

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALGOMA

November 3, 2008

The regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Algoma was called to order by Mayor Haske on November 3, 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 Charles second by Schmidt to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.

Moved by Barlow second by Schmidt to approve the Council minutes of October 6 and October 9, 2008 as published. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Parks & Rec. – The committee discussed the possible uses of various parks with a group of youths. The annual Halloween Party will be held on October 31st. Park of Lights will again be at the Legion grounds. The large slide at Peterson Park is in poor shape and may be removed. No fencing to the river will be installed at De Meuse Park.

Public Works – Bio Solids will be spread in November. Bid openings for 2009 projects will be in January. The Tenor contract penalty was discussed. No action taken. No bids were received for snow removal. Geo Salt equipment and material will be charged to the Rent/Lease account.

Protection – The Fire Department radios will be replaced as mandated by 2011. The cost will be \$5,525.00 with funds to be transferred within the 2008 department budget.

Library – Donations received totaled \$200.00. The 4th St. entrance floor was refinished by the Friends Group. The Board removed \$455.00 from the Library retirement budget based on the 2009 rates.

Med. Board – Public comment was received relating to an on-going personnel issue. The Board heard an appeal of a disciplinary action. The Board upheld the action and ordered another performance evaluation. The facility will be implementing procedures to comply with new regulations.

Finance – The Committee reviewed the levies from the school and NWTC. Both were higher than the 2008 levies. No figures were available from the County. The reimbursement policy will be addressed at the November meeting. A meeting with Veolia to discuss a contract renewal will be held on November 6th.

Community Development – The Committee discussed options to upgrade the city web site. Options for the Business Park will be discussed in November. The Brand Platform was discussed and discussions will continue at future meetings.

Cable – The Committee discussed special programs to be aired relating to “People Places & Events.” The first program will deal with banks and the current financial crisis. The channel 23 use issue is being discussed with Charter.

Tree Board – The tree program will have 86 trees planted in 2009. The Arbor Day tape is available from the St. Dept. The 2009 public works projects will require the removal of 20 trees on 6th St. The 2009 Committee projects will be discussed at the January meeting.

Marina – The Committee reviewed the contract schedule for the Marina Parkway Lot. Parking hours will be reviewed prior to the 2009 season. The 2009 slip contracts will be sent out in November. LED lighting will be used on the Marina parking lot.

Utility – The Commission reviewed contract changes presented by the Union. An agreement has been reached with Verizon. Utility will rent flame retardant clothing from CINTAS. The wind assessment was done and Commission is waiting for the report to consider placing a wind turbine near the South side substation.

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

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

Moved by Dart second by Charles to adopt Ordinance 741 – Zoning Change. Roll call: 8 yes 0 no

Moved by Lawrenz second by Schmidt to adopt the 2009 Budget and adopt Resolution 612, the 2008 Tax Resolution. Roll Call: 8 yes 0 no

Moved by Iwen second by Schmidt to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:43 PM.

Thomas Romdenne, Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer