

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 May 3, 2010, at 4:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, with Mayor Lynn Kueck and the following council members:

Present: Besch, Curtis, Kohlhaas, Weaver, Aanonson

Absent: Remy

Also present: City Administrator O'Donnell, 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.

Councilmember Remy arrived at 4:32 p.m.

CITIZEN'S OPPORTUNITY

Mayor Kueck read a thank you from the Bob Holtzbauer family. He also read a letter complaining about dogs and cats running at large. He asked for a work session regarding this complaint. He also clarified a part of the ad for Clean Up Days, it is free for elderly and handicapped residents to have their stuff picked up by the Kiwanis, but they will need to donate a small fee towards the landfill fees. Mayor Kueck reviewed upcoming RAGBRAI events.

Councilmember Curtis encouraged everyone to wear purple on Friday for Relay for Life, Paint the County Purple.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Minutes of April 19, 2010, council meeting
- b. Minutes of April 23, 2010, special council meeting
- c. Minutes of April 24, 2010, special council meeting
- d. Appropriating Resolution No. 09/10-21 (bills)
- e. Administrator's report

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

REQUEST TO REMOVE TREES AT 603 S. DODGE-TABLED

Weaver moved and Remy seconded the motion to remove from the table the request to remove trees at 603 S. Dodge. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

Mark Hanson is requesting that the trees in front of his mother's house at 603 S. Dodge be removed. The trees are close to the sidewalk that needs to be replaced. Staff did measure to determine if the placement of the sidewalk conforms to current setback standards. It appears the sidewalk may be one foot closer to the street than current standards allow, but it lines up with the sidewalk heading south.

After discussion, the consensus was that the homeowner could remove the trees at their expense, or have the City cut the roots next to the sidewalk. Kohlhaas moved and Besch seconded the motion to allow the removal of the trees at homeowner's expense and replace with smaller appropriate trees. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVE OFFER OF EMPLOYMENT-DPW

Weaver moved and Curtis seconded the motion that Resolution No. 10-22, "**Resolution Approving Offer of Employment for the Public Works Director**", to Patrick Geisendorfer be adopted. Annual salary will be \$70,000 with a possible \$2,500 increase after six months and a favorable performance review, relocation expense of \$6,000, \$50 per month for the purpose of purchasing life insurance, two weeks vacation after six months and three weeks after one year, and all other benefits afford all other city employees. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVE PETITION AND WAIVER-M. BUSCHER

Kohlhaas moved and Remy seconded the motion that Resolution No. 10-23, "**Resolution Approving Petition and Waiver for Sidewalk Assessments**", be adopted. This is for Mitch Buscher, 1427 E. Lucas, the cost of \$1,837.50 assessed to his taxes at 5½%. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

ACCEPTING BIDS FOR REIL PROJECT

Aanonson moved and Curtis seconded the motion that Resolution No. 10-24, "**Resolution Accepting Bids for Runway End Indicator Lights (REIL) System**", be adopted. Low bidder was KW Electric, Emmetsburg, in the amount of \$96,160.00. A grant was received from the FAA for 95% of the project. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

AUTHORIZE THE SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION
FOR IDOT AIRPORT PROGRAM FUNDING

Besch moved and Aanonson seconded the motion that Resolution No. 10-25, "**Resolution Authorizing the Submission of Application for Iowa DOT Airport Program Funding and Certifying Eligibility Requirements**", be adopted. The City is applying for a grant to help offset the cost of installing an apron around the sprayer spill

pad. Estimated cost is \$35-40,000. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

ACCEPTING BIDS FOR WWTP UPGRADES

Weaver moved and Curtis seconded the motion that Resolution No. 10-26, **"Resolution Accepting Bids for Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades"**, be adopted. The bid went to Wapasha Construction, Winona, MN, in the amount of \$2,117,000. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVE CONTRACT WITH OFFICE OF ENERGY INDEPENDENCE

AMU applied for a grant with the Office of Energy Independence and was awarded that grant. The City needs to approve and sign the contract.

Remy moved and Weaver seconded the motion that Resolution No. 10-27, **"Resolution Approving Contract with Office of Energy Independence for Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant"**, be adopted. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVE PAY APPLICATION NO. 5-TRAIL PROJECT

Kohlhaas moved and Besch seconded the motion that Pay Application No. 5 to Howrey Construction in the amount of \$5,655.64 for the Trail Project, be approved. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

REQUEST FOR STOP SIGNS-ALGONA COMM. SCHOOLS

Algona Community Schools are requesting stop signs at Sample and McGregor and Hale and McGregor when the new middle school is completed. They are requesting that fold down or roll off stop signs be allowed to regulate traffic before school and after school. Marty Fonley, Superintendent, was present to answer questions. After discussion, staff was directed to get cost estimates.

REQUEST TO CLOSE STREET

Curves is holding a 5k run/walk on May 29th to support the American Cancer Society. The start/finish line is in front of Curves on Thorington. They would like to close Thorington between State and Nebraska from 7 AM - 9 AM for the event. Besch moved and Aanonson seconded the motion to approve the request to close street. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes.

SET DATE & TIME FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, FORM OF CONTRACT AND ESTIMATE OF COST-SOUTH PARK SHELTER AND SIGN PROJECT

Kohlhaas moved and Curtis seconded the motion to set May 17, 2010, at 5:00 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, for a public hearing on the Plans, Specifications, Form of Contract and Estimate of Cost for the Proposed Park Shelter and Monument Sign in South Park and the taking of Bids. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

SET DATE & TIME FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON AMENDMENT OF CURRENT FY BUDGET

Kohlhaas moved and Weaver seconded the motion to set May 17, 2010, at 5:00 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, for a public hearing on Amendment of Current City Budget. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVE APPLICATION FOR FIREWORKS

Curtis moved and Besch seconded the motion to approve the Application for Fireworks for Relay for Life of Kossuth County on June 11, 2010. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVE APPLICATION FOR URBAN REVITALIZATION TAX EXEMPTION-LENSING

Weaver moved and Remy seconded the motion to approve the Application for Urban Revitalization Tax Exemption for Marilyn Lensing, new residential. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT-LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Weaver moved and Kohlhaas seconded the motion to approve Mayor Kueck's re-appointment of Jon Bond to the Algona Library Board of Trustees. Mr. Bond's term will expire June 30, 2016. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Kueck will make the other two appointments to the Algona Library Board of Trustees May 17th.

NOTIFICATION OF TERM EXPIRING-AIRPORT COMMISSION

Kevin Walker's term on the Algona Airport Commission expires August 23, 2010. This position is a Council appointment and subject to the Gender Balance Statute. This notification was referred to the Nominations Committee.

PUBLIC HEARING ON REQUEST TO VACATE ALLEY

Mayor Kueck announced at 5:26 p.m., that this is the time and place for a public hearing on the request to vacate an alley adjacent to the property owned by Jason and Amber Berte. The Algona Planning & Zoning Commission has been approved. Once neighbor did have questions, but did not oppose the vacation. There being no other comments or objections, either written or oral, the public hearing was closed at 5:28 p.m.

ORDINANCE VACATING ALLEY

Kohlhaas moved and Weaver seconded the motion to waive the first reading of the proposed ordinance vacating the alley located north of State Street between Roan Street and Ackley Street. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

Kohlhaas moved and Weaver seconded the motion to approve the first reading of the proposed ordinance vacating the alley located north of State Street between Roan Street and Ackley Street. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

Kohlhaas moved and Weaver seconded the motion to waive the second and third reading of the proposed ordinance vacating the alley located north of State Street between Roan Street and Ackley Street. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

Kohlhaas moved and Weaver seconded the motion that Ordinance No. 963, **An Ordinance Vacating an Alley Located North of State Street between Roan Street and Ackley Street in Algona, Iowa**, be adopted. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

CITIZEN'S OPPORTUNITY

Councilmember Kohlhaas and the Bike Club road to Clear Lake checking for bad spots on the roads in Kossuth County for RAGBRAI. He complimented the County on the great shape the roads on in. He also encouraged anyone who would like join the Bike Club meet at the Pizza Hut parking lot on Tuesday and Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m. and helmets are required.

Councilmember Remy reminded residents that Clean Up days are this Friday and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. City Administrator O'Donnell reviewed the new charges and what would not be accepted. Phoenix Rising will be present to collect select electronic devices. Also, the landfill will be open on Saturday to accommodate those who may have unacceptable items and would like to take them to the landfill.

City Attorney Doster reminded everyone that the YMCA is having a Pancake Breakfast Sunday at the Rochleau Center.

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

Lynn Kueck, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rexann McEnroe, City Clerk