

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

The City Council of the City of Algona, Iowa, met in a work session January 5, 2009, at 3:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers with Mayor Jeff Gilmore and the following council members:

Present: Von Ruden, Curtis, Kohlhaas

Absent: Esser, Weaver, Lighter

Also present: City Administrator O'Donnell

City Administrator O'Donnell reviewed proposed salaries for non-union employees. The Ways and Means Committee had met and recommended at least a 3.25% increase with any position greater than 4.5% from the median salary for their position to receive up to an additional 2% or an amount necessary to equal the median salary, whichever is less.

Councilmember Lighter arrived at 3:45 p.m.

Council approved the recommendation of the Ways and Means Committee.

City Administrator O'Donnell informed the Council that employees receiving clothing allowance have requested they be allowed to purchase items at stores not on the approved list. This request is due to the fact that the local stores do not have what they need and they can purchase it cheaper out of town. He recommended that the employees could purchase identical items from a non-approved store if the price difference was 20% or greater, and the approved store must be given a chance to match the price. Also, if the item is not available the approved store must be given 10 days to order and receive the item. After discussion, the Council agreed with the recommendation, except they would like to change the 10 day availability to 14 days.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

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Jeff Gilmore, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Rexann McEnroe, City Clerk

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The City Council of the City of Algona, Iowa, met in regular session January 5, 2009, at 4:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers with Mayor Jeff Gilmore and the following council members:

Present: Von Ruden, Curtis, Kohlhaas, Lighter

Absent: Esser, Weaver

Also present: City Administrator O'Donnell, Director of Public Works Roberts and City Attorney Doster

AGENDA

Von Ruden moved and Lighter seconded the motion that the agenda for this meeting be approved. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

CITIZEN'S OPPORTUNITY

Councilmember Kohlhaas reminded Council of the upcoming Live Healthy Iowa 100 Day Challenge that starts January 14<sup>th</sup>.

City Administrator O'Donnell informed the Council of the Chamber Banquet on January 26<sup>th</sup> and Legislative Day on January 27<sup>th</sup>. If they are planning to attend, they should contact City staff.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Minutes of December 15, 2008, council meeting
- b. Appropriating Resolution No. 08/09-13 (bills)
- c. Beer permit for Godfather's Pizza
- d. Beer permit renewal for Casey's General Store (1414 N. Main)

e. Administrator's report

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

APPROVE RELEASE OF MORTGAGE-J. COOK

Janice Cook received a housing rehabilitation loan and has satisfied the terms of the loan.

Von Ruden moved and Curtis seconded the motion that Resolution No. 09-01, "**Resolution Authorizing Execution of Release or Satisfaction of Mortgage**", be adopted. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH IDOT-RECREATIONAL TRAIL

The Recreation Trail Project Phase I plans are ready to be submitted to the IDOT on January 27<sup>th</sup>, with an estimated May 19<sup>th</sup> letting date. There is some concern regarding the trail along State Street between Tietz Park and Richardson Street. The options would be a 5' bike lane on both the north side and south side of State Street between Finn Drive and Richardson Street and restricting parking on that street. The second option would be to run a 10' trail in the parking area along the south side of State Street from Finn Drive to Richardson Court.

Dave Rosenmeyer, 2615 E. State, spoke of the concerns of several of the neighbor regarding both options. He had several suggestions on where to move the trail. Bill and Ruth Lindgren also shared their concerns.

Staff concerns are that if the route of the trail is change, it would delay the project several months, funding may be less and the cost to the City for additional engineering and surveying fees.

Lighter moved to table this item until January 19<sup>th</sup>. Motion died due to the lack of a second.

More discussion was held, Councilmember Curtis stated concerns that if the Council doesn't stay with the plan that the project would be delayed and it would set precedence with future trail plans.

Von Ruden moved to table this item until January 19<sup>th</sup> and Kohlhaas seconded the motion. Council directed City staff to contact Larry Groen and get his input on possibly moving the trail further north of Lindgren's and get cost estimates from engineers to re-survey. On call of the roll the vote was as follows: Ayes: Von Ruden, Kohlhaas, Lighter. Nays: Curtis. Motion carried.

WWTP PLAN-WHKS

Bill Angerman and Eric Tourdot, WHKS, presented the Wastewater Treatment Facility Facilities Plan. They gave the history of the plant, project alternatives and proposed improvements costs. Depending which alternative the Council decides on the cost would be from \$2,001,000 to 2,573,000. WHKS recommendation would be Alternative #2, 20-year design with industrial reserve and total construction, cost of \$2,573,000 and would be a 2 year process.

Lighter moved and Von Ruden seconded the motion to approve the Wastewater Treatment Facility Plan. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

SET DATE & TIME FOR BUDGET WORKSHOPS

Von Ruden moved and Kohlhaas seconded the motion to set January 20, 2009, at 3:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers for a budget workshop for fiscal year 2009/2010. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVE CHANGE ORDER NO. 4-STORM SEWER IMPVTS-DIV. 1

Kohlhaas moved and Lighter seconded the motion to approve Change Order No. 4 for the Storm Sewer Improvements, Division 1-Harriet Street, in the amount of \$5,816.95 for water main repair, relocates and driveway and sidewalk changes. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVE PAY APPLICATION NO. 4- STORM SEWER IMPVTS-DIV. 1

Von Ruden moved and Kohlhaas seconded the motion to approve Pay Application No. 4 for the Storm Sewer Improvements, Division 1-Harriet Street, in the amount of \$5,526.10 to Reding's Gravel and Excavating for work completed on the project. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVE APPLICATION FOR URBAN REVITALIZATION TAX EXEMPTION

Curtis moved and Von Ruden seconded the motion to approve the Application for Urban Revitalization Tax Exemption for Dean and Barbara Grandgenett, new residential. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

FINAL REPORT ON NOMINEES-BD. OF ADJ.

Final report was given on nominees for the Algona Board of Adjustment.

Von Ruden moved and Curtis seconded the motion that this meeting be adjourned. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

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Jeff Gilmore, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Rexann McEnroe, City Clerk