

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALGOMA

October 5, 2009

The regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Algoma was called to order by Mayor Haske on October 5, 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 Schmidt second by Dart to approve the Council minutes of September 8, 2009 as published. Motion carried.

Ken Taylor discussed the Ferry Boat Committee fundraiser being held to raise money for a feasibility study.

Pam Ritchie announced the winner of the raffle held by the Main Street Program.

Committee Reports

Parks & Rec. – The boiler at the Community Building will be examined on September 30th. A revenue and expense study was done for various activities. The Youth Club fees were discussed. A student will be hired to work the Youth Club counter. The Halloween party will be on October 31st.

Public Works – Bids were opened for snow removal. A special meeting will be held on October 7th to award the bid. The bio-solids from the WTTFF have been field-spread. The alley between 6th & 7th/Steele and State Street has been filled and sealed. The Committee approved one sewer credit.

Protection – The floor drain project at the Fire Station was awarded to Baumann Plumbing and Heating. The Committee approved a taxi license for Angel Cab Service. The Committee approved various training requests. The residents on Alpine Rd are still concerned with the noise issue from the Hardwoods. The Committee recommended approval of a Class B Combination license for Bar Vest Inc. and China Moon Restaurant.

Library – The Library received \$222.00 in donations. The library also received a \$1,000.00 grant from Algoma Utility through WPPI for an Employment Station in the Library. The Library budget will be finalized by the Council on September 30th.

Med. Board – The final walk-through on the roof project will be scheduled in early October. The computer program for care plans has 50 complete and only 10 more to do. The facility was awarded the meals program for 2010.

Finance – The Committee heard a presentation on municipal checking. The Committee recommended the financing plan from R.W. Baird. This will be presented to the Council at the budget meeting. The financial procedures policy and room tax issues will be discussed at the October meeting.

Community Development – The preliminary plat for the Business Park will be sent to the Council for a public hearing. The Committee discussed possible grant sources for park development. A meeting with the Marina Committee and Ferry Boat Committee will be held in October.

Cable – The Committee reviewed the special broadcast schedule. Al and Merle will look into more diverse programs. The new editing machine is working out well.

Marina – The Committee discussed a bag system that could be used for dredging. More research is needed. A senior citizen discount is being evaluated for seasonal slip holders. The Marina will close on October 1st.

Tree Board – The trees for 2010 planting have been ordered. Arbor Day was held on September 19th. A 2010 grant application has been filed. The DNR will meet with the Committee on the beach to discuss trees that should be removed, if any.

Planning – The Commission reviewed the plat for the Business Park and will recommend that the Council hold a public hearing on plat approval. The Commission recommended a hearing be held to vacate a proposed street in Kirk's Addition. The request for TID funding for a project in TID #2 was referred to the Council.

Utility – The salt bid was awarded to Morton Salt at a price of \$120.30 per ton. The new water rates will be effective September 29th. The Commission discussed plans for Public Power Week.

Ad Hoc Audit – The Committee discussed the Police scheduling and possible use of County patrol. The Recreation Department revenue and expense was also discussed and this issue will be taken back to the Park and Recreation Committee. The Committee discussed a 75 – 25 split of the Accommodation Tax money.

Ad Hoc Ferry Boat – The fundraiser for the feasibility study will be held at Hudson's on October 5th. The Committee will meet with the Marina Committee in October.

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

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

Moved by Schmidt second by P. Wiese to approve the Combination Class B License for Bar Vest, Inc. and China Moon. Roll call: 7 yes 0 no 1 abstain (Lawrenz)

Moved by P. Wiese second by Dart to approve a taxi license for Angel Cab Service. Roll Call: 8 yes 0 no

Moved by Lawrenz second by P. Wiese to authorize the Administrator to contact R.W. Baird regarding TID financing. Roll Call: 8 yes 0 no

Moved by P. Wiese second by Charles to hold a public hearing on November 2nd, 2009 at 5:00 P.M. for Business Park plat approval and zoning, at 5:15 P.M. for vacating a proposed street and at 5:30 P.M. for a Public Comment on the proposed 2010 budget. Motion carried.

Moved by Lawrenz second by Barlow to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM.

Thomas Romdenne, Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer

