigarette permit for Jukebox
- d. Administrator's report.

On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVE LOAN DOCUMENTS-JAVA BEAN

Janet Shackelford has purchased The Naked Bean and is to reopen it as the Java Bean. The loan would be for \$10,000 for 5 years at 0%.

Von Ruden moved and Weaver seconded the motion that Resolution No. 06-1, **"A Resolution Approving \$10,000 Loan Agreement with Janet Shackelford, D/B/A Java Bean"**, be adopted. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF MORTGAGE

Steve Steinmetz received housing assistance and has sold his house. Due to special circumstances, the Council needs to release the mortgage but not the promissory note.

Lighter moved and Curtis seconded the motion that Resolution No. 06-2 **"A Resolution Authorizing Execution of Release of Real Estate Mortgage"**, be adopted. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

ACCEPTING PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENTS

The improvements to the Central Park, South Park and Aquatic Center parking lots are complete and certified as acceptable.

Kohlhaas moved and Lighter seconded the motion that Resolution 06-03 **"A Resolution Accepting Central Park and South Park Parking Lot Improvements and Authorizing Final Payment"** be adopted. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVING EMT EDUCATION PROGRAM

The City currently loans volunteers tuition expenses for EMT-P classes. The up front cost for EMT-B classes has made it prohibitive for volunteers to advance their classification. The new program would loan volunteers the tuition for EMT-B classes. Payback would be subtracted from their run fees and if they failed the classes they would need to repay the loan immediately.

Lighter moved and Curtis seconded the motion that Resolution 06-4 **"A Resolution Approving EMT Education Program"** be adopted. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

ACKNOWLEDGING OFFER TO BUY

Brian and Shara Long have offered \$1,500 to buy a portion of vacated Doyle Street.

Kohlhaas moved and Lighter seconded the motion that Resolution 06-5 **"A Resolution Acknowledging Offer to Buy"** be adopted. On the call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

ACKNOWLEDGING OFFER TO BUY

Arvin and Sharon Burkhart have offered \$1,500 to buy a portion of vacated Doyle Street.

Kohlhaas moved and Lighter seconded the motion that Resolution 06-6 "**A Resolution Acknowledging Offer to Buy**" be adopted. On the call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVE PAY APPLICATION NO. 5- WELCOME CENTER

Item remains tabled.

SET DATE AND TIME FOR BUDGET WORKSHOPS

Lighter moved and Kohlhaas seconded a motion to set Monday, January 23, 2006, at 4:00 PM for a special City Council meeting for the purpose of discussing the FY 06/07 budget. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carries.

APPROVE APPLICATION FOR URBAN REVITALIZATION TAX EXEMPTION

James Taffe, new residential, 3 year 100%.

Lighter moved and Kohlhaas seconded a motion to approve the application. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

FINAL NOTIFICATION OF VACANCY-HOUSING COMM.

Mayor Kueck submitted the name of Craig Meyers to fill the vacancy.

FINAL REPORT ON NOMINEES-BD. OF ADJUSTMENT

Curtis moved and Lighter seconded a motion to appoint Chuck Kline to the Algona Board of Adjustment. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carries.

APPOINTMENT-AIRPORT BD. OF ADJUSTMENT

No action was taken.

APPOINTMENT-P&Z COMMISSION

No action taken.

PUBLIC HEARING ON AMENDMENTS TO URBAN RENEWAL PLANS 1-4

Mayor Kueck opened a public hearing on amending Urban Revitalization Plans 1-4 at 5:03 PM.

Our current Urban Revitalization plan allows residential projects to apply for property tax exemptions on 100% of the improvements. Abatements can either be 100% abatement for 3 years or a declining scale for 10 years. Iowa Code provides that residential improvements may only be 100% exempt on the first \$75,000 of improvements for 5 years. To comply we need to amend our plans.

There being no further comments either written or verbal, Mayor Kueck closed the public hearing at 5:12 PM.

PUBLIC HEARING ON AMENDMENT TO FY 05/06 BUDGET

Mayor Kueck opened a public hearing on amending the FY 05/06 budget at 5:12 PM.

We have received \$250,000 in CEBA funds from IDED for HEC. When we were budgeting last year we only expected \$100,000. If we pay HEC the \$250,000 we will exceed our program budget. Therefore, we must amend the budget to make our payment to HEC.

There being no further comment either written or verbal Mayor Kueck closed the hearing at 5:16 PM

APPROVE AMENDMENT TO URBAN REVITALIZATION PLANS 1-4

Lighter moved and Kohlhaas seconded that Resolution 06-07 "**A Resolution Existing Plans for Revitalization Area No. 1, Revitalization Area No. 2, Revitalization Area No. 3, and Revitalization Area No. 4**" be adopted. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVE AMENDMENT TO FY 05/06 BUDGET

Lighter moved and Kohlhaas seconded a motion that Resolution 06-08 "**A Resolution to Amend the Budget for Fiscal Year 2006**" be adopted. On the call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

CITIZEN'S OPPORTUNITY

Council member Lighter asked if street crews would be scraping the remaining ice from the road ways. Staff informed him that the crews would do what they could as it is extremely hard on the equipment to be run on dry pavement.

Administrator O'Donnell reminded everyone that the Welcome Center is open and snacks are available.

Curtis moved and Weaver seconded the motion that this meeting be adjourned. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:28 p.m.

ATTEST:

Cole S. O'Donnell, City Administrator