

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Council Chambers, 805 St. Clair River Drive
Algonac, MI 48001
November 15, 2016
AS APPROVED 12/6/16

A regular meeting of the Algonac City Council was called to order by Mayor Eileen Tesch on Tuesday, November 15, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. 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,
Michelle Landry, Ada Smith,
Diane Strevel, Jill Modena,
Gale Anthony, Beo Ruprey,
Jean Bissett, Joe Bissett,
Cathy Jones, Karen Cole,
Jami Hutchensen, Michelle
Nolan, Gail Majors, Diane
DeBoyer, Max Zamborowski,
C. Carlson, Jacob Skarbek,
Deanna Gerow, City Clerk
Greenia

EXCUSE MEMBER

CO # 11-13-16 Excuse Council Member Meldrum

Motion by Martin, supported by Bembas, to excuse Council Member Meldrum due to health reasons. Motion carried.

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

Mayor Tesch called for a moment of silent prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Tesch led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jill Modena commented that while a lot of progress had been made as to the blight condition of her neighbor's house at 1813 St. Clair River Drive, she still had concerns about the animals that were living there.

Cathy Sklut welcomed Mayor Tesch to the City Council and congratulated her. She said she knew she would do a great job for the City!

Gale Anthony shared that the Lutheran Church was having their free monthly dinner tomorrow night. This was a "pre" Thanksgiving Dinner and she said this dinner was for everyone in the community and she hoped to see a lot of people come. She wanted to publicly thank the St. Clair County Sheriff's Department for their very generous donation to the dinner this month.

Martha Sands said that her cars had been broken into Sunday night here in Algonac. She wanted to make everyone aware that this was happening and noted everyone should be cautious of this.

Michelle Nolan wanted to share that the Flea Market was a great success!!!! All the tables were sold out and they donated money to the VFW as well as the food pantry. The next flea market was scheduled for 12/10/16. She hoped to see everyone there!

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**CO # 11-14-16 Approve City Manager's Report**

Motion by Thompson supported by Nugent to approve the City Manager's report of November 11, 2016 as presented. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

The following items were on the consent agenda for the November 15, 2016 meeting of the Algonac City Council:

- a) City Council Minutes
 - 1) Regular Minutes November 1, 2016
- 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 December 2016

CO # 11-15-16 Approve Consent Agenda

Motion by Thompson supported by Nugent to approve the consent agenda for the November 15, 2016 Algonac City Council Meeting as presented. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Dream Center Proposal

NEW BUSINESS

CO # 11-16-16 First and Second Reading of Amendment to Sidewalk Ordinance

Motion by Martin supported by Bird to support the recommendation of the City Manager to give first and second reading to the attached amendment to the City Code, Appendix B Zoning, Article XV, General Provisions, Section 1520, "Sidewalks" for purposes of adding an administrative appeal process. Motion carried.

CO # 11-17-16 Waive Bid Procedure for Electrical Repairs at Water Plant

Motion by Thompson supported by Martin to waive the bid process and authorize the payment to Sideline Electric in the amount of \$1,563.50 for electrical work completed at the water plant for the new cathodic protection.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Bembas, Bird, Martin, Nugent, Tesch, Thompson
 Nays: None Motion carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

CO # 11-18-16 Approve Accounts Payable

Motion by Thompson supported by Bembas to pay accounts payable and payroll in the amount of \$520,258.79 as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Bird, Martin, Nugent, Tesch, Thompson, Bembas
 Nays: None Motion carried.

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Council Member Thompson requested the following items to be on the next agenda:

- 1) Any ideas from Council for events and happenings to go into the Discover The Blue Calendar for 2017;
- 2) Discussion of some "out of the box" thinking to bring people into Algonac, for instance the idea of using shipping containers for small businesses in Riverfront Park; and
- 3) Discussion of purchase of new audio/video equipment

No other items were added.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Pro-Tem Bembas wanted to thank the City Manager and all the employees who work for the City for doing such a wonderful job. He added that the election was very stressful.

Council Member Bird agreed with Mayor Pro-Tem Bembas, she wanted to thank everyone that worked for the City for doing a good job. She wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

Council Member Martin wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Council Member Nugent thanked the City Clerk and election workers for running a smooth election.

Mayor Tesch again wanted to thank everyone for their support and faith in her. She stated she was very excited as to what the future would hold for our city. She was excited to see what could happen with the waterfront. There were pages of vacant homes that could possibly be refurbished and made whole again. She encouraged everyone to share whatever ideas they had to make the City a better place. She will always have open ears and an open heart.

ADJOURNMENT

CO # 11-19-16 Adjournment

Motion by Thompson supported by Bird to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Motion carried.

Signed:

Respectfully Submitted:

Eileen M. Tesch, Mayor

Cynthia Greenia, Clerk