

SPECIAL COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

JULY 20, 2010

A special meeting of the Common Council of the City of Algoma was called to order by Mayor Haske on July 20, 2010 at 10:00 AM at City Hall.

Members present: Bruce Charles, Ken Iwen, Judy Wiese, Jim Barlow, Kevin Schmidt (via phone),
Scott Ryan & Jan Dart

Absent: Lynn Lawrenz

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

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss alternatives for collecting the Public Fire Protection charge that is now collected via the tax roll. This charge represented \$1.95 per \$1,000 of the assessed value in 2010. Many communities have moved this charge from the tax roll to the water bill. If moved to the water bill there are a number of ways to do it per PSC rules, however some are not equitable and do not include all potential users. It seemed that the most equitable way would be the property value method. This is how it is now calculated, however tax exempt parcels do not pay this charge. Another idea was to remove the charge from the levy and apply a special charge on the tax bill for fire protection. Tax exempt properties could then be billed by a special charge based on property values provided to the City based on assessed values. More information will be gathered and another meeting will be held on this issue.

Meeting attendance was discussed stressing the importance of the presence of a quorum for Council and Committee meetings. Without a quorum many important issues would have to be delayed.

Moved by Iwen second by Barlow to adjourn. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 11:03 AM.

Thomas Romdenne, Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer