

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Council Chambers, 805 St. Clair River Drive**  
**Algonac, MI 48001**  
**JANUARY 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016**  
**AS APPROVED 2/2/16**

A regular meeting of the Algonac City Council was called to order by Mayor Bird at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 19, 2016. The meeting was held in City Council Chambers, 805 St. Clair River Drive, Algonac, MI 48001.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**Absent:**

**Others:** Coach Barnhart, County Commissioner Bill Gratopp, Jeri Packer, members of the Algonac High School Varsity Football Team – 2015, parents of players.

**MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER:**

Mayor Bird called for a moment of silent prayer.

**PLEDGE OF ALLGIANCE**

Mayor Bird led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mayor Bird presented Coach Barnhart and the Algonac Football Team with a Resolution of Appreciation on behalf of the City, and also with a Resolution from the State of Michigan.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

**CO # 01-10-16 Approve City Manager's Report**

Motion by Nugent supported by Thompson to approve the City Manager's report dated January 15, 2016. Motion carried.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

The following items were on the Consent Agenda for the January 19, 2016 meeting of the Algonac City Council.

- 1) Consent Agenda
  - a) City Council Minutes
    - 1) Regular Minutes January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016
  - b) Communications and Notices
    - 1) Letter from Comcast
  - c) Departmental Reports
    - 1) Fire Department
    - 2) Building Department and Code Enforcement
    - 3) DPW
    - 4) Water Department
    - 5) Housing Commission
    - 6) Library
    - 7) Financials
    - 8) Board and Commissions Report
    - 9) Sheriff Department Report
    - 10) Calendars

### **CO # 01-11-16 Approval of Consent Agenda**

Motion by Thompson supported by Martin to approve the Consent Agenda for the January 19, 2016 meeting of the Algonac City Council as presented. Motion carried.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None at this time.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **CO # 01-12-16 Approval of 2016 Poverty Guidelines**

Motion by Thompson supported by Martin to approve the 2016 Poverty Guidelines to be used by the Algonac Board of Review as presented. Motion carried.

#### **CO # 01-13-16 Approval of Bid for Water Plant - Electrical Improvements**

Motion by Meldrum seconded by Tuzinowski to support the recommendation of the City Manager and award the bid for Water Plant Electrical Improvements to Sideline Electric of Cottrellville Township in the amount of \$58,495. Motion carried.

**CO # 01-14-16 Approve 2 Year Contract for Grass Cutting Service**

Motion by Nugent supported by Meldrum to adopt the recommendation of the City Manager to waive the bid process and award a contract to D&E Landscape in the amount of \$13,000 for 2016 and \$13,000 for 2017 to provide 28 weeks of annual lawn cutting and trimming services for various city owned properties, including Smith Park, as it is in the best interest of the City. Motion carried.

**CO # 01-15-16 Approval of Invoice for Seawall Engineering Study**

Motion by Thompson supported by Martin to adopt the recommendation of the City Manager to pay Project Control Engineering \$3,922.50 for engineering services that are above the originally approved amount of \$15,520 for the Riverfront Park Seawall repair project. Motion carried.

**CO # 01-16-16 Approval of Reappointments to Board of Review and Zoning Board of Appeals**

Motion by Tuzinowski supported by Bembas to approve the reappointment of Charles Bayly and Bill Erdmann to the Algonac Board of Review with a term to end dated January 6, 2018 and to reappoint Judy Gulliver and Randall Riecke to the Algonac Zoning Board of Appeals with a term end dated February 1, 2019. Motion carried.

**CO # 01-17-16 Resolution Opposing Section 57 of Public Act 269 of 2015 and Urging It's Repeal**

Motion by Martin supported by Thompson to adopt Resolution #01-19-16a opposing Section 576 of Public Act 269 of 2015 and urging its immediate repeal by the Michigan Legislature. Motion carried.

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

**CO # 01-18-16 Approve and Pay Accounts Payable**

Motion by Thompson supported by Tuzinowski to approve and pay accounts payable and payroll in the amount of \$287,060.31 as presented. Motion carried.

**ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

Update on Seawall Repairs

## **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Mayor Pro-Tem Thompson was surprised and taken aback by the letter from a citizen who did not like or appreciate the Christmas decorations at Riverfront Park. City Council agreed with this – they were also surprised and felt, overall, this was a good idea and they were looking forward to next years’ displays.

City Council Member Bembas congratulated the Algonac Football Team on a great season and said he was looking forward to next year. He then asked if he could use Facebook as a means of letting citizens know about the upcoming ballot question on the Seawall. City Manager Alexander stated that he believed that as long as he was doing this as Michael Bembas the resident and not as City Council Member Bembas it should be fine. He will get an opinion from the attorney for the next meeting.

City Council Member Meldrum also congratulated the Algonac High School Football Team on a great season. She reviewed her thoughts on the Flint Water situation and noted that she hoped Canada’s proposed toxic waste dump would be reviewed even more carefully in light of how it would affect the water in the area.

City Council Member Tuzinowski congratulated the Algonac High School Football Team as well and thanked them for a great season.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

### **CO # 01-19-16 Adjournment**

Motion by Thompson supported by Nugent to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. Motion carried.

Signed:

Respectfully Submitted:

Irene Bird, Mayor

Cynthia Greenia, Clerk