

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Council Chambers, 805 St. Clair River Drive**  
**Algonac, MI 48001**  
**October 18, 2016**  
**AS APPROVED 11/01/16**

A regular meeting of the Algonac City Council was called to order on Tuesday, October 18, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Irene Bird. The meeting was held in Council Chambers, 805 St. Clair River Drive, Algonac, MI 48001.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**Absent:** Helen Meldrum

**Others:** City Manager Alexander,  
Gale Anthony, Michelle Landry,  
Karen Cole, Gail Majors, Cathy  
Joner, Pam Clark, Jill Modena,  
Eileen Tesch, Jim Tesch,  
Kelly Skarbek, Jacob Skarbek,  
Michelle Nolan, Amanda  
Gougeon, Lloyd Sherman, C.  
Cross, Deputy Dennis  
Tuzinowski, Chief Joseph Doan,  
Kathy Doan, City Clerk Greenia

**CO #10-15-16 Excuse Member**

Motion by Martin, supported by Tuzinowski to excuse Council Member Meldrum due to illness. Motion carried.

**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**

Jill Modena, 1809 St. Clair River Drive, was present to, once again, state her frustration about the house at 1813 St. Clair River Drive and the blight issue. She informed City Council, that in her opinion, an animal from next door had come over and chewed wires in her car apart and costs her \$654.00. She asked when the City was going to do something about this.

Pam Clark, 1810 St. Clair River Drive, noted that she found a tree service that would come in and clean up the yard at 1813 St. Clair River Drive, she had been in contact with the homeowner and told her that she had someone who would help with the clean up. The homeowner thanked her and never gave her an answer on when this could be done.

Floyd Sherman, 932 Columbia wanted to thank the City Manager for his help with the car racing along his street. He was very appreciative to both the City Manager and the Sheriff Department for handling this problem. He did mention there was still a slight problem at 937 Columbia and motorcycles running. Again, he appreciated the quick response on the part of the City Manager and Sheriff on this.

Eileen Tesch, 145 Channelsyde, indicated that she had been here a couple weeks ago and was concerned with the blight issue at 1813 St. Clair River Drive. She had put a petition together and gotten 25 -30 signatures on it that asked the City to do something about it. She gave each City Council member a copy of the petition.

Michelle Landry approached the Council. She had given the City Manager information to forward to City Council regarding the sale of the old Algonac Elementary School within the City of Algonac. She has many questions as to whether or not this was all done legally.

Michelle Noland, Algonac, wanted to thank the City Council members that were once again running for their help and support on the Woodside issue. She mentioned how much the City would miss Mr. Tuzinowski's knowledge and wisdom on the City Council. She noted that the young man running as a write in for City Council seemed to be very engaged and willing to help.

## **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

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

Motion by Thompson supported by Nugent to approve the City Manager's Report of October 14, 2016 as presented. Motion carried.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

The following items were on the Consent Agenda for the October 18, 2016 meeting of the Algonac City Council.

- a) City Council Minutes
  - 1) Regular Minutes October 4, 2016
- b) Communications and Notices
- c) Departmental Report
  - 1) Building And Zoning Enforcement
  - 2) DPW
  - 3) Water Plant
  - 4) Fire Department
  - 5) Housing Commission
  - 6) Financials
  - 7) Boards and Commissions Update
  - 8) Calendar for November 2016

### **CO # 10-17-16 Approve Consent Agenda**

Motion by Thompson supported by Bembas to approve the Consent Agenda for the Algonac City Council Meeting of October 18, 2016 as proposed. Motion carried.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **Dream Center Proposal**

City Council Member Tuzinowski read aloud a letter he had sent to the County Prosecuting Attorney. The letter addressed his concerns regarding the legality of the sale of Algonac Elementary.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **CO # 10-18-16 Approval of Purchase Lions Field Picnic Tables**

Motion by Thompson supported by Martin to adopt the recommendation of the City Manager to waive the bid process and purchase twenty (20) picnic tables from TB Manufacturing in the amount of \$6,685.50.

## **ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Ayes: Bembas, Bird, Martin, Nugent, Thompson, Tuzinowski

Nays: None Motion Carried.

**CO # 10-19-16 Approval of Bid Waiver for Lift Station Pump Repairs**

Motion by Tuzinowski supported by Thompson to waive the bid process and allow Electric Motor Services to move forward in the complete overhaul of our North Avenue lift station pump in the amount of \$1,620.52.

## ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Bird, Martin, Nugent, Thompson, Tuzinowski, Bembas

Nays: None Motion Carried.

**CO # 10-20-16 Opt Out of Public Act 152 of 2011**

Motion by Tuzinowski supported by Martin to approve the recommendation of the City Manager to exempt the City of Algonac from the requirements of Public Act 152 of 2011 for the next succeeding medical benefit plan coverage year. Motion carried.

**CO # 10-21-16 Approval of Purchase of MERS Service Credit by Employee Mackie**

Motion by Nugent supported by Martin to approve City of Algonac Resolution #16-10-18a which allows City Employee Linda Mackie to purchase additional service credit from the MERS system at no cost to the City. Motion carried.

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE****CO # 10-22-16 Approve and Pay Accounts Payable**

Motion by Thompson supported by Bembas to approve and pay accounts payable and payroll in the amount of \$271,180.49 as presented.

## ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Martin, Nugent, Thompson, Tuzinowski, Bembas, Bird

Nays: None Motion Carried

**ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

Mayor Pro-Tem Thompson requested that 1813 St. Clair River Drive be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Council Member Nugent reminded everyone of the Algonac- Clay Historical Society Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser at St. Catherine's on Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

Council Member Martin thanked Council Member Tuzinowski for his efforts on behalf of the Citizens of Algonac in writing that letter to the prosecuting attorney.

Council Member Bembas reminded everyone of the Community Supper at 1<sup>st</sup> Evangelical Church this Wednesday, October 19 from 5:00 to 6:30.

He also reminded everyone that the Historical Society is putting on a haunted house – admission is a can of food and \$5.

Council Member Tuzinowski said he understood the impatience of the neighbors in regards to the blight issue on St. Clair River Drive. He was certain that if they gave our City Manager enough time he could take care of the problem.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**CO # 10-23-16 Adjournment**

Motion by Thompson supported by Nugent to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m. Motion carried.

Signed:

Respectfully Submitted:

Irene Bird, Mayor

Cynthia L. Greenia, Clerk