

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALGOMA

March 9, 2009

The adjourned meeting of the Common Council of the City of Algoma was called to order by Mayor Haske on March 9, 2009 at 6:00 PM at City Hall.

Members present: Lynn Lawrenz, Paula Wiese, Ken Iwen, Jim Barlow, Kevin Schmidt, Scott Ryan & Jan Dart

Absent: Bruce Charles

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

Moved by Barlow second by Wiese to approve the Council minutes of February 2, 2009 as published. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Parks & Rec. – Because of high repair costs and maintenance the wading pool will not be used this year. Various activities for March and April were reviewed. The issue of playground safety at Peterson Park during co-ed softball was discussed. Options will be discussed. Knudson Hall access is being studied.

Public Works – The Committee approved two sewer credits. The Committee approved sediment trap repair for \$7,620.00 and rehab of effluent reuse system for \$9,119.00. An eye wash station needs to be installed at the City Shop. No action was taken on the final payment on the Perry St. project. The proposal for parking lot snow removal will be in place by June of 2009. The bid award for the 6th St. project was held over to the March meeting.

Protection – The Committee is working with Public Works on snow removal issues. The Committee approved various training and conferences for Fire and Police personnel. The lake front noise issue is being addressed by Chief Magno.

Library – The Library received \$140.00 in donations. The annual report has been completed. The Knospe bequest will be used to set up an endowment with 90% of the interest used for the library. The Board approved the State Report and System Effectiveness Report.

Med. Board – The Board received a report on the Capital Campaign – all funds have been spent. The satellite TV system has been installed. The Board approved advertising for bids in the alternative for the new roof. The profit for January was \$27,309.00.

Finance – The Bank of Luxemburg made a presentation on municipal checking that is interest bearing and would allow all funds to be in one account. The municipal audit will start March 3, 2009. The meeting with the Town of Pierce regarding the Fire Contract will be on March 25, 2009 at 6:30 P.M. at City Hall. Some small bills from the Perry St. project will be presented to the Finance Committee for approval and to be paid by the city.

Community Development – The Committee looked at renewing the Christmas decorations on Steele St. The Committee will purchase lighted garland for 11 poles not to exceed \$1,000.00. Steve Parent reviewed the options for the Business Park. Baudhuin Engineering will do the fieldwork and platting for the project at cost not to exceed \$6,800.00. A marketing study needs to be done relating to the Ferry issue. \$4,900.00 will be transferred from the room tax fund to the Ferry Committee to fund the study.

Tree Board – All 6th St. property owners have been informed of the 2009 project. The Tree Board would not be included in the possible Newman Park project unless trees had to be removed. The Arbor Day topic will be Tree Diagnostics, Insects and Disease problems and working with native trees.

Marina – The Committee will contract for 10,000 gallons of gas. Two seasonal passes will be donated for banquet prizes. The credit card usage will be discussed at the next meeting.

Ad Hoc Ferry – Funding will be sought from the US DOT. A marketing study will be done in 2009.

Utility – The Dorner bid for water on 6th St. was \$110,807.00. A new softener was installed at Well #3. The solar awning is installed at the Utility. The lineman position was offered to Cory Thayse.

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

Moved by Dart second by Wiese to support the Mayor's proposal of a sub-committee for the Finance Committee to be appointed in April. Motion Carried.

Moved by Dart second by Barlow to adopt Ordinance 742 – Residential Zone Supplement. Roll Call: 7 Yes 0 No.

Moved by Iwen second by Schmidt to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.

Thomas Romdenne, Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer