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CITY COUNCIL MEETING Council Chambers, 805 St. Clair River Drive Algonac, MI 48001 December 20, 2016 7:00 p.m.

As approved 1-17-17

A regular meeting of the Algonac City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Eileen M. Tesch on Tuesday, December 20, 2016. The meeting was held in Council Chambers, 805 St. Clair River Drive, Algonac, MI 48001.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Michael Bembas, Mayor Pro-Tem

Irene Bird Ray Martin Joe Nugent

Eileen Tesch, Mayor Mark Thompson

Absent: Helen Meldrum

Others: City Manager Alexander, City Attorney James Downey, City Treasurer Linda Mackie, County Commissioner Bill Gratopp, Joe and Kathy Doan, Bill Roland, Bob and Debbie Scruggs, Kelly Nader. Jacob Skarbek, Gale Anthony, Michelle Landry, Cathy Jones, James Tesch

CO # 12-16-16 Excuse Members

Motion by Martin supported by Bembas to excuse member Meldrum due to illness. Motion carried.

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

Mayor Tesch asked for a moment of silent prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Tesch led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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Kathy Jones, Golfview asked City Council if they would consider having a Farmers' Market on Saturdays in the Summer and Fall. Mayor Tesch asked her to leave her name and number and someone would contact her.

William Roland, 100 Delta Drive had concerns with the City not plowing snow anymore on their street due to the bridge weight limit restriction. He said the residents maintain the bridge and he feels it would support a single axle 18,000 pound truck and that the City could still plow with that weight limit. Mayor Tesch said she would check into this.

Gale Anthony, 1110 Summer suggested that the proposed Farmers' Market could be located at the Smith Street Park.

Bill Gratopp, St. Clair County Commissioner wished everyone a Merry Christmas and congratulated them on their election victories. He said he was willing to help and could be contacted at any time.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

CO # 12-17-16 Approve City Manager's Report

Motion by Thompson supported by Bembas to approve the City Managers' report dated December 16, 2016 as presented. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

The following items were on the consent agenda for the December 20, 2016 meeting of the Algonac City Council:

- 1) Consent Agenda
 - a) City Council Minutes
 - 1) Regular Council Meeting Minutes of 12/6/16
 - b) Communications and Notices
 - c) Departmental Report
 - 1) Building Department
 - 2) Fire Department
 - 3) Water Department
 - 4) DPW
 - 5) Library
 - 6) Housing Commission
 - 7) Financials
 - 8) Boards and Commissions Roster

9) Calendar for January 2017

CO # 12-18-16 Approve Consent Agenda

Motion by Thompson supported by Nugent to approve the Consent Agenda for the December 20, 2016 meeting of the Algonac City Council as Presented. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Dream Center Proposal

City Manager Alexander stated that they had heard nothing new. Mayor Tesch asked if anyone in the audience had any comments. None were heard.

NEW BUSINESS

CO# 12-19-16 Approve Supplemental Payment to MERS

Motion by Thompson supported by Martin to adopt the recommendation of the City Manager to make a \$76,360 supplemental payment to the Municipal Employees Retirement System with \$55,360 taken from the general fund and \$21,000 contributed by the water fund as presented by Management.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Bembas, Bird, Martin, Nugent, Tesch, Thompson Nays: Motion Carried

CO # 12-20-16 Fondriest Environmental Data Management Renewal

Motion by Thompson supported by Bird to authorize a one year service extension to Fondriest Environmental in the amount of \$1,950.00 for maintaining the website service and alert system of our drinking water monitoring equipment.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Bird, Martin, Nugent, Tesch, Thompson, Bembas Nays: Motion carried

CO # 12-21-16 Discuss 2017 Boards and Commissions Dinner

Motion by Thompson supported by Bembas to set the date for the 2017 City of Algonac Boards and Commissions Dinner for Friday, February 24, 2017 with the alternate choice of Friday, March 3, 2017 and to authorize

City Clerk Greenia to choose a catering service for this event. Motion carried.

CO # 12-22-16 Approve Change Order for Lions Field Project

Motion by Thompson supported by Nugent to adopt the recommendation of the City Manager to approve change order #1 to the Lions Field Improvement Project in the amount of of \$2,882.12 for purposes of upgrading the basketball backboards to the originally intended specifications.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Martin, Nugent, Tesch, Thompson, Bembas, Bird Nays: Motion Carried

CO # 12-23-16 Request of Council Member Thompson to Discuss Service Contracts

Motion by Thompson supported by Bembas to hold discussion on the City's service contracts. Motion carried.

After much discussion, Council Member Thompson indicated that each Council Member had the list of service providers given to them. If any Council Member wanted to discuss any one of these in particular they needed to contact the City Manager and let him know to put it on a future agenda.

CO # 12-24-16 Presentation on the Blight Enforcement Program

City Manager Alexander and City Attorney James Downey gave an overview of the City of Algonac Blight Enforcement Program.

CO # 12-25-16 Presentation on the Status of Blight Complaint at 1813 St. Clair River Drive

City Attorney James Downey and City Manager Alexander reviewed the blight enforcement case history of 1813 St. Clair River Drive in Algonac. City Manager Alexander stated that it is the opinion of the Building Inspector, City Attorney and himself that no further enforcement action is warranted at this time.

CO # 12-26-16 Request of Council Member Bembas to Discuss Duties of the Mayor and Open Meetings Act

Motion by Bembas supported by Martin to open discussion on the duties of the Mayor and the Open Meetings Act. Motion defeated.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

CO # 12-27-16 Approve and Pay Accounts Payable

Motion by Thompson supported by Nugent to approve and pay accounts payable and payroll in the amount of \$250,554.92 as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes:, Nugent, Tesch, Thompson, Bembas, Bird, Martin Nays: Motion carried

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Mayor Pro-Tem Bembas asked that a discussion of the Open Meetings Act be placed on the agenda for the next meeting. He also wanted a full report of the meeting that was held at The Flaming Grill and was "sponsored" by City Council.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Pro-Tem Bembas said he was very disappointed that a majority of the Council was not willing to event discuss the recent violation of the Open Meetings Act and the Duties of the Mayor under the City Charter. He had never seen a refusal to discuss something before in his nearly three (3) years on City Council.

Council Member Thompson thanked everyone for their thoughts and prayers on behalf of his wife. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Council Member Martin said that he wanted to remind everyone the City of Algonac ran under a weak Mayor and City Manager form of government according to the City Charter. The Mayor had many ceremonial duties and the entire seven members of City Council were equally responsible for setting policy and the City Manager was in charge of handling the day to day operations of the City and enforcing that policy. He then wished everyone Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mayor Tesch said that she had an opportunity to attend the Tree Lighting last Wednesday and it was great. She wanted to thank all those who volunteered their time on behalf of the City. She felt it was a great opportunity to help make the City a better place.

She then stated that she would provide a list of everyone that was invited to the last meeting at the Flamingo Grill regarding the Chamber of Commerce. It was very successful- about 25 attendees. She felt this was all very exciting for the City. She wished everyone a very Merry Christmas.

ADJOURNMENT

CO # 12-28-16 Adjournment

Motion by Thompson supported by Martin to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m. Motion carried.

Signed: Respectfully Submitted:

Eileen M. Tesch Linda M. Mackie Mayor City Treasurer