

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Council Chambers, 805 St. Clair River Drive
Algonac, MI 48001
AS APPROVED 8/16/16

A regular meeting of the Algonac City Council was called to order by Mayor Irene Bird at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 2, 2016. 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: None

Others: City Manager Alexander, City
Treasurer Mackie, James Downey,
Diane Strevel, Ada Smith,
Jim Wisdom, Rose Ann Perricone,
Nancy Maul, Clifford Maul,
Karen Cole, Amanda Gougeon,
John Monte – P.C.E., Anthony
Theodorou – P.C.E., Angela
Rochon, Gail Majors, Dawn
Peterson, Cathy Jones, Deputy King

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

Angela Rochon read a letter to the City Council regarding the Algonac Swimming Pool. In the letter it stated that the pool was a community treasure, it provided a lot of recreation for many different generations and that the Lions Club and the City of Algonac should be thanked for this gift they had given the community. Also, the staff – lifeguards – were wonderful. They did a great job and were very attentive.

Jim Wisdom expressed his support for Council Member Ray Martin's request to adopt the amendment to Section 17-24 of the Algonac City Code.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

CO #08-01-16 Approve City Manager's Report

Motion by Nugent supported by Thompson to approve the City Manager's Report. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

The following items were on the Consent Agenda for the August 2, 2016 meeting of the Algonac City Council

- a) City Council Minutes
 - 1) Regular Minutes July 19, 2016
- b) Communications and Notices
- c) Departmental Report

CO # 08-02-16 Approve Consent Agenda

Motion by Thompson supported by Martin to approve the Consent Agenda for the August 2, 2016 Algonac City Council Meeting as proposed. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Dream Center Proposal

City Manager Alexander stated that he only had two (2) things to report regarding the Dream Center. One was that Chief Doan had received a phone call from representatives of the Dream Center who requested a meeting. He told the Fire Chief to ask City Clerk Greenia to be at the meeting. A synopsis of the meeting was in front of City Council tonight. Second, he understood that members of the Dream Center hosted a breakfast at the housing commission complex. There were not many in attendance and he was told that at that point the members of the Dream Center went knocking on doors to see if anyone else wanted to join them. A memo from the Housing Director summarizing what went on was given to the Council.

Dawn Peterson approached the Council. She indicated that she lived at the complex and that to her knowledge there was no door knocking at the breakfast time by members of the Dream Center. She said her family was part of Woodside Bible Church and they were really a great organization. They only wanted to bring good things to the community. She was not sure who had been stating otherwise but she cautioned everyone to get their facts for themselves and not to believe everything they have heard. She stated that they were looking for opportunities to provide recreation for children, teenagers and senior citizens.

Amanda Gougeon spoke to Council. She assured them that she had spent days on gathering her information. That any numbers or items she stated were facts were, indeed, facts. Her opinions were always clarified as such.

NEW BUSINESS:

CO # 08-03-16 Approve Bid for Reconstruction of Colonial Lane

Motion by Thompson supported by Nugent to approve the recommendation of the City Manager and award the low bid of James P. Contracting in the amount of \$240,900.45 to complete the 2016 Street Program (Colonial Lane).

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays: None Motion Carried

CO # 08-04-16 Update on Seawall Repair

City Manager Alexander and City Engineer Monte reviewed the update report on the seawall emailed to council members earlier that day. The City Manager has concluded that the City repairs cannot be completed until the Spring for a variety of reasons. The City Engineer reviewed the updated recommendation to repair much less of the seawall and repair alternatives. The matter will be brought back at a future meeting for a decision by the Council on the repair method to be selected.

CO # 08-05-16 Approval of Bid for New City Hall Generator

Motion by Tuzinowski supported by Martin to support the recommendation of the City Manager to approve the low bid of Brenner Electric in the amount of \$43,250 to install a new backup generator at city

hall; with an additional amount of \$2,700 to install the existing generator at the DPW building.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays: None Motion Carried

Mayor Bird and City Manager Alexander both congratulated Chief Doan on his efforts to get the grant award.

CO # 08-06-16 Approve Little Library Installation at Riverfront Park

Motion by Tuzinowski supported by Nugent to approve the recommendation of the City Manager to allow the Women's Life Society to install a "Little Library" in Riverfront Park next to the parking lot of the Algonac-Clay Historical Society. Motion carried.

CO # 08-07-16 Approve Renewal of Hach Company Service Contract

Motion by Thompson supported by Bembas that City Council Authorize the Hach Service Contract renewal at a cost of \$3,611.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays:

CO # 08-08-16 Request for Purchase of Turn-Out Gear

Motion by Thompson supported by Martin to approve the purchase of two (2) sets of turn-out gear for the Algonac Fire Department from Lakeland Fire at the cost of \$2,927.08 as recommended by the Fire Chief.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays:

CO # 08-09-16 Approve to Waive Bid Process for Removal of Asphalt at Lions Field

Motion by Martin supported by Nugent to approve the recommendation of the Director of Public Service by waiving the bid process to contract with Blue Water Materials for the removal and disposal of approximately 28,000 square feet of asphalt at Lions Field at a cost not to exceed \$3,000.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays: None Motion Carried

CO # 08-10-16 Consideration of First Reading of Ordinance Amendment to Section 17-24 of the City of Algonac Code of Ordinances

Motion by Martin supported by Meldrum to hear and approve the first reading of an amendment to Section 17-24 of the City of Algonac Code of Ordinances.

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES: Bembas, Martin, Meldrum, Tuzinowski

NAYS: Bird, Nugent, Thompson Motion Carried

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

CO # 08-11-16 Approve and Pay Accounts Payable

Motion by Thompson supported by Martin to approve and pay accounts payable and payroll in the amount of \$782,732.58.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays: None Motion Carried

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

City Council Member Bembas asked to continue to have the Dream Center under Unfinished Business on future agendas. The City Manager stated it will remain on the agenda until the matter is concluded.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Martin welcomed back Council Member Meldrum.

Council Member Meldrum said she was happy to be back and indicated she was also thankful for the many cards and letters and flowers she received while in the hospital and also since she has been home. She is very humbled by the outpouring of support she has received.

Council Member Tuzinowski welcomed Council Member Meldrum back and added that there was really a lot of good things happening in Algonac right

now – such as the grant for the Lions Field, the generator grant, the new fire boat grant, etc.

ADJOURNMENT

Co # 08-12-16 Adjournment

Motion by Thompson supported by Martin to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m. Motion carried.

Signed:

Respectfully Submitted:

Irene Bird, Mayor

Linda A. Mackie, Recording Secretary