

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Council Chambers, 805 St. Clair River Drive
Algonac, MI 48001
July 19, 2016, 7:00 p.m.
AS APPROVED 8/2/16

A regular meeting of the Algonac City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 19, 2016 by Mayor Irene Bird. 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
Joe Nugent
Mark Thompson, Mayor Pro-Tem
Gary Tuzinowski

Absent: Helen Meldrum

Others: City Manager Alexander, Sheriff
Tim Donnellon, Diane Strevel,
Ada Smith, Gail Majors, Cathy
Jones, Colleen Maluchnik, Cindy
Babisz, Jim Tesch, Betty Pritchard,
Sue DeLange, Linda Frantz,
Amanda Gougeon, Paula Burgess,
Judy Wallis, City Clerk Greenia

EXCUSE CITY COUNCIL MEMBER

CO # 07-13-16 Excuse Council Member

Motion by Martin supported by Tuzinowski to excuse City Council Member Meldrum from the meeting 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

St. Clair County Sheriff's Report

St. Clair County Sheriff Tim Donnellon reviewed the Sheriff Report for the City of Algonac for the last six months. He indicated that Algonac was a very safe and good place to live.

Betty Pritchard, 9994 Tashmoo, Clay Township, spoke to City Council about the GALS (Girlfriends About Love and Service) and how much they had done for our community.

Cindy Babisz, 477 Maple, a member of the GALS organization, was present to ask for permission from the Council to place the Little Free Libraries at the historical society site in Riverfront Park.

Colleen Maluchnik, 7277 Parklane Drive, Clay Township stated that she goes to the Clay Township Park and that there are two of the Little Free Libraries there and they are both well used. She also shared some concerns with City Council about the pool and stated she was worried at the amount of lifeguards versus swimmers during the swim lessons. City Manager Alexander explained to her and City Council some things that he would be addressing that should help her concerns. He told Council he would be getting them a full report on this matter.

Catherine Jones, 948 Golfview complained about a street light that had been out on her street. City Manager Alexander offered to contact DTE about this, and encouraged that maybe she would like to do so as well. It may help if they both called.

Jim Fernandez, VFW Post 3901, was present to let City Council know that the VFW had now completed the restoration project of the fish statue at Riverfront Park. He said it went very well and wanted to share that both Alexander Bachman – the artist – and Algonac Foundary donated both time and materials to this project. It turned out very well. It was mentioned that next month City Council might like to see what it would cost for a surveillance camera to be posted on top of City Hall to record any of the vandalism that might be happening at the park. City Council all expressed their gratitude to Mr. Fernandez for taking on this project.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

CO # 07-14-16 Approve City Manager's Report

Motion by Thompson supported by Martin to approve the City Manager's Report of July 15, 2016 as presented. Motion carried.

City Manager Alexander wanted to extend congratulations to City Treasurer Mackie and Fire Chief Doan for their work on the grant to get a new fire boat.

CONSENT AGENDA

The following items were on the consent agenda for the July 19, 2016 meeting of the Algonac City Council:

- a) City Council Minutes
 - 1) Regular Minutes July 5, 2016
- b) Communications and Notices
- c) Departmental Report
 - 1) Building and Code Enforcement
 - 2) Fire Department
 - 3) Water Department
 - 4) DPW
 - 5) Housing Commission
 - 6) Library
 - 7) Boards and Commissions
 - 8) August Calendar

CO # 07-15-16 Approve Consent Agenda

Motion by Nugent supported by Thompson to approve the Consent Agenda for the July 19, 2016 meeting of the Algonac City Council. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Dream Center

City Manager Alexander reported that the architect for the Dream Center project had called him. He had referred him to Chief Doan.

He added that Pastor Bryant also called to say that the project was moving forward and that they would like to know if they could use the office space at the building while they were working on moving ahead with getting the rest of the building ready to use. City Manager Alexander noted that this building – all of it inclusive of the office space – would need a Certificate of Occupancy prior to being able to utilize any of it.

NEW**BUSINESS****CO # 07-16-16 Approval of Blanket P.O. Sodium Hypochlorite**

Motion by Nugent supported by Thompson to approve the recommendation by the City Manager and Director of Public Services and approve the blanket Purchase Order for Cul-Mac Industries in the amount not to exceed \$13,500 for water treatment.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAYS: None Motion Carried

CO # 07-17-16 Approval of Blanket P.O. for PVS Nolwood

Motion by Thompson supported by Bembas to approve the recommendation of the City Manager and Director of Public Services and approve the blanket Purchase Order for PVS Nolwood Chemicals in the amount not to exceed \$6,000 for the purchase of chemicals for the water plant.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAYS: None Motion Carried

CO # 07-18-16 Approve Repair of Fire Hall Garage Door

Motion by Tuzinowski supported by Martin to approve the recommendation of the City Manager and approve the quote of FJF Door Sales Company in the amount of \$3,610 to replace the damaged door at the fire hall.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAYS: None Motion Carried

CO # 07-19-16 Approve Water Plant Engineering Services

Motion by Thompson supported by Martin to approve the recommendation of the City Manager and engage NTEC, Inc. in the amount of \$5,000 to perform professional engineering services for the water plant as described in the proposal as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAYS: None Motion Carried

CO # 07-20-16 Approve Clay Township Master Meter Purchase

Motion by Nugent supported by Thompson to approve the recommendation of the City Manager and purchase an 8” Neptune High Performance Protectus “3” for a service water meter from Michigan Meter in the amount of \$19,876.74 for the Clay Township south master meter pit (M-29) as proposed.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAYS: None Motion Carried

ACCOUNTS

PAYABLE

CO # 07-21-16 Approve and Pay Accounts Payable

Motion by Thompson supported by Nugent to approve and pay accounts payable and payroll in the amount of \$177,694.48.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAYS: None Motion Carried

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Mayor Pro-Tem Mark Thompson wanted to see discussion of the Little Free Libraries on the next agenda. He also mentioned concern with some blight issues at the old IGA mall. One other item of concern was a travel trailer that had been parked near the road for almost 3 months at a house on the river, he wondered if this could be addressed.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Martin wanted to thank Jim Fernandez for all of his efforts in getting the fish statue restored. It was very much appreciated.

Council Member Nugent wanted to thank Mr. Fernandez as well for his efforts.

Mayor Bird wanted to thank the GALS Organization – she had no idea they did so very much for our community. She thanked Jim Fernandez as well for getting the statue completed.

Council Member Bembas shared that the Library “checks out” fishing poles and tackle boxes much like they do books. His grandson did that last week. It was great to find out that our library offered this service. He also wanted to thank the Fire Department for helping the little children with getting the worms on the poles and the fish off of the poles.

Council Member Gary Tuzinowski commented that he was so very appreciative of Mr. Fernandez and all that he has done for so many years for the City of Algonac. He then added he was concerned with the problems at the pool that were discussed during public comment. City Manager Alexander stated he would address this.

Mayor Pro-Tem Thompson stated that in light of what happened last week he wanted the Sheriff to know how much we appreciate them and all they do to keep us safe.

ADJOURNMENT
CO # 07-21-16 Adjournment

Motion by Thompson supported by Nugent to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 p.m. Motion carried.

Signed:

Respectfully Submitted:

Irene Bird, Mayor

Cindi Greenia, Clerk