

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Council Chambers, 805 St. Clair River Drive**  
**Algonac, MI 48001**  
**AS APPROVED 9/20/16**

A regular meeting of the Algonac City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 6, 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  
Helen Meldrum  
Joe Nugent  
Mark Thompson, Mayor Pro-Tem  
Gary Tuzinowski

**Absent:** None

**Others:** City Manager Alexander, Fire Chief Doan, Nancy Maul, Cliff Maul, Diane Strevel, Ada Smith, Gale Anthony, Michelle Landry, Jim Wisdom, Amanda Gougeon, Cathy Jones, Gail Majors, Cheryl Baker, Michelle Nolan, Dianne DeBoyer, Jill Modina, Pam Clark, Justin Watson, City Clerk Greenia

**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**

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

**CO #09-01-16 Approve City Manger's Report**

Motion by Thompson supported by Nugent to approve the City Manager's Report dated September 2, 2016 as presented. Motion carried.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

The following items are on the Consent Agenda for the September 6, 2016 meeting of the Algonac City Council.

### 1) Consent Agenda

#### a) City Council Minutes

1) Regular Minutes August 16, 2016

#### b) Communications and Notices

#### c) Departmental Report

## **CO # 09-02-16 Approve Consent Agenda**

Motion by Thompson supported by Martin to approve the Consent Agenda for the September 6, 2016 meeting of the Algonac City Council as presented. Motion carried.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **Dream Center**

City Manager Alexander stated that he had heard nothing new on the Dream Center.

Council Member Martin stated that he had heard of a possible lease on the building – what was the status of that? City Manager Alexander reviewed that the city could only really get involved in the Planning and Zoning aspects of the site.

Amanda Gougeon approached the podium and wanted to make sure – to be clear – that no organized activities could be going on in that building. They could not use it even for office space. City Manager Alexander stated that was correct. He had already explained to them that they could not use the building – even for office space – until it had gone through the proper reviews by the City and had been granted approval.

Michelle Nolan passed out some information she had found on the internet regarding the Dream Center/ Woodside Bible Church. She was very concerned that Woodside Bible Church was using the address in Algonac as their place of business on their website.

Justin Watson, Woodside Bible Church, stated that there was no organized activity at the building at this time. They were waiting for approval from the City. Their architect should be in contact with the city when his timing is right.

Council Member Meldrum asked about the two cars that are at the building every early morning and the lights are on.

Discussion was had on the K.I.D.S. program that the Woodside Bible Church is partnering with.

Council Member Bembas then stated that he was concerned, after listening to the involvement they may be having with the K.I.D.S. program that they are really going to turn into something like the originally discussed "Dream Center". Justin Watson assured City Council that they killed the Dream Center idea – it is no longer going to happen here in Algonac.

Dianne DeBoyer asked whether or not the people working with the kids in the K.I.D.S. program were being screened. She has a vested interest in the children and students here.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **CO # 09-03-16 Approval of Special Events Permit Antique Car Show**

Motion by Nugent supported by Martin to approve the Special Events Permit as requested by the Chamber of Commerce to hold their Annual Antique Car Show and use Riverfront Park on Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016 from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. as proposed. Motion carried.

#### **CO # 09-04-16 Approval of Culvert Replacement Michigan Street**

Motion by Thompson supported by Bembas to adopt the recommendation of the City Manager and City Engineer and to award the low bid from Murray Underground Systems in the amount of \$11,395 to complete the Michigan Street culvert replacement project.

Roll Call Vote:

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

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

#### **CO # 09-05-16 Annual Homecoming Parade**

Motion by Tuzinowski supported by Thompson to approve the request by the Algonac High School Student Council to be allowed to hold their 2016 edition of the Homecoming Parade on Friday, September 23, 2016 to begin at 4:30 p.m. and with a route beginning on St. Clair Blvd. and Smith Street, going to M-29, Continuing along M-29 and ending at the corner of M-29 and Michigan. Motion carried.

**CO # 09-06-15 Approval of Purchase Skating Rink Fire Hydrant**

Motion by Martin supported by Nugent to approve the bid from Etna in the amount of \$1,510 for the purchase of a Mueller Fire/Water Hydrant to fill the Lions Field Skate rink with Water.

Roll Call Vote:

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

NAYS: None Motion Carried

**CO # 09-07-16 Approve Attendance at MERS Annual Conference**

Motion by Bembas supported by Thompson to designate the City Manager Doug Alexander as voting delegate to the 2016 Municipal Employees Retirement System of Michigan Annual Convention and authorizes Mayor Irene Bird to execute the attached required certification form. Motion carried.

**CO # 09-08-16 U.S.C.G. Lease Approval**

Motion by Thompson supported by Nugent to adopt the recommendation of the City Manager and City Attorney to approve the attached twenty year lease agreement with the United States Coast Guard for 200 feet of mooring space in Riverfront Park, as approve by the Algonac voters on March 8, 2016, subject to the seawall at that location being repaired by the Coast Guard at their sole cost and further authorize the City Manager to execute the same on behalf of the city. Motion carried.

**CO # 09-09-16 Approve Bid for Lions Field Improvements**

Motion by Thompson supported by Martin to approve the recommendation of the City Engineer and City Manager to award the low base bid of Cortis Brothers Trucking and Excavating in the amount of \$254,833 for the Lions Field Park Improvement Project.

Roll Call Vote:

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

NAYS: Motion carried.

**CO #09-10-16 Request of Council Member Bembas to Discuss Skate Park**

Motion by Nugent supported by Thompson to discuss the Algonac Skate Park as requested by Council Member Bembas. Motion carried.

Council Member Bembas was concerned with the condition of the Skate Park. City Manager Alexander noted that DPS Scott had already looked at it and the administration was going to bring a quote for City Council to the next meeting.

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

**CO # 09-11-16 Approve and Pay Accounts Payable**

Motion by Thompson supported by Bembas to approve and pay accounts payable and payroll in the amount of \$911,371.04 as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

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

NAYS: Motion carried

**ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Mayor Pro-Tem Thompson reminded everyone that there was the Antique Car Show this Sunday at Riverfront Park as well as the Remembrance Service for the September 11 event. He hoped the park would be busy all day.

Council Member Martin stated he was very disappointed that City Council was still finding out things about the Dream Center/Woodside Bible Church in ways that he felt were not appropriate.

Council Member Nugent had commented on the stop signs in the City and how many times they are not obeyed – he would like to see this addressed.

Council Member Bembas wished Mayor Bird a Happy Birthday!

Council Member Meldrum agreed with Council Member Martin that it was a shame how the City has to find things out about the Woodside Bible Church.

**ADJOURN**

**CO # 09-12-16 Adjournment**

Motion by Nugent supported by Thompson to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Motion carried.

Signed:

Respectfully Submitted:

Irene Bird, Mayor

Cindi Greenia, Clerk