

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 December 18, 2006, at 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, Public Works Director Schaeffer, City Attorney Doster.

AGENDA

Lighter moved and Kohlhaas seconded the motion to approve the agenda for this meeting. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

CITIZEN'S OPPORTUNITY

Mayor Kueck announced that the city received a one-thousand dollar grant from MidAmerican Energy for trees. He also reminded everyone that the Algona Fire Department will be putting on a fireworks display on Dec. 31st, west of Jack's O.K. at 8:00 p.m.

Mayor Kueck was informed by Dave Merryman, Chairman of the Algona Airport Commission, that he has received a letter from a prospective business that they would like a runway extension at the airport. Other businesses have also expressed interest in this.

Stacy Besch, Chamber Board member, updated the Council on upcoming events being sponsored by the Chamber. January 24th will be the Chamber Banquet, January 31st through June will be business seminars, the Leadership class will begin February 9th, February 17th Legislative forms begin, February 25th they will be hold the Blizzard Bake-off, March 10th is the Home and Health Show and April 2nd is Women Networking Together.

Councilmember Kohlhaas warned citizen's of possible scams during the holidays.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Minutes of December 4, 2006, work session
- b. Minutes of December 4, 2006, council meeting
- c. Appropriating Resolution No. 06/07-12 (bills)
- d. Beer permit renewal for Pizza Hut
- e. Department reports for November
- f. Minutes of various Boards/Commissions
- g. Administrator's report

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

AUTHORIZE RELEASE OF MORTGAGE-J. WARREN

Joe and Terri Warren have repaid their housing assistance loan and the mortgage needs to be released. Lighter moved and Kohlhaas seconded the motion that Resolution No. 06-100, "**Resolution Authorizing Execution of Release or Satisfaction of Mortgage**", be adopted. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

APPOVE A.M.U. ANNUAL TRANSFER

Kohlhaas moved and Von Ruden seconded the motion that Resolution No. 06-101, "**Resolution Approving Transfer of Funds**", in the amount of \$220,738.52 be adopted. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

AMENDING UNION CONTRACTS

There will be a change of benefits regarding health insurance, therefore the union contracts for Police, Dispatchers and Public Works Employees need to be amended.

The Labor/Management Committed for Insurance is recommending that the City changes from United Healthcare Insurance to Wellmark. The new plan removes the office visit co-pay and drug card, all services are subject to the deductible. The current union contract states that the City will reimburse employees up to \$250 per year for office visits and \$250 per year for prescription drug charges. Since there will no longer be these charges, it is being proposed that each employee is allocated \$500 annually, starting January 1, 2007, to reimburse medical, dental or vision deductibles and co-pays. Any balance at the end of the year will be carried over with a maximum accumulation of \$2,000, at that time the City will pay the balance minus \$500 to the employee.

The recommended plan has lower premiums resulting in a savings of \$64,000 to the City.

Lighter moved and Kohlhaas seconded the motion that Resolution No. 102, "**Resolution Approving Amendment to Union Contracts**", be adopted. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

ACKNOWLEDING REPAYMENT OF RLF-ALGONA FURNITURE BARN

The Algona Furniture Barn has repaid their Revolving Loan Fund. Kohlhaas moved and Weaver seconded the motion that Resolution No. 06-103, "**Resolution Acknowledging Repayment of Revolving Loan Fund Loan by the Algona**

Furniture Barn, L.C.", be adopted. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

ACKNOWLEDGING REPAYMENT OF RLF-PHARMACISTS MUTUAL

Pharmacists Mutual Insurance Company has repaid their Revolving Loan Fund. Lighter moved and Curtis seconded the motion that Resolution No. 06-104, "**Resolution Acknowledging Repayment of Revolving Loan Fund Loan by Pharmacists Mutual Insurance Company**", be adopted. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVE ADDITIONAL FLOATING HOLIDAY HOURS

Von Ruden moved and Lighter seconded the motion to approve an additional 4 hours of floating holiday to be used for the afternoon of December 22nd. Employees who are required to work can use the 4 hours on another day, but it needs to be used by June 30, 2007. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

REQUEST TO FORGIVE SEWER CHARGES-HILLCREST

Hillcrest Trailer Court had a service line break. None of the water entered the sanitary sewer. They are requesting that the City forgive the sewer charges of \$361. Esser moved and Von Ruden seconded the motion to forgive the sewer charges for Hillcrest Trailer Court. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVE GROOMING OF TRAILS FOR SNOWMOBILES

The Kossuth County Drift Skippers need to obtain a permit from the IDOT to groom trails along Hwy. 18 and Hwy. 169 within the city limits and Council needs to give them permission for that permit. Lighter moved and Kohlhaas seconded the motion to approve the Application to Perform Work within State Highway Right-of-Way for the Kossuth County Drift Skippers. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVE APPLICATION FOR URBAN REVITALIZATION TAX EXEMPTION

Esser moved and Curtis seconded the motion to approve the Application for Urban Revitalization Tax Exemption for Don Walker, new commercial, 10 year declining. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

SET DATE & TIME FOR 1ST COUNCIL MEETING IN JANUARY

Lighter moved and Kohlhaas seconded the motion to set Tuesday, January 2, 2007, at 4:30 p.m., for the first council meeting in January. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

NOTIFICATION OF TERM EXPIRING-ALG. BD. OF ADJUSTMENT

Notification was given that Jim Buscher's term on the Algona Board of Adjustment expires January 28, 2007.

FINAL NOTICE OF TERMS EXPIRING

Algona Planning & Zoning Commission. Final report was given on nominees. This is a Council appointment.

Recreation Commission. Final report was given on nominees. This is a Mayoral appointment.

Algona Housing Commission. Final report was given on nominees. This is a Mayoral appointment.

Algona Broadband Telecommunications Commission. Final report was given on nominees. This is a Council appointment.

CITIZEN'S OPPORTUNITY

Councilmember Von Ruden inquired on the outcome of the meeting regarding the Kossuth County Landfill. City Administrator O'Donnell reported that the consensus of the meeting was for the County to do whatever needs to be done to keep it open.

Councilmember Lighter reported on the Public Safety Committee meeting with the Algona EMS. He said even though there are conflicts within the service, he wants the public to know that patient care has not been jeopardized and the volunteers are doing a great job.

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 5:14 p.m.

Lynn R. Kueck, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rexann McEnroe, City Clerk