

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALGOMA OCTOBER 6, 2008

The regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Algoma was called to order by Mayor Haske on October 6, 2008 at 6:00 PM at City Hall.

Members present: Lynn Lawrenz, Bruce Charles, Paula Wiese, Ken Iwen, Jim Barlow, Kevin Schmidt, Scott Ryan & Jan Dart

Moved by Schmidt second by Wiese to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.

Moved by Barlow second by Schmidt to approve the Council minutes of September 2, 2008 as published. Motion carried.

A group of young people appeared to discuss issues relating to youth activities and involvement with the Police Department. The group was referred to the Park & Recreation Committee to discuss their concerns with the Committee.

An issue relating to parking in the Marina was referred to the Marina and Police Committee for discussion.

Committee Reports

Parks & Rec. – Kevin Pierre will be asked to repair the HWY 54 flag pole base. A new sign will be purchased for De Meuse Park. The Halloween walk will be on October 25th and 26th. Perry Field lights have been repaired. A mural may be painted on the south wall of Youth Club. Lighting changes in the Community Building are being explored.

Public Works – Four sewer credits were approved. The Perry St. project should be completed in early November. The east end of Arlington Ave. will be blacktopped. The committee recommended that Kevin Stauber be approved as a full-time employee.

Protection – No federal grants were awarded for fire equipment in 2008. The Marina lot parking will be enforced from 11:00 PM to 5:00 AM through November 30th. Parking in the 400 and 500 blocks of Clark St. was discussed. Pavement marking will be recommended to Public Works. Noise complaints from the Youth Club area will be investigated and enforced.

Library – A \$25.00 donation was received. The library staff will attend the Wisconsin Library Conference on November 5th – 7th, 2008. The Halloween party will be on October 20th at 6:00 PM. The Friends Group will be sponsoring a variety of items for the library. The Friends Bake Sale was held on October 10th.

Med. Board – The Board was informed of various state and federal regulation changes and what will be needed to comply. The August profit was \$28,247.00. The occupancy rate in August was 97%.

Finance – Reimbursement requests will be reviewed at the upcoming budget meeting. The 2009 proposed budget will require adjustments of \$188,000 to achieve a no-increase levy.

Community Development – The city web site was not discussed. Baudhuin submitted a permit application to the DNR for the Business Park. The Waterfront Ferry Committee discussed the recent trip to Frankfort, MI. The brand issue will be discussed at the October meeting.

Cable – The Committee discussed special broadcasts and approved various bills. Channel 23 may be released by NWTC. The Committee is investigating what could be done to retain the channel for local access.

Marina – Bids for the Marina Parkway Project were opened on October 1st, 2008. The low bidder was De Groot, Inc at a price of \$131,168.90. The Committee approved recommending the bid for approval to the Council.

Planning Commission – The Commission will recommend that the Council hold a public hearing to change the zoning of property at 100 N. Water St. from C-4 to C-3. The Commission will recommend to the Council the preliminary cash pro-forma investigation for a proposed TIF project.

Utility – The salt bid was awarded to Morton Salt for \$120.30 per ton. Utility will participate in a WPPI web site. The Verizon agreement is complete. Utility will purchase a 2.7 KW solar panel as part of an energy program. A wind assessment for a wind turbine will be done through WPPI.

Moved by Schmidt second by Wiese to approve the Committee reports. Motion carried.

Moved by Iwen second by Ryan to approve the bills. Roll call: 8 yes 0 no

The Council will meet at 5:00 PM on October 9th, 2008 at City Hall to review the 2009 budget.

The Mayor read a Proclamation for Wisconsin Harbor Towns.

Moved by Schmidt second by Dart to approve the bid of De Groot, Inc for \$131,168.90 for the Marina Parkway Project. Roll Call: 7 yes 1 no (Lawrenz)

Moved by Dart second by Wiese to begin the preliminary steps regarding a potential TIF project. Roll call: 8 yes 0 no

There will be a Public Hearing held by the Council on November 3rd, 2008 at 5:30 PM regarding a zoning change. Motion was made by Lawrenz and second by Iwen to hold the hearing. Roll Call: 8 yes 0 no

Moved by Lawrenz second by Wiese to approve Kevin Stauber as a full-time municipal employee. Motion carried.

Moved by Barlow second by Schmidt to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Thomas Romdenne, Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer