

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 January 21, 2008, at 4:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers with Mayor Lynn R. Kueck and the following council members:

Present: Curtis, Kohlhaas, Weaver, Lighter, Esser

Absent: Von Ruden

Also present: City Administrator O'Donnell, City Attorney Doster

AGENDA

Kohlhaas 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

Mayor Kueck recognized Martin Luther King, Jr. day; recognized David Thorson, former Algona resident, for his trip through the Northwest Passage; recognized Gary Kelly, former Algona resident, for being inducted into the Society for Illustrators Hall of Fame.

Mayor Kueck asked for Council input on legislative priorities to be forwarded to Sen. Jack Kibbie.

Mayor Kueck shared survey results on why people move to or out of Iowa.

Mayor Kueck recognized Recreation Director Peggy Bell for receiving an award as top organizer of Hershey track meets in the State of Iowa.

Mark Singer, 308 S Jones St, addressed the Council in regards to concerns about parking on McGregor St, near Jones St. This matter will be forwarded to the Streets and Sewer Committee.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Approve minutes of January 7, 2008, council meeting
- b. Approve Appropriating Resolution No. 07/08-14 (bills)
- c. Approve beer permit renewal for Casey's General Store, 1414 N. Main
- d. Approve department reports for December
- e. Approve minutes of various Boards/Commissions
- f. Administrator's report

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

RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING OFFER TO BUY AND SETTING PUBLIC HEARING

Lighter moved and Kohlhaas seconded a motion to approve **Resolution 08-04, A Resolution Acknowledging Offer Buy** the vacated portion of Lucas Street between lots 22 and 23 of Eastland Heights Addition. The resolution also sets February 4, 2008, at 5:00 PM as a public hearing on the offer. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING OFFER TO BUY AND SETTING PUBLIC HEARING

Lighter moved and Kohlhaas seconded a motion to approve **Resolution 08-05, A Resolution Acknowledging Offer Buy** the vacated portion of Lucas Street between lots 16 and 29 of Eastland Heights Addition. The resolution also sets February 4, 2008, at 5:00 PM as a public hearing on the offer. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION ADOPTING GOALS AND PRIORITIES FOR 2008

Esser moved and Weaver seconded a motion to approve **Resolution 08-06, A Resolution Adopting Strategic Planning and Goal Making Report**. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION APPROVING ENGINEERING SERVICES

Kohlhaas moved and Lighter seconded a motion to approve **Resolution 08-07, A Resolution Approving Professional Services Agreement With Kuehl & Payer, LTD., for the Recreational Trail Project**. Cost of contract is \$35,500. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

SET DATE AND TIME FOR BUDGET WORKSHOPS

Lighter moved and Weaver seconded a motion to set January 28, 2008, at 4:00 PM and January 29, 2008, 4:00 PM as date and times for FY 08/09 budget workshops. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVE DENTAL AND VISION INSURANCE REVISIONS

Lighter moved and Curtis seconded a motion to approve changing employee dental insurance carriers from Delta Dental to Blue Dental and vision insurance carriers from VSP to Avesis. As part of the motion, the City will reimburse the employee for exam and frame co-pays associated with the new insurance. Reimbursement is limited to co-pays paid for the employee only. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVE HOTEL/MOTEL TAX REPORTS

Nick Scholer, Camp Algona POW Project, Vicki Mallory and Bob Jennings, Algona Area Chamber of Commerce, gave reports on how their organizations have allocated hotel/motel tax proceeds. AAEDC was unable to send a representative to the meeting.

Kohlhaas moved and Lighter seconded a motion to approve the hotel/motel tax reports. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVE RESIGNATION

Karen Schissel is retiring effective February 29, 2008, after 22 years of service with the City. Esser moved and Weaver seconded a motion to accept the resignation from Karen Schissel, effective February 29, 2008. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT TO ALGONA BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Lighter nominated and Kohlhaas seconded Joe Muller to serve on the Algona Board of Adjustment. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

ON REQUEST TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 622 E. STATE

Mayor Kueck opened a public hearing on a request to rezone property located at 622 E State at 5:25 PM. The request is to rezone the property from BGC, central commercial district, to RS-60, residential. The property had been used as dentistry office and now has been sold as a residence requiring the zoning change.

Chris Louscher explained the reason for the request and asked the Council to expedite the change.

There being no other comments either written or verbal, Mayor Kueck declared the public hearing closed at 5:27 PM.

ORDINANCE REZONING PROPERTY LOCATED AT 622 E. STATE

Lighter moved and Kohlhaas seconded the motion to waive the first reading of the proposed ordinance rezoning property at 622 E State. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

Lighter moved and Kohlhaas seconded the motion to approve the first reading of the proposed ordinance rezoning property at 622 E State. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

Lighter moved and Kohlhaas seconded the motion to waive the second and third reading of the proposed ordinance rezoning property at 622 E State. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

Lighter moved and Kohlhaas seconded the motion to approve the second and third reading of the proposed ordinance rezoning property at 622 E State. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

Lighter moved and Kohlhaas seconded the motion to adopt Ordinance 951, **An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 869 By Amending The Official Zoning Map Of The City Of Algona, Iowa, By Changing The Zoning Classification.** On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

UNION NEGOTIATIONS-CLOSED SESSION

Lighter moved and Kohlhaas seconded the motion that the Council adjourns 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 5:31 p.m. and returned to open session at 5:43 p.m.

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 5:44 p.m.

Lynn R. Kueck, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cole S. O'Donnell - City Administrator