

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 at the Algona Wastewater Treatment Plant March 21, 2005, at 3:00 p.m., with Mayor Lynn R. Kueck and the following council members:

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

Absent: Esser

Also present: Public Works Director Schaeffer, WWTP Superintendent Pergande

The Council toured the Wastewater Treatment Plant facility with Public Works Director Schaeffer, WWTP Superintendent Pergande and Rick Engstrom, engineer from WHKS.

Tour ended at 3:53 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 21, 2005, at 4:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers with Mayor Lynn R. Kueck and the following council members:

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

Also present: City Administrator O'Donnell, Public Works Director Schaeffer, 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 announced that Claudia Warner, Library Director, will be retiring June 30, 2005.

He also informed the Council that The Kossuth County Emergency Management Agency Homeland Security will be observing Severe Weather Awareness Week March 28-April 1.

Councilmember Lighter sent out kudos to the Street Department on the great job they have done with the snow removal from last week's blizzard.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Minutes of March 7, 2005, council meeting
- b. Appropriating Resolution No. 04/05-18 (bills)
- c. Department reports for February
- d. Minutes of various Boards/Commissions
- e. Administrator's report

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

RELEASE OF MORTGAGE-Uhlenhopp

This mortgage was released at a previous meeting, but due to a wrong document number provided to staff, the council needs to approve the release of mortgage again so the document number will be correct on the recorded release of mortgage. Lighter moved and Kohlhaas seconded the motion that Resolution No. 05-25, "**Resolution Authorizing Execution of Release or Satisfaction of Mortgage**", be adopted. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS FOR
AVIATION VERTICAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM

A new leak detection system is being installed at the airport, the DNR is requiring this system for our underground tank. The grant application is to the General Aviation Vertical Infrastructure program with the Iowa DOT. The grant will be a 70/30 split. The overall cost of the project is \$8,000, the city will be responsible for \$2,400.

Weaver moved and Lighter seconded the motion that Resolution No. 05-26, "**Resolution Authorizing the Submission of Applications for General Aviation Vertical Infrastructure Program and Certifying Eligibility Requirement**", be adopted. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

AWARDING CONTRACT FOR WELCOME CENTER

The bids came in higher than the budgeted amount of \$250,000. The City received bids from Hjelmeland Builders, Jensen Builders and BARCO Development. Staff would like a couple weeks to review the bids. Lighter moved and Kohlhaas seconded the motion to table this item until the April 4th council meeting. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

ALLOCATE FUNDS FOR KOSS. COUNTY NATURE CENTER

Lighter moved and Von Ruden seconded the motion that Resolution No. 05-27, "**Resolution Authorizing Distribution of Funds to the Kossuth County Conservation Board for the Building of the Kossuth County Nature Center**", be adopted. The contribution will be \$30,000 over 5 years, \$6,000 per year from hotel/motel tax revenues. 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
ESTIMATES-AIRPORT STORAGE BLDG./ROTATING BEACON

Esser moved and Weaver seconded the motion to set April 18, 2005, at 5:00 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, for a public hearing on the Plans, Specifications, Form of Contract and Engineer's Costs Estimates for the airport equipment storage building/rotating beacon project. 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 ESTIMATES-CITY PARKING LOT

Esser moved and Weaver seconded the motion to set April 4, 2005, at 5:00 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, for a public hearing on the Plans, Specifications, Form of Contract and Engineer's Costs Estimates for the city parking lot behind Solbach's. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

NOTIFICATION OF TERM EXPIRING-CEMETERY BD.

Notification was given that Roger Long's term on the Algona Cemetery Board expires May 13, 2005.

FINAL REPORT ON NOMINEES-P&Z COMMISSION

Final report was given on the nominees for the Algona Planning & Zoning Commission. Council directed City Attorney Doster to review the procedure on appointments and see if the ordinance can be amended to shorten the process.

Mayor Kueck called a recess at 4:56 p.m.

Councilmember Esser left at 4:56 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING-2005/2006 FY BUDGET

Mayor Kueck announced at 5:00 p.m., that this is the time and place for a public hearing on the budget estimate for the 2005/2006 Fiscal Year budget. City Administrator O'Donnell reviewed the budget. The property tax levy increased from \$14.873 to \$15.056. One person had been in to discuss the budget with staff. There being no other comments either written or oral, the Mayor declared the public hearing closed at 5:25 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING ON OFFERS TO BUY-GSC

Mayor Kueck announced at 5:25 p.m., that this is the time and place for a public hearing on the Offers to Buy from Good Samaritan Communities and Roger and Linda Nerdig for the vacated portions of Kennedy Street, Riverview Dr., and Blackford Street. Good Samaritan Center has offer \$750 for the vacated portions of the streets, and Nerdig's have offered \$500 for the 15 by 90 feet portion of vacated Riverview Dr. There being no other comments either written or oral, the Mayor declared the public hearing closed at 5:27 p.m.

ADOPTING BUDGET AND CERTIFICATION OF
TAXES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005/2006

Lighter moved and Kohlhaas seconded the motion that Resolution No. 05-28, "**A Resolution Adopting the Budget and Certification of Taxes for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2005**", be adopted. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

ACCEPTING OFFERS TO BUY

Lighter moved and Weaver seconded the motion that Resolution No. 05-29, "**Resolution Accepting Offer to Buy, Authorizing Sale and Conveyance of Real Estate and Approving Quit Claim Deed**", from Good Samaritan Communities for the vacated portion of Kennedy Street, Riverview Drive, and Blackford Street, be adopted. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

Lighter moved and Curtis seconded the motion that Resolution No. 05-30, "**Resolution Accepting Offer to Buy, Authorizing Sale and Conveyance of Real Estate and Approving Quit Claim Deed**", from Roger and Linda Nerdig for a vacated portion of Riverview Drive, be adopted. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

CITIZEN'S OPPORTUNITY

Councilmember Lighter reported on the trip with Councilmember Von Ruden and City Administrator O'Donnell to Des Moines for a Legislative session.

Lighter also commented on his disappointment with the article in the Des Moines Register and other papers on the "sting" regarding public records.

Lighter moved and Curtis seconded the motion that this meeting be adjourned. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Lynn R. Kueck, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rexann McEnroe, City Clerk