

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 February 19, 2007, at 4:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, with Mayor Pro Tem Howard Esser and the following council members:

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

AGENDA

Kohlhaas moved and Curtis 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 Pro Tem Esser welcomed the Leadership Algona class. Kim Wiemers, co-leader, explained what the class was about and that they are on the 4th Edition of the Leadership Class.

Dawn Kirsch, Market Manager for the Farmer's Market, asked permission to use the electricity at the Carnegie Library lawn. An agreement will be drawn up between the City and Farmer's Market for the use of electricity.

Joan Miller, 1726 E. Walnut, presented a petition from neighbors requesting that the City fix the drainage problem in their backyards. Councilmember Lighter suggested that this request be sent to the Streets and Sewers Committee.

Councilmember Weaver reported on Legislative Day which Councilmember Von Ruden, City Administrator O'Donnell and City Clerk McEnroe attended and met with State Representative Mertz and State Senator Kibbie on February 14th.

City Administrator O'Donnell gave an update on the CDBG housing project. The first 5 projects will be awarded on February 27th.

Also, he reported that 56 snow ordinance tickets have been issued during the last couple of snowfalls.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Minutes of February 5, 2007, council meeting
- b. Appropriating Resolution No. 06/07-16 (bills)
- c. Liquor license for Bishop Garrigan Schools/Friends of Garrigan-Gala
- d. Department reports for January
- e. Minutes of various Boards/Commissions
- f. Administrator's report

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

ORDINANCE SETTING COMPENSATION FOR COUNCIL-1ST READING

Von Ruden moved and Kohlhaas seconded the motion to waive the first reading of the proposed ordinance increasing compensation for the Council. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

City Attorney reviewed the proposed ordinance that would increase the Council's pay from \$75 per meeting to \$100 per meeting. Councilmember Kohlhaas moved and Von Ruden seconded the motion to amend the proposed ordinance by including an increase of \$500 to the Mayor's salary. After discussion, Kohlhaas withdrew the proposed amendment and Von Ruden concurred.

Von Ruden moved and Kohlhaas seconded the motion to approve the first reading of the proposed ordinance. On call of the roll the vote was as follows: Ayes: Weaver, Esser, Von Ruden, Curtis, Kohlhaas. Nays: Lighter. Motion carried.

AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF MORTGAGE-J. ROBINSON

Jeff and Michelle Robinson received a housing assistance loan. Their property is now being transferred in a non-normal transaction. They have made arrangements to repay the loan.

Lighter moved and Weaver seconded the motion that Resolution No. 07-08, **"Resolution Authorizing Execution of Release of Real Estate Mortgage"**, be adopted. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

ACCEPT 2005/2006 FY AUDIT

Tim McCarten, TP Anderson & Co., reviewed the 2005/2006 fiscal year budget.

Lighter moved and Weaver seconded the motion that Resolution No. 07-09, **"Resolution Accepting the 2005/2006 Fiscal Year Audit"**, be adopted. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH FAA-PAVEMENT MARKINGS AT AIRPORT

Von Ruden moved and Curtis seconded the motion that Resolution No. 07-10, **"Resolution Approving Agreement with Federal Aviation Administration on State Sponsorship and Airport Sponsor Obligations"**, be adopted. The agreement is for pavement markings on the runway at the airport. The cost will come from our share of federal funds. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVE PAYMENT TO KRHC

Kohlhaas moved and Lighter seconded the motion to approve payment to Kossuth Region Health Center in the amount of \$45,153.60 for the cost of replacing the sewer main servicing KRHC. Previously, this main had been owned and maintained by KRHC, the Council had agreed to reimburse KRHC the cost of replacing the main and assume ownership. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

SET DATE & TIME FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 17/08 FY BUDGET

Lighter moved and Esser seconded the motion to set March 5, 2007, at 5:00 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, for a public hearing on the 2007/2008 fiscal year budget. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

REQUEST TOE FORGIVE SEWER CHARGES

Algona Properties are requesting that a portion of the sewer charges for 602 S. Blackford be forgiven. They had a water leak in a wall that ran down to a crawl space, and it was determined that no water entered the sanitary sewer.

Kohlhaas moved and Von Ruden seconded the motion to forgive \$737.60 of sewer charges. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVE APPLICATION FOR URBAN REVITALIZATION TAX EXEMPTION

Lighter moved and Kohlhaas seconded the motion that the Application for Urban Revitalization Tax Exemption for Clegg Real Estate & Rental, new mini storage, 10 year declining, be approved. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

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City Administrator O'Donnell reviewed the upcoming Hwy. 169 bridge project. He explained that the project is a State project, the cost to the City is for the special design of the bridge, cost being approximately \$100,000. No property tax will be used for the cost of the bridge.

Public Works Director Schaeffer informed the Council that the bridge project will begin February 21st and should be completed in November.

Von Ruden moved and Weaver seconded the motion that this meeting be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

Howard Esser, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

Rexann McEnroe, City Clerk