

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Council Chambers, 805 St. Clair River Drive
Algonac, MI 48001
AS APPROVED 10/6/15

A regular meeting of the Algonac City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Irene Bird on Tuesday, September 15, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. 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: City Manager Alexander
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 HEARING

Mayor Bird read into the record the following:

This is the public hearing to discuss the proposed vacation of a 120 foot portion of Pleasant Street. The hearing is being held on Tuesday, September 15th, 2015 at the Algonac City Hall. Notice for this hearing was properly published three (3) consecutive times in "The North Macomb Voice". Notices were sent to each party on the petition that will be affected by the proposed vacation of this portion of Pleasant Street.

CO #09-01-15 Motion to Open Public Hearing on Vacation of 120 feet of Pleasant Street

Motion by Nugent supported by Thompson to open the Public Hearing on the proposed vacation of 120 Feet of Pleasant Street at 7:01 p.m. Motion carried.

The floor is open to public comments.

No comments were heard.

Hearing no comments the Public Hearing will now be closed.

CO #09-02-15 Motion to Open Public Hearing on Vacation of 120 feet of Pleasant Street

Motion by Tuzinowski supported by Bembas to close the Public Hearing on the proposed vacation of 120 Feet of Pleasant Street at 7:02 p.m. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None at this time.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

CO # 09-03-15 Approval of City Manager's Report

Motion by Thompson supported by Martin to approve the City Manager's report dated September 11, 2015 as presented. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

The following items were on the Algonac City Council Consent Agenda for the September 15, 2015 meeting:

- a) City Council Minutes
 - 1) August 18, 2015
- b) Communications and Notices
 - 1) Comcast Informational Letter
- c) Departmental Reports
 - 1) Fire Department
 - 2) DPW
 - 3) Water Department
 - 4) Building and Code Enforcement
 - 5) Library
 - 6) Housing Commission
 - 7) Financials
 - 8) Calendars

CO # 09-04-15 Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion by Nugent supported by Thompson to approve the Consent Agenda for the September 15, 2015 Algonac City Council meeting as presented. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None at this time.

NEW BUSINESS**CO # 09-05-15 Approval of Street Vacation**

Motion by Thompson supported by Martin to approve the petition for the vacating of 120 feet of Pleasant Street located Northwesterly of State Street as stated in Resolution #2015-09-15a.

ROLL CALLVOTE:

AYES: Thompson, Martin, Bembas, Meldrum, Nugent, Tuzinowski, Bird

NAYS: None Motion Carried

CO #09-06-15 Approve Annual Homecoming Parade

Motion by Nugent supported by Bembas to approve the date of September 25, 2015 as the night for the Algonac Homecoming Parade, beginning at 4:30 p.m. as presented. Motion carried.

CO # 09-07-15 Approval of Metro Permit Application – Fibertech

Motion by Thompson supported by Nugent to support the recommendation of the City Manager to approve the attached 15 year Bi-Lateral Metro Act permit request with Fibertech Networks LLC and to authorize the City Manager to execute the same.

City Manager Alexander reviewed the history of the Metro Act permit and noted there was no reason not to approve this.

VOTE ON MOTION:

All Ayes

Motion Carried

CO # 09-08-15 Approval Waive Bid Process for Road Salt Purchase 2015/2016 Season

Motion by Nugent supported by Thompson that in the best interest of the City, Council waive the bid process and approve the purchase of 250 ton of road salt at a cost of \$55.15/ton from Compass Minerals America through the MiDEAL Program for the 2015/16 winter season in the amount of \$13,787.50. Motion carried.

CO #09-09-15 Approve First Reading of Ordinance Peddlers/Solicitors and Transient Merchants.

Motion by Tuzinowski supported by Nugent to hear the first reading of an ordinance amendment to repeal the current Chapter 16 “Peddler’s, Solicitors and Transient Merchants” and Adopt a new Chapter 16 “Temporary Business Merchants”. Motion carried.

CO # 09-10-15 Reappointment of Debra Scruggs to Library Board

Motion by Nugent supported by Thompson to reappoint Debra Scruggs to the Algonac Clay Library Board with a term to end on October 1, 2018. Motion carried.

CO # 09-11-15 Approval of Engineering Services for State Mandated Bridge Inspections

Motion by Tuzinowski, supported by Meldrum that in the best interest of the City, Council waive the bid process and authorize Project Control Engineering to perform the 2015 bridge inspections in the amount of \$4,400. Motion carried.

CO #09-12-15 Approval Special Events Permit Algonac Church of Christ Family Fall Festival

Motion by Nugent supported by Bembas to approve the Special Events Permit Application made by the Algonac Church of Christ to hold a Family Fall Festival at on Saturday, October 3, 2015 between 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. to be located on Michigan Street, between Green and Mill Streets as presented. Motion carried.

CO #09-13-15 Addition of Item to City Council Agenda/ St. Clair County Park

Motion by Nugent supported by Thompson to formally initiate a discussion on the proposed St. Clair County Park. Motion carried.

Council Member Bembas reviewed the current status of the proposed St. Clair County Park in Clay Township and indicated that he hoped the City would support this in some way. Council Member Martin was in favor of written support, but noted that there were many big ticket items on the City’s list that needed all of our financial resources at this time.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**CO # 09-14-15 Approve and Pay Accounts Payable**

Motion by Thompson supported by Nugent to approve and pay accounts payable in the amount of \$3,081,538.07 as presented. Motion carried.

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Mayor Pro-Tem Thompson asked about the water tower and if the bottom of it was rusting. He was concerned that maybe it needed painting. City Manager Alexander explained that he had spoken some months ago to DPS Scott and our tank consultant about this concern already and it was explained to him that it was simply a film on the bottom of the tank. They could power wash it if the Council would so deem it necessary.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Bembas asked if City Council could address the invitation letter they received from the County to hold a meeting at their place. City Manager Alexander stated he would check into this for them.

EXECUTIVE SESSION**CO # 09-15-15 Approval of Resolution to Enter Into Executive Session for the Purposes of Conducting an Employee Personnel Evaluation:**

Council Member Nugent moved and Council Member Martin supported the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The Michigan Open Meetings Act (PA 267 of 1976) provides that local governments may meet in closed sessions to discuss Employee Personnel Evaluations; and

WHEREAS, a resolution recessing to a closed meeting requires a roll call vote.

NOW THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED that the Algonac City Council hereby recesses into a closed session to discuss an Employee Personnel Evaluation.

Members Present: Bembas, Bird, Martin, Meldrum, Nugent, Thompson, Tuzinowski

Members Voting Yes: Nugent, Martin, Bembas, Meldrum, Thompson, Tuzinowski, Bird

Members Voting No: None

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This resolution declared adopted by the Mayor on September 15, 2015.

Irene Bird, Mayor

Cindi Greenia, City Clerk

Council adjourned into Executive Session at 7:45 p.m.

Council reconvened from Executive Session at 8:51 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

CO # 09-16-15 Adjournment

Motion by Thompson supported by Meldrum to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 p.m. Motion carried.

Signed:

Respectfully Submitted:

Irene Bird, Mayor

Cynthia L. Greenia, Clerk