

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 August 6, 2007, 4:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, with Mayor Lynn R. Kueck and the following council members:

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

Absent: Esser

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

AGENDA

Curtis moved and Kohlhaas 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

Chris Louscher spoke about the historical/cultural district meeting she attended and would like to be involved with establishing a district.

Councilmember Kohlhaas has been contacted by a couple who would like to donate and flag and flagpole for the Bolderidge Rose Garden. Mayor Kueck informed council that he had been contacted by Scott Curtis, Kossuth Regional Health Center that they also had a flagpole they would like to donate to Central Park.

Councilmember Kohlhaas asked about the width of sidewalks on the Hwy. 169 bridge and if there would be pedestrian crossing at the bridge during the reconstruction of the east side of the bridge. Public Works Director Schaeffer informed him that the sidewalk width would be 10 feet on the west side and 5 feet on the east side of the bridge, and that there would be no pedestrian crossing while work is being done on the east side of the bridge which will start after Labor Day.

Councilmember Kohlhaas encouraged residents to recycle and to purchase the tags for extra bags if needed.

Mayor Kueck congratulated Dick Lucas on 20 years of service at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. He also reminded Council of the KCEDC Countywide Breakfast August 9th.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Minutes of July 16, 2007, work session
- b. Minutes of July 16, 2007, regular council meeting
- c. Appropriating Resolution No. 07/08-03 (bills)
- d. Beer permit renewal for Wessel's Cross Roads
- e. Beer permit for Racer's Roadhouse
- f. Administrator's report

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

ORD. PROHIBITING GOLF CARTS ON CITY STREETS (TABLED)

Kohlhaas moved and Curtis seconded the motion to remove from the table the ordinance repealing Section 10.12.010.147 and prohibiting golf carts on city streets. On call of the roll the vote was as follows: Ayes: Kohlhaas, Weaver, Von Ruden, Curtis. Nays: Lighter. Motion carried.

Von Ruden moved and Kohlhaas seconded the motion to waive the first reading of the proposed ordinance. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

City Attorney Doster summarized the ordinance. Reminding the Council that passage of this ordinance would prohibit golf carts to operate on city streets.

Jerry Puffer spoke to the Council, saying he has been using his golf cart since May of 2006, and would like to continue using his golf cart.

Vicky Mallory, Executive Director of the Algona Chamber, encouraged the Council to allow golf carts.

After discussion, there was no motion to approve the first reading, therefore, ordinance dies and golf carts are allowed under State Code.

ACKNOWLEDGING REPAYMENT OF RLF-SUIDAE

Curtis moved and Kohlhaas seconded the motion that Resolution No. 07-51, **"Resolution Acknowledging Repayment of Revolving Loan Fund Loan by Suidae Health and Production, L.C., Dale W. Mechler, Constance S. Mechler, Matthew S. Anderson, and Dini Rai Anderson and Authorizing Release of Mortgage"**, be adopted. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

ACKNOWLEDGING REPAYMENT OF RLF-AQUA MESSAGE

Weaver moved and Curtis seconded the motion that Resolution No. 07-52, **"Resolution Acknowledging Repayment of Revolving Loan Fund Loan by Stacy Besch and Chad Besch"**, be adopted. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVING TRANSIT SERVICE AGREEMENT

Lighter moved and Von Ruden seconded the motion that Resolution No. 07-53, **"Resolution Approving Transit Service Agreement"**, be adopted. This agreement is from July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008, NIACOG will carry the liability, collision and comprehensive insurance, and the lease for the taxi will be \$1.00. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

ACKNOWLEDGING OFFER TO BUY & SETTING PUBLIC HEARING-BARCO

Barco Development is offering to purchase a portion of vacated Lucas Street in Eastland Heights Subdivision. The offer is \$800.00.

Lighter moved and Kohlhaas seconded the motion that Resolution No. 07-54, **"Resolution Acknowledging Offer to Buy"**, be adopted and setting public hearing on August 20, 2007, 5:00 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

ADOPTING RETURN TO WORK AND DESIGNATED PHYSICIAN POLICIES

Von Ruden moved and Curtis seconded the motion that Resolution No. 07-55, **"Resolution Adopting Designated Physician Policy and Return to Work Policy"**, be adopted. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR IDOT TRAFFIC SAFETY FUNDS

Kohlhaas moved and Lighter seconded the motion that Resolution No. 07-56, **"Resolution Approving and Authorizing Submission of Request to the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) for Traffic Safety Funds Through the Traffic Safety Improvement Program to Relocate and Update the Traffic Signal at U.S. Highway 169/South Phillips Street and East McGregor Street"**, be adopted. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

REFER REQUEST TO REZONE-PIONEER

Von Ruden moved and Kohlhaas seconded the motion to refer the request from Pioneer to rezone their property where their research facility is located, from AG-Agricultural to LM-Light Manufacturing. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

SET PUBLIC HEARING ESTABLISHING A CULTURAL DISTRICT

Kohlhaas moved and Curtis seconded the motion to set August 20, 2007, 5:00 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, for a public hearing establishing a cultural district. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

AUTHORIZE REFUND OF SEWER OVERCHARGES

Flint Hills Resources and Louscher Dental Clinic have non-sewer water meters and were inadvertently charged sewer usage.

Kohlhaas moved and Weaver seconded the motion to refund Flint Hills Resources \$139.12 and Louscher Dental Clinic \$16.63 for sewer overcharges. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

REQUEST FOR ADJUSTMENT OF SEWER CHARGES

Linda Perkins of 309 N. Roan is requesting that her sewer billing be adjusted for July as she watered an area where a tree was removed and her garden.

Weaver moved and Von Ruden seconded the motion to deny the request from Linda Perkins to refund \$13.41 for sewer charges from watering. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

City Administrator O'Donnell explained that an extra water meter can be installed so a resident won't be charged sewer rates on water used for lawns, gardening, etc.

NOTIFICATION OF TERMS EXPIRING-RLF COMMITTEE

Notification was given that Cheryl Rasmussen and Lori Hanchett terms on the Revolving Loan Committee will expire September 16, 2007.

APPROVE APPLICATIONS FOR URBAN REVITALIZATION TAX EXEMPTION

Von Ruden moved and Kohlhaas seconded the motion to approve the Application for Urban Revitalization Tax Exemption for Corey and Kelly Menning, new residential, be approved. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

Kohlhaas moved and Curtis seconded the motion to approve the Application for Urban Revitalization Tax Exemption for Arnold D. and Beverly A. Skadburg, new residential, be approved. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

Von Ruden moved and Kohlhaas seconded the motion to approve the Application for Urban Revitalization Tax Exemption for Ev. Lutheran Good Samaritan Society, dba Good Samaritan Society, Huskamp Haven, new residential, be approved. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

CITIZEN'S OPPORTUNITY

Mindy Baker, Algona Publishing, asked what the criteria would be to open the Welcome Center for special events. City Administrator O'Donnell explained that either City Hall or the Chamber be notified and arrangements would be made to have the Welcome Center open.

Councilmember Lighter reminded citizen's that school will be starting soon and to drive safely.

Councilmember Weaver inquired about the use of the new sewer camera. Public Works Director Schaeffer said that there has been approximately 5 miles of inspections and several small things have been found. Councilmember Von Ruden requested that he would give an update at the next council meeting.

Weaver 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 5:40 p.m.

Lynn R. Kueck, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rexann McEnroe, City Clerk