

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 October 2, 2006, at 4:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, with Mayor Lynn R. Kueck and the following council members:

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

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

Mike Denny, 114 W. Kennedy, is requesting that the City remove the walnut tree located in the city row-of-way. The tree is growing into the other shade trees on his and Connie Farnham's, (415 S. Hall), properties. The City's walnut tree policy states that if a healthy walnut tree is to be removed from city right-of-way, the property owner is responsible for taking it down, removing the stump and replacing it with a tree from the City's approved tree list.

Councilmember Lighter asked City staff to measure and make sure that the tree is on the City's right-of-way. After discussion, staff was directed to place this item on the next council agenda.

Councilmember Lighter congratulated all who were involved in Algona Band Day. It was a great day.

Mayor Kueck announced that the City received the "Water Fluoridation Quality Award", from the Iowa Department of Public Health.

Roger Wilson, Park Board Commissioner, informed the Council on the tree planting project on Finn Drive from Hwy. 18 to McGregor Street. The Kiwanis, Boy Scout Troop 29, students from Garrigan and anybody else who would like to volunteer, will be planting trees on October 21st starting around 9:30 a.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Minutes of September 18, 2006, work session
- b. Minutes of September 18, 2006, council meeting
- c. Appropriating Resolution No. 06/07-07 (bills)
- d. Liquor license renewal for Hy-Vee Wine and Spirits
- e. Administrator's report

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

APPROVE RELEASE OF MORTGAGE-H. MALONEY

Hallie Maloney has repaid her housing rehabilitation loan, the mortgage needs to be release. Lighter moved and Weaver seconded the motion that Resolution No. 06-85, "**Resolution Authorizing Execution of Release or Satisfaction of Mortgage**", be adopted. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVE RELEASE OF MORTGAGE-E. HANSON

Elizabeth and Mark Hanson have repaid their housing assistance loan, and the mortgage needs to be released. Lighter moved and Von Ruden seconded the motion that Resolution No. 06-86, "**Resolution Authorizing Execution of Release or Satisfaction of Mortgage**", be adopted. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVE ASSURANCE AGREEMENT WITH USDA

Mid Iowa Growth Partners have applied for a USDA grant so they can hire a staff member to provide training for the nine counties, which includes Kossuth County, economic development groups. Since Algona is the largest community in Kossuth County, they would like us to be the sponsoring governmental unit. There is no cost to the city. The grant will go directly to the Mid Iowa Growth Partners.

Kohlhaas moved and Curtis seconded the motion that Resolution No. 06-87, "**Resolution Approving Assurance Agreement with USDA**", be adopted. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

REQUEST TO FORGIVE SEWER BILL-BERHOW

Jennifer Berhow is requesting that a portion of her sewer bill be forgiven. She states that she left a soaker hose on and had a leak in her basement. Staff believes that the water in the basement did not enter the sewer system. In the past Council has forgiven portions of sewer bills for leaks when the water did not enter the sewer system, but not for watering lawns. Her average sewer bill is \$17.07, the billing for July was \$779.48.

Lighter moved and Kohlhaas seconded the motion to forgive half of the sewer charge, less the average monthly charge. The amount to be paid will be \$381.21. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVE PAY APPLICATION NO. 3-DIGESTER/MIXING SYSTEM

Von Ruden moved and Esser seconded the motion to approve Pay Application No. 3 in the amount of \$14,358.90 to Grundman-Hicks for work completed on the Digester/Mixing System project at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVE PAY APPLICATION NO. 2-STATE ST. PROJECT

Esser moved and Lighter seconded the motion to approve Pay Application No. 2 in the amount of \$59,715.45 to Wicks Construction Co. for work completed on the State Street Reconstruction Project. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

SET DATE & TIME FOR "TRICK OR TREAT"

Lighter moved and Weaver seconded the motion to approve Mayor Kueck's recommendation to set "Trick or Treat" night for October 31, 2006, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

CITIZEN'S OPPORTUNITY

Public Works Director Schaeffer updated the Council on several sewer issues. He also informed them that the camera for televising sewer lines is ready to go once the WWTP employees receive training.

Mayor Kueck reminded everyone that October 6th at Algona Publishing Co. there will be an open house for Dorothy Muckey. She has been with Algona Publishing for 48 years and will be the paper's "feature freelance" writer.

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 5:00 p.m.

Lynn R. Kueck, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rexann McEnroe, City Clerk