

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 March 16, 2009, at 4:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, with Mayor Jeff Gilmore and the following council members:

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

Absent: Esser

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

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.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Minutes of March 2, 2009, council meeting
- b. Appropriating Resolution No. 08/09-18 (bills)
- c. Liquor license renewal for Billie Jo's
- d. Liquor license renewal for Pep's
- e. Administrator's report

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

ORD. INCREASING ANNUAL SEWER CHARGE
INFLATIONARY ADJUSTMENT-1ST READING

Kohlhaas moved and Curtis seconded the motion to waive the first reading of the proposed ordinance increasing the annual sewer inflationary rate from 2% to 3%. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

City Administrator O'Donnell informed the Council that after receiving the facility plan, staff had a rate analysis completed. The analysis indicated that we will have sufficient revenues to finance the upgrades at the wastewater plant, but our expenses for operations will eventually exceed revenues. It was suggested to increase the inflationary rate to 3% to apply to the usage charge and the monthly service charge. After discussion, the Council asked for a work session on this item. Lighter moved and Kohlhaas seconded the motion to table the proposed ordinance increasing the annual sewer charge. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT TO IDED-PIONEER

Pioneer is starting an expansion project and an application for the new jobs and income program with IDED has been prepared. Pioneer is requesting that the Council pass a resolution in support of the application.

Von Ruden moved and Weaver seconded the motion that Resolution No. 0-16, **"A Resolution of Support for an Iowa Department of Economic Development Application for the High Quality Jobs Creation Program"**, to be adopted. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

ACKNOWLEDGING REPAYMENT OF RLF-TURN THE PAGE

Gene and Patty Hunt have repaid their revolving loan for Turn the Page, we need to acknowledge the repayment and release our security interest.

Von Ruden moved and Weaver seconded the motion that Resolution No. 09-17, **"Resolution Acknowledging Repayment of Revolving Loan Fund Loan by Patricia J. Hunt and Eugene P. Hunt, D/B/A Turn the Page Bookstore"**, be adopted. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVE DISTRIBUTION OF RLF-FRESH CONNECTIONS

Sara Hansen, manager of Fresh Connections, introduced herself and invited everyone to stop at their location, 14 E. State. Saturday they are holding a Spring Fling from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Von Ruden moved and Curtis seconded the motion that Resolution No. 09-18, **"Resolution Approving Distribution of Revolving Loan Funds to Fresh Connections Co-op"**, be adopted. The loan would be for \$9,864.75. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVE MAILBOX POLICY

This policy will set where the mailbox may be placed, of what material it can be constructed with and replacement of boxes should they be damaged by city employees during snow removal operations. This policy coordinates with U.S. Postal regulations

Lighter moved and Kohlhaas seconded the motion that Resolution No. 09-19, "**Resolution Adopting a Mailbox Policy for the City of Algona**", be adopted. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

REQUEST FOR REDUCTION OF SEWER CHARGES-602 S. BLACKFORD

Wayne and Becky Tietz, Algona Properties, are requesting a reduction in sewer charges relating to a water leak at 602 S. Blackford. The leak was in a crawl space and the water didn't enter the sanitary sewer system.

Von Ruden moved and Curtis seconded the motion to approve the reduction of \$245.25 for sewer charges at 602 S. Blackford. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVE REQUEST FOR ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

Curtis moved and Von Ruden seconded the motion to approve the request for the St. Patrick's Day parade be allowed down State Street on March 17th at 4:00 p.m. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVE FINAL CONCEPT DESIGN-TRAIL PROJECT, Phase I

A new concept design needs to be submitted to NIACOG that includes the expanded trail running east of Diamond Estates. Citizens along State St. and Richardson Court have expressed concerns regarding the trail. They have suggested that the trail disconnects at Finn Drive, and place signs where the trail restarts. Or widening sidewalks on both sides of State St. to 6 foot, which NIACOG staff indicated that would be outside the design standards and most likely would not be approved.

After discussion, Kohlhaas moved and Curtis seconded the motion to approve the concept design that disconnects at Finn Drive and State with directional signs that state the trail continues by Diamond Estates. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING-BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR FY 08/09

Mayor Gilmore announced at 5:17 p.m., that this is the time and place for a public hearing on the proposed amendments for the current fiscal year. City Administrator O'Donnell reviewed the amendments. Revenues will increase by \$29,541 and expenditures will increase by \$45,451. There being no other comments, either oral or written, the public hearing was closed at 5:18 p.m.

APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENTS FOR FY 08/09

Kohlhaas moved and Curtis seconded the motion that Resolution No. 09-20, **A Resolution Amending the Current Budget for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2009**", be adopted. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

CITIZEN'S OPPORTUNITY

Public Works Director Roberts suggested that the Council consider dropping "cleanup" days. The costs are increasing and the \$8,000 budgeted for this year probably won't cover all the costs. The Council asked for a work session regarding this.

Councilmember Curtis asked for an update on the Code Red project. City Administrator O'Donnell gave an update on TIF.

Von Ruden 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 5:32 p.m.

Jeff Gilmore, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rexann McEnroe, City Clerk