

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALGOMA

November 2, 2009

The regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Algoma was called to order by Mayor Haske on November 2, 2009 at 6:00 PM at City Hall.

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

Absent: Scott Ryan

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

Moved by Charles second by Schmidt to approve the October 5, 2009 Council minutes as published. Motion carried.

Bruce Bain of Bayland Builders appeared to discuss the proposed the C-Store project. He also discussed the need for McDonalds to have more space and explained the current lease issue that involved the McDonalds Corporation and not the franchise holder.

Committee Reports

Parks & Rec. – Energy Design examined the boiler and will have information available in late October. Park of Lights has 10 organizations signed up so far. A new Youth Club fee schedule was approved. The basketball backboards need to be repaired.

Public Works – The snow removal bid was awarded to Lawn and Landscape Specialists. The Committee approved one sewer credit. The culvert pipe project will be re-submitted in the spring. The Committee recommended vacating the alley between 6th and 7th/Steele and State Streets.

Protection – The nuclear plant bill for the Fire Department will be paid by the County. The final department budgets were approved. The Town of Pierce would like to negotiate their Fire Contract. Jamie Spitzer was approved as a probationary EMT.

Library – The Library received donations in the amount of \$165.00. The Library was recognized by the Literacy Partners of Kewaunee County. Staff wages were increased by 1%.

Med. Board – The final roof inspection has been completed. Sixty nine care plans are now complete. There are 6 more to do. The net profit was \$12,093.00. The 2010 budget was approved. The private pay rates will increase by \$10.00 per day. The sidewalk and wheelchair ramp will be replaced for \$1,741.00. The Board approved purchasing an embossing machine for \$1,995.00.

Finance – The Committee heard a presentation on the League Insurance Program. The Financial Procedure Ordinance was approved for Council action. A special meeting of the Council will be held to discuss the Accommodation Tax issue.

Community Development – The Business Park Plat will be approved by the Council following a public hearing. Russ Stoller will level and clean up park site. Protective covenants are being drafted for the business park.

Tree Board – A list of trees were approved for removal. These trees are in poor condition. Cedar trees on the beach were discussed. 52 trees have been ordered for spring planting. The Urban Forestry Grant Application was submitted on October 2nd. A tree management plan will be done if the City gets a 2010 grant.

Cable – Special broadcast were reviewed. The new editing machines need some work and will be checked by Jason Melotte.

Marina – The Committee will meet with representatives to discuss dredging. The seasonal contracts will be sent out in November for the 2010 season. The countertops in the restrooms will be replaced. Two dock carts have been ordered.

Utility – Estimates for the proposed C-Store have been provided to the developer. EECBG funds are available for qualifying projects. Applications are due November 12th. The Commission approved the 2010 budget.

Ad Hoc Audit – The Committee discussed reviewing cell phone contracts as they expire. Criteria for usage may also be developed. Credit card processing at the Marina is costly and other vendors may be contacted.

Tourism and Promotion – The Committee heard information from Infinity on Internet marketing. The Committee felt the current split in the Accommodation Tax should remain as it is. \$125.00 was approved for Glime to attend a Harbor Town meeting in Marinette. The 2010 budget will be worked on in November.

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

Moved by Schmidt second by P. Wiese to approve the bills. Roll call: 7 yes 0 no

Moved by P. Wiese second by Charles to adopt Resolution 621 – Police Union Contract. Roll call: 7 yes 0 no

Moved by Lawrenz second by Schmidt to adopt Resolution 622 – Vacate Public Street. Roll call: 7 yes 0 no

Moved by Dart second by Schmidt to accept the recommendation on the Preliminary Plat for the Business Park. Roll call: 7 yes 0 no

Moved by Barlow second by Charles to accept the recommendation on zoning in the Business Park. Roll call: 7 yes 0 no

Moved by Lawrenz second by P. Wiese to adopt Resolution 623 – Preliminary Plat Approval. Roll call: 7 yes 0 no

Moved by Charles second by P. Wiese to adopt Ordinance 744 – Zoning of Business Park Lots. Roll call: 7 yes 0 no

Moved by Schmidt second by P. Wiese to adopt the 2010 budget. Roll call: 7 yes 0 no

Moved by P. Wiese second by Schmidt to adopt Resolution 624 – Refinancing Bonds. Roll call: 7 yes 0 no

Moved by Dart second by Charles to adopt Resolution 625 – Promissory Note. Roll call: 7 yes 0 no

Moved by P. Wiese second by Charles to adopt Resolution 626 – Tax Resolution. Roll call: 6 yes 0 no 1 abstain (Lawrenz)

Moved by Charles second by Dart to adopt Resolution 628 – Census for 2010. Roll call: 7 yes 0 no

Moved by P. Wiese second by Schmidt to adopt Ordinance 743 – Financial Procedures. Roll call: 5 yes 2 no Motion failed for lack of 2/3 vote.

Moved by Charles second by Schmidt to adjourn to closed session per Wis. Stats. 19.85 (1) (e) to deliberate regarding the investment of public funds. Roll call: 7 yes 0 no

Moved by Barlow second by Schmidt to reconvene to open session per Wis. Stats. 19.85 (2). Roll call: 7 yes 0 no

Moved by Barlow second by Schmidt that the City commit \$300,000.00 in tax increment funds to the proposed C-Store project. Details of the financing to be negotiated between the City and the Developer. Roll call: 7 yes 0 no

There will be a special Council Meeting on December 2nd, 2009 at 6:00 P.M. at City Hall to discuss the current Accommodation Tax Ordinance.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:26 PM.

Thomas Romdenne, Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer