

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 a work session on March 20, 2006, at 3:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, with Mayor Lynn R. Kueck and the following council members:

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

Absent: Curtis

Also present: City Administrator O'Donnell, Public Works Director Schaffer, Street Superintendent Nielsen, Chief of Police Bangert, City Attorney Doster

Discussion for this work session was held on the snow removal ordinance, which included the following:

- a. When does the snow ordinance go into effect, increasing the fines for vehicles left on the street during removal, when can the police department start issuing tickets and the procedure for issuing tickets or towing vehicles.
- b. Complaints by residents regarding snow being pushed across the street to their property, which according to the ordinance is illegal, how does the City enforce this?
- c. The City needs to be clear on moving snow from private property, for example Ruhnke Bros., Algona Realty and the condos west of the Middle School push the snow onto street, sidewalk, or alley and the City picks it up.

It was agreed upon that fines need to be increased and education of the public on the snow removal ordinance, policies and procedures.

Meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Lynn R. Kueck, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rexann McEnroe, City Clerk

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The City Council of the City of Algona, Iowa, met in regular session on March 20, 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 Schaffer, City Attorney Doster

AGENDA

City Administrator O'Donnell informed the Council that Item #11, Approve sanitary sewer adjustment for NIRHA should be removed from the agenda. Kohlhaas moved and Lighter seconded the motion to approve the amended agenda by removing Item #11. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

CITIZEN'S OPPORTUNITY

Mayor Kueck shared a letter he received from the St. Patrick's Day committee thanking the City for its continued support of the festivities. He also thanked Councilmember Kohlhaas for representing the City of Algona on the transitional housing committee.

Councilmember Lighter asked City Attorney Doster if a city can secede from a county. City Attorney Doster didn't think that was a possibility.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Minutes of March 3, 2006, council meeting
- b. Appropriating Resolution No. 05/06-18 (bills)
- c. Liquor license permit for Pep's, Inc.
- d. Department reports for February
- e. Minutes of various Boards/Commissions
- f. Administrator's report

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

APPROVE RLF AGREEMENT-WEAVER'S

Von Ruden moved and Curtis seconded the motion that Resolution No. 06-23, "**Resolution Approving \$10,000 Loan Agreement with C3J, Inc.**", be adopted.

The loan will be for \$10,000 for 5 years at 0% interest. On call of the roll the vote was as follows: Ayes: Lighter, Esser, Von Ruden, Curtis, Kohlhaas. Abstain: Weaver. Motion carried

APPROVE RELEASE OF MORTGAGE-ELLIOTT

Lynn Elliott received a housing assistance loan and has now sold her house. The assistance has been repaid.

Von Ruden moved and Weaver seconded the motion that Resolution No. 06-24, "**Resolution Authorizing Execution of Release or Satisfaction of Mortgage**", be adopted. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVE RELEASE OF MORTGAGE-LEININGER

Raymond Leininger received a housing assistance loan and has now sold his house. The assistance has been repaid.

Weaver moved and Esser seconded the motion that Resolution No. 06-25, "**Resolution Authorizing Execution of Release or Satisfaction of Mortgage**", be adopted. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVE ALLOCATION OF ADDITIONAL
FUNDING FOR KOSS. CO. FOOD PANTRY/CARE TEAM

Councilmember Lighter is requesting that the Council allocate an additional \$2,000 for the Kossuth County Food Pantry/CARE Team since the County Supervisors once again turned their request down. He also asked the other 12 cities within the county to contribute towards the remaining \$2,800. This \$6,800 would be an annual contribution beginning fiscal year 2006/2007. Several council members commented on the benefit the Food Pantry is for the residents of Kossuth County. Esser moved and Weaver seconded the motion to increase the allocation to the Kossuth County Food Pantry/CARE Team from \$4,800 to \$6,800 beginning fiscal year 2006/2007. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

ACCEPT RESIGNATION-ERPELDING

Steve Erpelding has submitted his resignation from the Police Department. He has served as a police officer for 20 years. The Mayor and Council thanked Officer Erpelding for his years of service.

Von Ruden moved and Kohlhaas seconded the motion to accept the resignation of Steve Erpelding. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

APPOINT COUNCIL REPRESENTATION
TO THE ALGONA HOUSING COMMISSION

A councilmember needs to be appointed to the Algona Housing Commission as part of the CDBG housing grant we received.

Weaver moved and Kohlhaas seconded the motion to appoint Councilmember Lighter to the Algona Housing Commission. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION-POSSIBLE PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE

Lighter moved and Kohlhaas seconded the motion that the Council adjourn into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 21.5.1.j for the purpose to discuss purchase of particular real estate where disclosure could be reasonably expected to increase the price the City would have to pay for that property. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried. Council adjourned into closed session at 4:52 p.m. and returned to open session at 5:08 p.m.

CITIZEN'S OPPORTUNITY

City Administrator O'Donnell informed the Council he would be giving a presentation on our downtown project at the Mid Iowa Development Conference, March 30th in Fort Dodge. Anyone who would like to attend with him is to contact him.

Councilmember Curtis has talked to Library Director Jet Kofoot regarding the women's bathroom and the terrible shape it is in. The library may need to do something and it's not in the budget, and Councilmember Curtis hopes funds can be found to remodel the bathroom.

Lighter 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 5:10 p.m.

Lynn R. Kueck, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rexann McEnroe, City Clerk