

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 June 4, 2007, 4:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, with Mayor Lynn R. Kueck and the following council members:

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

Also present: City Administrator O'Donnell, Director of Public Works 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 informed everyone of the upcoming Firemen's Golf Benefit on Saturday, June 9th and reminded everyone of the street dance that evening in front of Berte's Back Nine and the Lava Lounge, and of the National Radio Controlled Car event at Veteran's Park June 7th, 8th and 9th.

Paul Johnson and Bob Jennings were present to update the Council on the Cultural District grant and encouraged the Council to attend a meeting at I.L.C.C., July 18th, time is unknown, explaining the Cultural District and the Local Government Program. They are hoping that they will get the answers on why Algona was turned down last year to establish a cultural district.

Mr. Johnson also gave an update on the Sullivan Building renovation.

CONSENT AGENDA

Lighter moved and Kohlhaas seconded the motion to approve the following as part of the Consent Agenda:

- a. Minutes of May 21, 2007, council meeting*
- b. Appropriating Resolution No. 06/07-23 (bills)*
- c. Beer permit renewal for Classic Stop*
- d. Beer/wine permit renewal for Sum Hing*
- e. Cigarette permits for: Wine & Spirits Shoppe, Inc., Fareway, Casey's General Store (602 E. State), Casey's General Store (1414 N. Main), Billie Jo's, Kum & Go (314 N. Jones), and Kum & Go (220 S. Phillips)*
- f. Administrator's report*

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

APPROVE RELEASE OF MORTGAGE-DIAMOND'S

Dave and Kathy Jansen, d/b/a Diamond's have satisfied the terms of the retail revolving loan they received. The mortgage needs to be released.

Von Ruden moved and Esser seconded the motion that Resolution No. 07-34, "**Resolution Acknowledging Repayment of Revolving Loan Fund Loan by D.M.J., Inc. and David M. Jansen and Kathy Jansen**", be adopted. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVE RLF AGREEMENT-SNAP-ON

Weaver moved and Curtis seconded the motion that Resolution No. 07-35, "**Resolution Approving \$300,000 Loan Agreement with Snap-On Logistics Company**", be adopted. This agreement is for a loan of \$300,000 at 0% for 10 years and Snap-On will be required to create at least 30 jobs within 2 years of completion. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVE EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT WITH CITY ADMINISTRATOR

City Attorney Doster gave a summary of changes, including salary increases for 2007 and 2008, increase in life insurance contributions from \$25 per month to \$50 per month, and an increase in ICMA contributions, which is the IPERS rate of 6.05% plus an additional 2%. This agreement does not have an end date. Therefore, it does not automatically terminate on any set date.

Lighter moved and Kohlhaas seconded the motion that Resolution No. 07-36, "**Resolution Approving Employment Agreement with City Administrator**", be adopted. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVE COMPENSATION FOR CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney Doster is requesting that his hourly charge for services increase from \$100 to \$110.

Lighter moved and Von Ruden seconded the motion that Resolution No. 07-37, "**Resolution Approving Compensation for City Attorney**", be adopted. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

SETTING SALARIES FOR FY 2007/2008

Kohlhaas moved and Von Ruden seconded the motion that Resolution No. 07-38, "**A Resolution Setting Salaries for Appointed Officials and Employees of the City for the Fiscal Year 2007/2008**", be adopted. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

SET DATE & TIME FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON
REQUEST TO VACATE PORTIONS OF E. LUCAS STREET-BARCO

Lighter moved and Esser seconded the motion to set June 18, 2007, at 5:00 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, for a public hearing on the request to vacate portions of E. Lucas Street in the Eastland Heights development. BARCO Development is requesting this as they would like to create a small private lake in the development. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

SET DATE & TIME FOR PUBLIC HEARING AMENDING CURRENT FY BUDGET

Esser moved and Lighter seconded the motion to set June 18, 2007, at 5:00 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, for a public hearing on the amendment of current fiscal year budget. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

REQUESTS TO REMOVE BOULEVARD TREES

City staff has received several requests to remove boulevard trees. They are as follows:

Property at 102 S. Williams: Two trees, one in front of the residence that is partially dead and bark is falling off. After staff examined the tree, they found that the dead growth needs to be removed, otherwise the tree is healthy. The second tree is next to the driveway and obstructs their view and the roots are causing damage to the sidewalk. Kohlhaas moved and Lighter seconded the motion to not remove the tree in front of the property, and to remove the tree obstructing the driveway and not put in a replacement tree. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes.

Property at 219 S. Jones: Prairie Lakes AEA is requesting that 3 trees on the south side of their building be removed due to the roots causing damage to the side walk. Staff examined the trees and the 2 most easterly trees are healthy, the third tree has been bolted together and staff feels that it is weakened and a potential hazard. Kohlhaas moved and Lighter seconded the motion to not remove the 2 most easterly trees and to remove the tree that is bolted and not put in a replacement tree. On call of the roll the vote was as follows: Ayes-Lighter, Esser, Von Ruden, Kohlhaas, Weaver. Nays-Curtis. Motion carried.

Property at 1519 E. Nebraska: The property owner has requested that the first tree west of the driveway be removed as it appears to be diseased. Staff examined the tree and found that it is infested with ants, a sign that the tree is diseased and rotting and a potential hazard. Lighter moved and Von Ruden seconded the motion that the tree be removed and the property owner would not be required to replace the tree. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVE APPLICATION FOR URBAN REVITALIZATION TAX EXEMPTION

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

CITIZEN'S OPPORTUNITY

Mayor Kueck gave an update on Founder's Day events.

Public Works Director Schaeffer gave an update on the Hwy. 169 bridge construction. They are behind schedule, but plan to finish the west side in August and start on the east side.

Schaeffer also addressed a complaint on the re-seeding of the parkings on E. State Street after the street reconstruction last year. The contractor will be here next week to re-do the handicapped crosswalks and then they will re-till and re-seed the parkings.

Councilmember Lighter reiterated that the street dance is Saturday, June 9th and for citizen's to keep in mind that ABATE is right around the corner.

Councilmember Kohlhaas reported that while on vacation he saw bike paths as part of the street and would like to discuss this at a future council meeting.

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 5:20 p.m.

Lynn R. Kueck, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rexann McEnroe, City Clerk