

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Council Chambers, 805 St. Clair River Drive
Algonac, MI 48001
AS APPROVED 10/20/15

A regular meeting of the Algonac City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 6, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Irene Bird. The meeting was held in City Council Chambers, 805 St. Clair River Drive, Algonac, Michigan 48001.

ROLL CALL

Present: Michael Bembas
Irene Bird, Mayor
Ray Martin
Helen Meldrum
Joe Nugent
Mark Thompson, Mayor Pro-Tem
Gary Tuzinowski

Absent:

Others: City Manager Alexander, Engineer John Monte, Fire Chief Joe Doan, Barbara Polcyn, Norman Sneath, Pat Babcheck, Bud Babcheck, Diana Siegel, Erika Smith, Eileen Tesch, Jim Tesch, Tom McCausland, Chris Fellows, Brady Harris, Donna Juntuneu, Jeri Packer, City Clerk Greenia

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

Mayor Bird called for a moment of silent prayer

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Bird led the Pledge of Allegiance

PUBLIC COMMENT

Presentation of Check from the Algonac Lions Club to Refurbish 10 Benches in Riverfront Park

Jim Tesch, 145 Channelsyde Drive, was present to address the City Council on his concerns regarding the bridge on his street. He indicated that the poor water flow under the bridge was causing a health hazard. He mentioned that it could be caused by a poor design back when it was constructed. There may be a portion of the culvert that had caved in underwater. He wondered since the City was going to have work done on the street why couldn't they work on the bridge to replace it at the same time. This had been a problem for many years.

City Engineer John Monte reviewed what the City was working on at this time. They had completed inspections on this bridge and found it to be in good shape. He reviewed that he was not familiar with the original design of this either. He then reviewed that he was aware of some projects in the area that were being replaced similar to those on Channelsyde. They were very costly.

Brady Harris, 129 Channelsyde, stated he did not think that it should cost that much to replace the culvert bridge on their street.

Donna Juntuneau, 129 Channelsyde, indicated that there was an obvious visual change – difference – from one side to the other. One side is much lower. If the City were to address this problem by offering to do a clean-up she would like to see this done multiple times each year.

Discussion of the timetable to complete the road was had. Mr. Monte reviewed that the contractor, was stuck on a huge job for the City of Port Huron and was worried he would not be able to get the entire project done this year. The residents present agreed that they would prefer the entire project be completed next spring all at once.

Mary Brickel, property owner of 110 Channelsyde, stated that there was a discouraging drainage problem on the road as well. She indicated she had called the City and complained about this. She also noted that she felt like she lived on a gravel road at this time because it was very torn up and the water was standing everywhere. She was worried that the gravel on the road would get into the new drain and cause more drainage issues after the next big rain.

After further discussion, City Manager Alexander reviewed what he felt he was being asked to do

- 1) Get prices to see how much to clean out the culvert;
- 2) Have the culvert investigated to see if there is indeed a partial collapse;
- 3) Ask Mr. Monte to get the City a preliminary cost
 - a) Replacing culvert bridge with a larger culvert;
or
 - b) Putting in a regular span bridge

He invited all residents back to the meeting of November 3, 2015 to discuss this further.

CO # 10-01-15 City Manager's Report

Motion by Meldrum supported by Thompson to approve the City Manager's Report dated October 2, 2015 as presented. Motion carried.

CO # 10-02-2015 Consent Agenda

The following items were on the Consent Agenda for the October 6, 2015 meeting of the Algonac City Council:

- a) City Council Minutes
 - 1) Regular Meeting Minutes September 15, 2015
 - 2) Special Meeting Minutes September 22, 2015
- b) Communications and Notices
 - 1) Resident Letter and Petition Concerning Channelsyde Culvert Bridge
 - 2) Legislative update from Senator Pavlov
- c) Departmental Reports

Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion by Nugent supported by Thompson to approve the consent agenda for the October 6, 2015 meeting of the Algonac City Council as presented. Motion Carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

CO # 10-03-15 Approve Second Reading and Adoption - Ordinance # 2015-05 - Regulating Temporary Business Merchants

Motion by Martin supported by Bembas to hear the second reading and formally approve Ordinance # 2015-05 Regulating Temporary Business Merchants. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:**CO # 10-04-15 Approve Special Events Permit Application Jingle Bell Run**

Motion by Thompson supported by Martin to approve the Special Events Permit Application for the 2nd Annual Jingle Bell Run to be held on Wednesday, December 2nd, 2015 beginning at 4:00 p.m. and ending at 6:00 p.m., and also to approve the fundraiser applied for wherein the Band Boosters will “sell” the rights to enter a Christmas Decorating Contest at Riverfront Park which will include the decorating of trees and other Christmas Scenes being put up at the park, decorating can begin on November 14 and end on November 29, 2015, noting that all decorations are to be removed on or before January 11, 2016, and that no fees be charged as these events are of a beneficial nature to the City of Algonac. Motion carried.

CO # 10-05-15 Approve Purchase of Fundraiser Spot at Riverfront Park

Motion by Nugent, supported by Bembas to approve City Council **purchasing a spot at Riverfront Park for the Jingle Bell Run – Band Booster fundraiser. Motion carried

**** Mayor Bird and Council Member Meldrum reminded City Council that this purchase would need to be privately funded by Council members.**

CO # 10-06-15 Approval of 2015 Trick or Treat Hours

Motion by Nugent supported by Meldrum to set the 2015 City of Algonac Trick –or-Treating hours to begin at 5:00 p.m. and end at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried.

CO # 10-07-2015 SCC Hazard Mitigation Plan

Motion by Thompson supported by Martin to support the recommendation of the City Manager to adopt the attached resolution which adopts the St. Clair County Hazard Mitigation Plan as an official plan of the City Of Algonac. Motion carried.

CO # 10-08-15 Adoption of Basic Continuity of Operations Plan as 1st Addendum to the Emergency Operations Plan

Motion by Nugent supported by Martin that the recommendation of the City Manager be adopted and the Basic Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP)

be adopted as presented by Fire Chief Doan as the first addendum to the Emergency Operations Plan that was previously approved by City Council. Motion carried.

CO # 10-09-15 Adoption of Ready Community/Ready Neighborhood Program

Motion by Nugent supported by Thompson to support the participation of the City of Algonac in the “Ready Community/Ready Neighborhood” Program. Motion carried.

CO # 10-10-15 Consideration of Adopting a 60 Day Moratorium on the Siting of Medical Marijuana Dispensaries

Motion by Nugent supported by Thompson to adopt Resolution #10-06-15a which will invoke another 60 day moratorium on the siting of medical marijuana dispensaries in the City of Algonac in order to give the City time to prepare an appropriate regulatory ordinance to deal with this issue. Motion carried.

CO # 10-11-15 Approval of Special Events Permit Halloween Bonfire

Motion by Meldrum supported by Tuzinowski to approve the Special Events Permit submitted by the Algonac Rotary to host their annual Trick or Treat Bonfire on October 31st, 2015 from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the Elementary Smithfield Locations presented. Motion carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

CO #10-12-15 Approve and Pay Accounts Payable

Motion by Thompson supported by Bembas to approve and pay accounts payable and payroll in the amount of \$731,899.29. Motion carried.

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

None at this time.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Martin thanked the Lions Club for their generous donation to refurbishing the park benches.

Council Member Nugent thanked the Lions Club as well for the purchase of the benches, and for setting through the entire meeting.

Mayor Irene Bird wished Mayor Pro-Tem Thompson a Happy Birthday. She also thanked Fire Chief Joe Doan for all that he does for the City.

Council Member Bembas thanked the Lions Club for their purchase of the benches and indicated he thought they should be purchasing a spot in the Riverfront Park to decorate from the Band Boosters.

Council Member Meldrum thanked the Lions Club for purchasing the benches.

Council Member Tuzinowski also thanked the Lions Club. He then noted that the problem on Channelsyde had been there for 35 years and he understood the frustration the residents had.

ADJOURNMENT

CO # 10-13-15 Adjournment

Motion by Thompson supported by Nugent to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 p.m. Motion carried.

Signed:

Respectfully Submitted:

Irene Bird, Mayor

Cynthia L. Greenia, CMC, CMMC