

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 at the Algona Fire Station, April 18, 2005, at 3:00 p.m., with Mayor Lynn R. Kueck and the following council members:

Present: Kohlhaas, Weaver, Lighter, Von Ruden  
Absent: Esser, Curtis  
Also present: City Administrator O'Donnell, Fire Chief Bell

Chief Bell updated the Council on the fire department, grants that have been received and the equipment obtained by the grants. The Council then toured the fire station with Fire Chief Bell.

Tour ended at 4:15 p.m.

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Lynn R. Kueck, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Rexann McEnroe, City Clerk

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The City Council of the City of Algona, Iowa met in regular session on April 18, 2005, at 4:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers with Mayor Lynn R. Kueck and the following council members:

Present: Lighter, Von Ruden, Curtis, Kohlhaas, Weaver  
Absent: Esser  
Also present: City Administrator O'Donnell, Public Works Director Schaeffer, City Attorney Doster

AGENDA

Kohlhaas 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 Kueck showed the new RAGBRAI t-shirt, which are on sale now. The theme this year is "Survive the Jungle".

Mayor Kueck introduced Steve Hoskins of the KCEDC Board. Mr. Hoskins updated the Council on the LOIS program, HEC progress, ILCC programs for businesses throughout the county and other items the KCEDC is working on. Also, they will be meeting with the county supervisors next week hoping to get their support to stay with the Mid-Iowa Growth Partners.

CONSENT AGENDA

Von Ruden moved and Curtis seconded the motion that the following be approved as part of the Consent Agenda:

- a. Minutes of April 4, 2005, council meeting
- b. Appropriating Resolution No. 04/05-20 (bills)
- c. Liquor license renewal for Wine & Spirits Shoppe
- d. Department reports for March
- e. Minutes of various Boards/Commissions
- f. Administrator's report

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

ORDINANCE DELETING & ADDING HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACES

Bill Farnham, BDF Investments, has requested that the handicapped parking space in front of his business be removed. He feels there is sufficient number of spaces already on that block. The space he is referring to is at the entrance of an alley, making it easier for a wheelchair to load and unload.

Also, in reviewing this request, staff found several handicapped spaces that were marked but not in the ordinance, and also found spaces that were in the ordinance but not marked. The ordinance will clear all of it up.

After discussion, Kohlhaas moved and Weaver seconded the motion to table Ordinance Deleting & Adding Handicapped Parking Spaces until the May 2, 2005, council meeting. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVING RLF AGREEMENT-PHARMACISTS MUTUAL

Weaver moved and Lighter seconded the motion that Resolution No. 05-33, **"Resolution Approving \$150,000 Loan Agreement with Pharmacists Mutual Insurance Company"**, be adopted. The loan will be for 10 years at 0%. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

AWARDING CONTRACT-CITY PARKING LOT

Three bids were received for the parking lot behind Solbach's. Low bidder was Tug Helmers Construction, Estherville, for \$67,622.16. Other bids received were from Hjelmeland Builders for \$70,008.25 and Reding's Gravel and Excavating for \$92,173.90. Councilmember Lighter inquired if low bid had to be awarded the contract. At that time City Attorney Doster asked if Council wanted to go into closed session to discuss this matter. Lighter moved and Weaver seconded the motion that the Council adjourn into closed session to discuss matters that could result in litigation pursuant to Iowa Code 20.5(1)(c). The Council went into closed session at 5:25 p.m. and returned to open session at 5:34 p.m.

Lighter moved and Weaver seconded the motion that Resolution No. 04-34, **"Resolution Approving Bid and Awarding Contract for the Parking Lot Improvements Project"**, to Tug Helmers Construction, be adopted. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVING AGREEMENT FOR SINGLE ZONING LOT-WEBER

Don and Judith Weber would like to construct a detached garage on the lot adjacent to their home at 710 N. Roan. The City does not allow accessory buildings on lots without a principle structure. The agreement rezones the vacant lot as part of the occupied lot, therefore, the lots cannot be sold separately.

Lighter moved and Curtis seconded the motion that Resolution No. 05-35, **"Resolution Approving Agreement for Single Zoning Lot with Donald E. Weber and Judith L. Weber"**, be adopted. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVING AGREEMENT FOR SINGLE ZONING LOT-MCNEESE

Andrew and Michaela McNeese would like to construct a detached garage on the lot adjacent to their home at 109 W. Nebraska. The City does not allow accessory buildings on lots without a principle structure. The agreement rezones the vacant lot as part of the occupied lot, therefore, the lots cannot be sold separately.

Lighter moved and Curtis seconded the motion that Resolution No. 05-36, **"Resolution Approving Agreement for Single Zoning Lot with Andrew T. McNeese and Michaela A. McNeese"**, be adopted. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVING PARTIAL RELEASE OF EASEMENT-CLEGG

Wayne Clegg would like to expand on of his buildings onto the vacated portion of Johnson Street that he owns. The City maintains a utility easement across the entire vacated street. Mr. Clegg is requesting the City to release the east 20 feet of the easement for his expansion. AMU does have a water main located in the vacated street, but would be 17 feet from the expanded building.

Kohlhaas moved and Lighter seconded the motion that Resolution No. 05-37, **"Resolution Approving Partial Release of Easement"**, be adopted. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

AWARD CONTRACT FOR WELCOME CENTER PROJECT

The City has worked with BARCO to reduce the cost of the Welcome Center project to \$255,000. The contract is for \$255,000 with a start date of April 19, and a completion date of September 9.

Lighter moved and Von Ruden seconded the motion that Resolution No. 05-38, **"Resolution Approving Contract for the Algona Welcome Center Project"**, be adopted. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

REPORT ON NOMINEES-AMU BOARD

Report was given on nominees for the AMU Board of Trustees.

FINAL REPORT ON NOMINEES-CEMETERY BD.

Final report was given on nominees for the Algona Cemetery Board.

APPROVE URBAN REVITALIZATION TAX EXEMPTION

Weaver moved and Kohlhaas seconded the motion to approve the Application for Urban Revitalization Tax Exemption for Marilyn Andreasen, home remodel, 3 year 100%, estimated improvements of \$55,000. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING ON PLANS, SPECS, FORM OF CONTRACT & ENGINEER'S COST ESTIMATES-CALL ST. SANITARY SEWER

Mayor Kueck announced at 5:45 p.m., that this is the time and place for a public hearing on the proposed plans, specifications, form of contract and engineer's cost estimates for the Call St. sanitary sewer project. After discussion and there being no other comments either written or oral, the Mayor declared the public hearing closed at 5:47 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING ON PLANS, SPECS, FORM OF CONTRACT & ENGINEER'S COST ESTIMATES-AIRPORT STORAGE BLDG/ROTATING BEACON

Mayor Kueck announced at 5:47 p.m., that this is the time and place for a public hearing on the proposed plans, specifications, form of contract and

engineer's cost estimates for the airport equipment storage building and the rotating beacon. After discussion and there being no other comments either written or oral, the Mayor declared the public hearing closed at 5:50 p.m.

ACCEPTING PLANS, SPECS, FORM OF CONTRACT,  
AND ENGINEER'S COST ESTIMATES-CALL ST. SANITARY SEWER

Lighter moved and Kohlhaas seconded the motion that Resolution No. 05-39, "**Resolution Approving plans, Specifications, Form of Contract and Estimate of Cost for the Call Street Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project**", be adopted. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

ACCEPTING PLANS, SPECS, FORM OF CONTRACT,  
AND ENGINEER'S COST ESTIMATES-AIRPORT EQPT. BLDG./ROTATING BEACON

Lighter moved and Kohlhaas seconded the motion that Resolution No. 05-40, "**Resolution Approving plans, Specifications, Form of Contract and Estimate of Cost for the Snow Removal Equipment Storage Building and Rotating Beacon Project**", be adopted. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVING BID & AWARDING CONTRACT-CALL ST. SANITARY SEWER PROJECT

One bid was received for the project from Reding's Gravel and Excavating in the amount of \$52,252.50.

Lighter moved and Von Ruden seconded the motion that Resolution No. 05-41, "**Resolution Approving Bid and Awarding Contract for the Call Street Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project**", to Reding's Grave and Excavating be adopted. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

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 5:54 p.m.

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Lynn R. Kueck, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Rexann McEnroe, City Clerk