

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 August 18, 2008, at 4:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers with Mayor Jeff Gilmore and the following council members:

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

Also present: City Administrator O'Donnell, City Attorney Doster

AGENDA

Von Ruden moved and Weaver 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 Gilmore congratulated City Clerk Rexann McEnroe on attending Iowa Municipal Professionals Academy in Ames. He also reported on the meeting at Sarah's regarding the closing of the Hope Center and how to get it reopened again.

Councilmember Curtis congratulated the Aquatic Center staff on their professionalism of their daily duties.

Councilmember Lighter reminded everyone of the "Doggy Dip" at the pool Wednesday evening.

Councilmember Von Ruden inquired on the reason the pool closes earlier in the season. City Administrator O'Donnell explained that with school starting it is harder to staff and numbers drop with the start of school.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Minutes of August 4, 2008, council meeting\*
- b. Minutes of August 6, 2008, special meeting\*
- c. Appropriating Resolution No. 08/09-04 (bills)\*
- d. Class B Wine permit for The Gallery Brew\*
- e. Class B Beer permit for Racer's Roadhouse\*
- f. Department reports for July\*
- g. Minutes of various Boards/Commissions

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

RELEASE OF MORTGAGE-LANUS

Donald and Leona Lanus received a housing rehabilitation loan and have repaid it.

Lighter moved and Weaver seconded the motion that Resolution No. 08-67, **"Resolution Authorizing Execution of Release or Satisfaction of Mortgage"**, be adopted. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

RELEASE OF MORTGAGE-

Blane Becker received a housing assistance loan and has repaid it.

Von Ruden moved and Curtis seconded the motion that Resolution No. 08-68, **"Resolution Authorizing Execution of Release or Satisfaction of Mortgage"**, be adopted. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

ACCEPTING DIGESTER COVER REPLACEMENT PROJECT  
AND APPROVING FINAL PAYMENT

Story Construction has completed the Digester Cover Replace project at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, final payment is in the amount of \$23,845.00.

Kohlhaas moved and Lighter seconded the motion that Resolution No. 08-69, **"Resolution Accepting Digester Cover Replacement Project at the Algona Wastewater Treatment Plant and Authorizing Final Payment"**, be adopted. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVE EMPLOYEEMENT, SET COMPENSATION

AND BENEFITS FOR HEATHER ROBERTS-DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

Lighter moved and Curtis seconded the motion that Resolution No. 08-70, **"Resolution Approving Employment of Heather Roberts as Director of Public Works and Setting Compensation and Benefits"**, be adopted. Compensation will be \$72,500, \$10,000 for relocation expenses, 2 weeks vacation after 6 months, and all other benefits, such as, sick, holidays, health, eye and dental will be the same as all other city employees. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR COMPENSATION

Councilmember Lighter requested to have this item on the agenda. With the hiring of a new Director of Public Works and setting her salary at \$72,500, the Council needs to look at and increase the salary for City Administrator O'Donnell. He is currently at \$73,216 and Councilmember Lighter feels that a \$7,500 increase would be appropriate.

After discussion, Kohlhaas moved and Lighter seconded the motion to increase the City Administrator's pay by \$7,500, effective September 3<sup>rd</sup>. After further discussion, Kohlhaas moved and Lighter seconded the motion to withdraw the original motion and director City Attorney Doster to draw up the appropriate papers to increase the City Administrator's salary for the next council meeting.

SET DATE & TIME FOR FIRST MEETING IN SEPTEMBER

Lighter moved and Kohlhaas seconded the motion to set Tuesday, September 2, 2008, at 4:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, as the first meeting in September. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVE CHANGE ORDER NO. 1-STORM SEWER

IMPVTS.-HARRIET ST.-DIVISION 1

Lighter moved and Curtis seconded the motion to approve Change Order No. 1 for addition curb and cutter added to the storm sewer improvements on Harriet/Kennedy Street-Division 1. The increase is \$2,202.06. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVE CHANGE ORDER NO. 1-STORM SEWER

IMPVTS.-HARRIET ST.-DIVISION 2

Kohlhaas moved and Lighter seconded the motion to approve Change Order No. 1 for the additional cost of required Railroad Protective Liability Insurance for the storm sewer improvements project-Division 2. The increase is \$4,615.00. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVE PAY APPLICATION NO. 1-STORM SEWER

IMPVTS.-HARRIET ST.-DIVISION 1

Kohlhaas moved and Lighter seconded the motion to approve Pay Application No. 1 for Reding's Gravel & Excavating in the amount of \$138,330.92 for work completed on the Storm Sewer Improvements, Division 1-Harriet Street. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVE APPLICATION FOR FIREWORKS

Russ Buscher requested an application for fireworks during the period from August 5<sup>th</sup> through August 30<sup>th</sup>.

Lighter moved and Kohlhaas seconded the motion to approve the Application for Fireworks for Russ Buscher. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVE APPLICATION FOR URBAN REVITALIZATION TAX EXEMPTION-NELTON'S

Lighter moved and Esser seconded the motion to approve the Application for Urban Revitalization Tax Exemption for Nelton's, LLC, (Long John Silver's), commercial remodeling, 3 year 100% exemption, cost of improvements was \$244,268.45. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT-CEMETERY BOARD

Lighter moved and Kohlhaas seconded the motion to re-appoint Dave Smith to the Algona Cemetery Board. His term will expire August 11, 2113. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

FINAL REPORT ON NOMINEES-AIRPORT COMMISSION

Final report was given on nominees for the Algona Airport Commission. Dave Merryman's term expires August 23, 2008, as he has asked not to be re-appointed.

NOTIFICATION OF TERM EXPIRING-RLF COMMITTEE

Notification was given that Brien Rindone's term on the Revolving Loan Fund Committee expires September 16, 2008.

CITIZEN'S OPPORTUNITY

City Administrator O'Donnell gave an update on the Harriet/Kennedy Street storm sewer project. He reported that Kennedy Street should be opened

by the start of school on Wednesday, but Harriet Street won't be done for a few more weeks.

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 5:45 p.m.

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Jeff Gilmore, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Rexann McEnroe, City Clerk