

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Council Chambers, 805 St. Clair River Drive
Algonac, MI 48001
AS APPROVED 4/19/16

A special meeting of the Algonac City Council was called to order on Tuesday, April 12, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. 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
Helen Meldrum
Joe Nugent
Mark Thompson, Mayor Pro-Tem
Gary Tuzinowski

Absent:

Others: City Manager Douglas Alexander
City Treasurer Linda Mackie
Fire Chief Joe Doan
Director of Public Services Mark Scott
City Clerk Cindi Greenia

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

Mayor Bird asked for a moment of silent prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Bird led the Pledge of Allegiance

PUBLIC COMMENT

None at this time.

REVIEW OF FY 16/17 BUDGET PROPOSAL

CO # 04-12-16 Discussion

Motion by Meldrum, supported by Thompson to open discussion on the City Manager's Proposed FY 16/17 Budget. Motion Carried.

Discussion was had on the proposed Fiscal Year 2016/2017 Budget for the City of Algonac. City Manager Alexander and City Treasurer Mackie responded to all questions by City Council.

Discussion was had on the millage rate proposed to support the budget. Concern was expressed by some City Council members on raising the taxes at all. Methods such as taking more money out of fund balance, reducing the proposed pay increases for City Employees and changing the layout of the replacement of lights at Riverfront Park were all suggested as a way to save money so that the tax rate does not have to increase to accommodate the additional expense to pay for repairs of the seawall.

City Manager Alexander was asked to investigate what the actual dollar difference between a 2.5% raise and a 1.5% raise for City employees would be in the bottom line of the budget. He was also going to report back on what other Cities in the County pay for similar job classifications as Algonac employees as well as what the raises were that they were approving for the upcoming Fiscal Year.

He suggested that possibly something could be done in regards to establishing retirement health savings accounts for full time employees and reduce any possible pay raise. This money could be taken from the account that was currently put away for retiree health care and is off the General Fund balance sheet.

No further discussion was had.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

City Council agreed that City Manager Alexander and City Treasurer Mackie had done an exceptional job in preparing the budget for review. They thanked them both.

Mayor Bird thanked City Council for all of the time they put into reviewing the budget prior to the meeting and all of their opinions and efforts at this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

CO # 04-13-16 Adjournment

Motion by Thompson supported by Nugent to adjourn the meeting at 9:22p.m. Motion carried.

Signed:

Respectfully Submitted:

Irene Bird, Mayor

Cynthia L. Greenia, Clerk