

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
ALGONA CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALGONA, KOSSUTH COUNTY, IOWA

The City Council of the City of Algona, Iowa, met in regular session May 18th, 2020 at 5:00 p.m., via a conference call originating from City Hall Council Chambers. The meeting was held electronically as meeting in-person was determined to be impractical and counter to public health guidance issued in response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The following council members were present: Johnson, Curtis, Kohlhaas, Sabin, Davis, and Sudol. Acting City Attorney Ennen

Also present, City Administrator Wiseman, Director of Public Works Director Covert, and Economic Development Director Tjaden.

The meeting was called to order.

Mayor Murphy led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ACROSS THE MAYORS DESK

Mayor Murphy proclaimed the week May 17 - 23, 2020 as National Public Works Week; I urge all citizens to join with representatives of the American Public Works Association/Canadian Public Works Association and government agencies in activities, events and ceremonies designed to pay tribute to our public works professionals, engineers, managers and employees and to recognize the substantial contributions they make to protecting our national health, safety, and quality of life.

City Administrator Wiseman updated Council on Covid-19 updates regarding City facilities. City facilities remain closed this includes City Hall, Library, and the Welcome Center. City staff are available to assist the public by phone, email, or appointment if necessary. All city playgrounds and play structures are closed to the public until May 27 per order of the Governor. Shelter reservations have been suspended until further notice. Restrooms and drinking fountains remain closed. Youth Baseball/Softball is temporarily suspended and will be reevaluated. The Aquatic Center is temporarily not scheduled to open. This also will be reevaluated and possible to change depending on CDC recommendations.

CONSENT AGENDA

Kohlhaas moved and Sabin seconded the motion that the following be approved as part of the Consent Agenda: approve minutes May 4th, 2020 Council meeting, approve Appropriating Resolution No. 19/20-22, approve Class C liquor license - Kossuth County V.F.W. Post 2541, Approve Class B Native Wine Permit The Market, Approve Cigarette Permits - Casey's State Street, Casey's Main Street, Fareway, Wessels Oil Co. Inc. D/B/A Crossroads of Algona, Approve Department Reports, Approve minutes of Various Boards/Commissions, and the Administrator's Report. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF THE CURRENT BUDGET FOR FY ENDING JUNE 30, 2020

Mayor Murphy announced at 5:20 p.m., for a public hearing on the Proposed Amendment of the Current Budget for FY ending June 30, 2020. There being no comments, either oral or written, the public hearing was closed at 5:21.

RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CURRENT BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30TH, 2020

Revenues increased by \$1,577,703 due to property tax backfill received, Industrial Park, Parks and Tietz Park Bond proceeds, and SRF Grant proceeds. Expenses increased by \$1,518,485 due to Industrial Park Land Purchase, Street Maintenance (frost boils), and a large increase in Revolving Loan Funds that were granted.

Davis moved and Sudol seconded the motion to approve Resolution No. 20-100 "Resolution Amending the Current Budget for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020", be adopted. On a call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION SETTING PAYMENTS FOR APPOINTED OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2020/2021

The wages in this resolution reflect those approved as part of the Fiscal Year 2020/2021 budget. Employees will receive an increase of 2.5%.

Davis moved and Curtis seconded the motion to approve Resolution No. 20-101 "Resolution Setting Payments for Appointed Officials and Employees of the City for the Fiscal Year 2020/2021", be adopted. On a call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

A RESOLUTION SETTING THE TIME AND PLACE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSED ANNEXATION TO THE CITY OF ALGONA, IOWA

Proposed is a public hearing on June 15, 2020 at 5:00 pm at City Hall. This is for annexation of the new industrial park land that we recently purchased.

Sabin moved and Sudol seconded the motion to approve Resolution No. 20-102 "Resolution Setting Time and Place of a Public Hearing on Proposed Annexation to the City of Algona, Iowa", be adopted. On a call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

REVIEW STEVE BECKER APPEAL REQUEST OF THE TREE BOARD DECISION

Steve Becker has requested an appeal of a decision by the Tree Board. The Tree Board denied his request to remove three cottonwood trees in the ROW in front of his property at 1810 E Oak Street. Becker gave a summary on why he is appealing the Tree Board decision. Telling Council the trees have root damage and are hollow and diseased causing a potential liability to the City. It was recommended to contact Iowa State Extension to request a professional opinion on the life span of the trees.

Kohlhaas moved and Sudol seconded the motion to table the Appeal Request of the Tree Board Decision. On a call of the Roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

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Sudol moved and Curtis seconded the motion to refer the request to the Planning and Zoning Commission. On a call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

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Davis moved and Johnson seconded the motion to refer the request to the Planning and Zoning Commission. On a call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT BOARD OF ALGONA MUNICIPAL UTILITIES

Mayor Murphy submitted the name of Karen Schaaf to be reappointed to the Board of Algona Municipal Utilities.

Davis moved and Johnson seconded the motion to appoint Karen Schaaf to the Board of Algona Municipal Utilities. Her term will expire May 31, 2026. On a call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Richard Murphy, Mayor

ATTEST:

Debra Bell, City Clerk