

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 16, 2006, at 4:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, with Mayor Lynn R. Kueck and the following council members:

Present: Weaver, Lighter, Esser, Von Ruden, Curtis, Kohlhaas

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

AGENDA

Councilmember Kohlhaas asked if Item #17 - Union Contracts, Closed Session could be moved up after Item #11 - Appointment to Planning & Zoning Commission. It was decided to wait and see if there would be time before the public hearings at 5:00.

Kohlhaas 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 thanked the community for all the flowers, cards, and thoughts during his wife's illness.

Mayor Kueck shared an article in the Des Moines Register about Dick Dale who is from Algona. The Mayor had nominated Mr. Dale to the Register for the "Famous Iowans" article.

Mayor Kueck announced that Algona has been selected as one of the Iowa communities to participate in the 2006 Iowa's Living Roadways community Visioning Program.

City Administrator O'Donnell reminded the Council that Legislative Day is February 1st and anyone who would like to go to contact him. Also, the Chamber Banquet is January 25th and any council members who would like to go should call City Hall Tuesday so reservations could be made.

CONSENT AGENDA

Esser moved and Weaver seconded the motion that the following be approved as part of the Consent Agenda:

- a. Minutes of January 3, 2006, council meeting
- b. Appropriating Resolution No. 05/06-14 (bills)
- c. Beer permit renewal for Hy-Vee Food Store
- d. Department reports for December
- e. Minutes of various Boards/Commissions
- f. Administrator's report

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

SET DATE & TIME FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON PLANS,
SPECIFICATIONS, FORM OF CONTRACT AND ENGINEER'S COST-DIGESTER SYSTEM

Kohlhaas moved and Lighter seconded the motion that Resolution No. 06-09, "**Resolution Setting Date and Time for a Public Hearing on Proposed Plans, Specifications, Form of contract and Estimate of Cost for Construction of Digester Mixing System Rehabilitation in and for the City of Algona, Iowa, and the Taking of Bids for Said Improvements**", be adopted. The public hearing is set February 6, 2006, at 5:00 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

HOTEL/MOTEL TAX REPORTS

Vicky Mallory, Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce, reviewed the 2005 expenses that were paid by hotel/motel tax. Their "Hotel/Motel Tax Restricted Funds", has a balance of \$12,547.02

City Administrator O'Donnell gave reports for Camp Algona and AAEDC.

Lighter moved and Esser seconded the motion to approve the Hotel/Motel Tax reports. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVE PAY APPLICATION NO. 5-WELCOME CENTER

Item remains tabled.

APPROVE APPLICATIONS FOR URBAN REVITALIZATION TAX EXEMPTION

Lighter moved and Kohlhaas seconded the motion to approve the Application for Urban Revitalization Tax Exemption for Lynn and Myrna Miller, new residential. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

Von Ruden moved and Lighter seconded the motion to approve the Application for Urban Revitalization Tax Exemption for Ronnie Lee Riley, new residential. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

Lighter moved and Esser seconded the motion to approve the Application for Urban Revitalization Tax Exemption for Donald E. and Judith F. Ludwig, remodel residential. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT-ALG. HOUSING COMMISSION

Esser moved and Lighter seconded the motion to approve Mayor Kueck's appointment of Craig Meyers to the Algona Housing Commission. Mr. Meyers is filling the vacancy of Meladee Angus, his term will expire January 1, 2008. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT-AIRPORT BD. OF ADJUSTMENT

Lighter moved and Kohlhaas seconded the motion to appoint Nick Arend to the Algona Airport Board of Adjustment. Mr. Arend is fill the vacancy of Keith Myers, his term will expire August 1, 2008. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT-PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

Weaver moved and Lighter seconded the motion to appoint Mark Erpelding to the Algona Planning & Zoning Commission. His term will expire January 1, 2011. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING ON OFFER TO BUY-BURKHART

Mayor Kueck announced at 5:04 p.m., that this is the time and place for a public hearing on the offer to buy from Arvin and Sharon Burkhardt. They would like to buy the north ½ of vacated Doyle Street adjacent to their property. Their offer is \$1,500.00. There being no other comments, written or oral, the public hearing was closed at 5:05 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING ON OFFER TO BUY-LONG

Mayor Kueck announced at 5:05 p.m., that this is the time and place for a public hearing on the offer to buy from Brian and Shara Long. They would like to buy the north ½ of vacated Doyle Street adjacent to their property. Their offer is \$1,500.00. There being no other comments, written or oral, the public hearing was closed at 5:06 p.m.

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING OFFER TO BUY-BURKHART

Kohlhaas moved and Lighter seconded the motion that Resolution No. 06-10, **"Resolution Accepting Offer to Buy, Authorizing Sale and Conveyance of Real Estate and Approving Quit Claim Deed"**, be adopted. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING OFFER TO BUY-LONG

Kohlhaas moved and Weaver seconded the motion that Resolution No. 06-11, **"Resolution Accepting Offer to Buy, Authorizing Sale and Conveyance of Real Estate and Approving Quit Claim Deed"**, be adopted. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

CITIZEN'S OPPORTUNITY

Councilmember Curtis informed the Council that she is on the steering committee for "Kossuth County Childcare Action". They are researching and hopefully come up with solutions to the childcare problems in the community.

Public Works Director Schaeffer has addressed the concerns of Mary Keith on children crossing the street at Phillips/North/Diagonal to the library.

UNION NEGOTIATIONS-CLOSED SESSION

Lighter moved and Weaver seconded the motion that the Council adjourn into a strategy session that is closed to the public pursuant to Iowa Code 20.17.3. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried. The Council went into closed session at 5:10 p.m., and returned into open session at 5:53 p.m.

Weaver moved and Lighter seconded the motion that this meeting be adjourned. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

Lynn R. Kueck, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rexann McEnroe, City Clerk