

# COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

## COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALGOMA

August 3, 2009

The regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Algoma was called to order by Mayor Haske on August 3, 2009 at 6:00 PM at City Hall.

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

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

Moved by Barlow second by Schmidt to approve the amended minutes of July 6, 2009 and the July 15, 2009 Council minutes as published. Motion carried.

Jim Engle from the State Main Street Program appeared to update the Council on the program.

### Committee Reports

**Parks & Rec.** – The Perry Field diamond project is complete. The sod will have to be watered. A bicycle tour will stop in Algoma on August 5<sup>th</sup>. The summer program at Perry Field will end on August 14<sup>th</sup>. The 2010 budget will be finalized in August.

**Public Works** – A request for a hearing will be made to the DNR regarding the State Street culvert. The Committee approved two sewer credits. The Committee authorized Great Lakes TV Seal to televise the new Perry Street sewer and Kruczek Inc. to repair manholes and flow-line on Perry Street. The Committee authorized the purchase of a F250 pickup truck from Witt Ford for \$9,995.00. The 2010 budget will be finalized in August

**Protection** – The noise issue from Algoma Hardwoods was addressed by a resident. The Fire and Rescue bill for the Nuclear Plant Exercise was not paid by the County as submitted. A letter will be sent to the County along with the check sent to the City. Bids for floor drain replacements will be obtained. The Committee approved a new expense plan for training and overnight meetings. Algoma's Night Out was a big success. The Police received a grant for \$18,000 for seat belt enforcement and equipment. Handicap parking was approved on 4<sup>th</sup> Street for the Flora Lee Beauty Shop. The City citation bond will be increased by \$14.50 to cover increases by the State. The noise ordinance will be discussed in August. The 2010 budget will be reviewed in August.

**Library** – The Library received \$270.00 in donations. DVD theft is a problem at the Library. The Wisconsin Library Conference will be October 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>. The 2010 budget was tabled until August. The Shanty Days book sale will be August 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Med. Board** – The center will use a \$250.00 grant for gardening boxes. The Committee approved a change order for \$1,877.00 for piping stands on the roof. The Community Meal project is being reviewed by the County. The dining room chairs have been ordered. The June occupancy was at 98%.

**Finance** – The financial procedures ordinance was tabled until August. The 2010 General Government budget will be finalized at the next meeting. The Committee will recommend to the Council the continuation of the Town of Pierce and Lincoln contracts at the current rates. The action taken by the PPP Committee on reimbursement is void because the Travel and

Reimbursement Policy covers all City personnel and must be approved by the Council if changes are made. The Committee recommends a \$30.00 NSF charge be made for any checks returned to the City.

**Community Development** – The Business Plat will be reviewed and presented to the Planning Commission for review and scheduling a Public Hearing by the Council. The Committee will send a document to the Finance and Audit Committees regarding budget and non-budget expenses.

**Marina** – A cost estimate will be obtained from Porta Pier for expanding dockage. The 2009 gas contract has been used. A Boater Safety course will be held August 17<sup>th</sup> at Knudson Hall. Marina dredging will be discussed. The 2010 budget will be finalized in August.

**Cable** – Special broadcasts were discussed. The 2010 budget was approved. Guidelines for taping of festivities were discussed.

**Planning** – Sun Rise Cove Properties made a request for help in securing financing for a development project. No plan was available. The Commission took no action pending a detailed project plan. Fees for permits for maintenance items were discussed. It was suggested that these fees be eliminated. A copy of the new Green Bay fee schedule will be obtained. This issue will have to be discussed with the City's Inspection Contractor.

**Utility** – The Commission approved various WPPI Energy grants. The Commission denied a claim at 1421 Lake Street. An easement from the DNR under the Ahnapee Trail for the Lumber Company water main was granted. Water rate increase request is being reviewed by the PSC. The Commission adjourned to closed session to discuss the union contract. No action taken.

**Ad Hoc Audit** - The Committee discussed various purchasing issues with department heads. Requests for advertising will be monitored to ensure that any tax funds spent on ads are appropriate use of funds. A municipal court may not be cost effective. The Committee recommends a fee for NSF checks.

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

Moved by Dart second by P. Wiese to approve the bills. Roll call: 8 yes 0 no

Moved by Lawrenz second by Charles to maintain the current rates for the Fire and Rescue Contracts with the Town of Pierce and Lincoln for contracts for 2010 and beyond. Roll call: 8 yes 0 no

Moved by Charles second by P. Wiese to adopt Resolution 619-Expression of Support for the Wisconsin Community Energy 2025 Program. Roll Call: 8 yes 0 no

Moved by Lawrenz second by Schmidt to institute a \$30.00 NSF fee. Roll Call: 8 yes 0 no

Moved by Lawrenz second by Barlow to adjourn to August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 4:30 P.M. for the Police Union Contract negotiation discussion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:04 PM.

Thomas Romdenne, Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer