



City of Algoma
Common Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 2, 2015

The March 2, 2015 regular meeting of the Algoma Common Council was called to order by Mayor Schmidt at 6:00 PM in the Council Chambers.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Cub Scout Alex Kaminski, a 4th grade student at St. Mary's Catholic School.

Present at roll call: Alders Barlow, Charles, Dachelet, Dart, Kevin Schmidt, Taylor, and Wiese.

It was noted that the meeting was in compliance with the open meeting law.

A motion was made by Charles, and seconded by Schmidt, to approve the agenda for the meeting. Motion passed.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the: February 2, 2015 regular meeting, and February 4, 2015 special meeting of the Common Council by Dart, and seconded by Wiese. Motion passed.

Mayor Schmidt read a Proclamation setting April 11, 2015 as Arbor Day in the City of Algoma, and he urged all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands. Mayor Schmidt read a second Proclamation setting April 11, 2015 as "International Migratory Bird Day in the City of Algoma, Wisconsin," and again he urged all citizens to celebrate this observance and to support efforts to protect and conserve migratory birds and their habitats in our community and the world at large.

Cathy Pabich addressed the Common Council regarding the significance of the Proclamations setting April 11, 2015 as "Arbor Day" and "International Migratory Bird Day" in the City of Algoma, Wisconsin. Others joining her included: Dale and Mary Goodner, 80 Villa Heights Ct.; Amiel Hepp, 1005 Washington St.; Jane Kuhn, 310 Lakeview Drive; and John Pabich of 305 Fremont St., all of Algoma, Wisconsin.

A motion was made by Barlow, and seconded by Taylor, to approve the payment of the monthly bills and credit cards. The motion passed with all Alders present voting aye.

Under new business Charles moved, seconded by Dart, to approve an application for a Temporary Class "B" Retailer's license for the Violence Intervention Project (John Sharp) for VIP Casino Night at Algoma Youth Club (License valid on Saturday March 28, 2015). Motion passed.

A motion was made by Taylor, and seconded by Wiese, to approve Resolution #728 relating to authorizing the lease / purchase of a John Deere 5085E utility tractor for use by the City of Algoma Public Works Department. Motion passed.

By consensus of the Council, consideration of a motion to approve Ordinance No. 778 relating to prohibiting grasses and weeds from exceeding 6” in height rather than 12” was postponed until the next meeting of the Council.

A motion was made by Dart, and seconded by Schmidt, to amend the 2015 Parks and Recreation Department Budget and the expenditures contained in the general fund in the amount of \$500.00 by transferring \$500.00 from the Capital Budget General Ledger account # 59-55200-8200 to the Operating Budget General Ledger account # 59-55200-7001. The motion passed with all Alders present voting aye.

A motion was made by Schmidt, and seconded by Wiese, to: (1) approve the selection and hiring of Casey A. Groessel as a Public Works Street Worker for the City of Algoma, WI, and (2) at a pay rate of \$17.34 per hour. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Taylor, and seconded by Wiese, to: (1) approve the February 19, 2015 Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Algoma and the Algoma Police Department Employees Wisconsin Professional Police Association Law Enforcement Division clarifying the hourly rate and schedule, and reinstating the monthly rate of pay and administering payments as provided in the predecessor agreement.

Upon a request by Alderman Barlow, Mayor Schmidt provided background information surrounding the soon to be issued RFP for construction management services for the upcoming therapy clinic remodeling project at the Algoma Medical Center and Long Term Care Unit.

Alderman Barlow requested that the Common Council review the accommodation tax administered by the City of Algoma at its April Meeting.

The following Committees reported on their activities as detailed in their committee minutes for the period: Finance & Personnel; Protection of Persons & Property; Marina; Park & Rec.; Public Works; Community Development Committee; Tourism & Promotion; Cable; Cemetery; Library; Medical Board; Tree Committee; and Utility Commission. A motion was made to receive the committee reports by Dachelet, and seconded by Wiese. The motion passed.

Administrator – Clerk – Treasurer Wiswell gave a brief update to the Council about: (1) the key dates for the April 7, 2015 Spring General Election; (2) the status of the City’s Pier Light application submitted to the National Park Service (NPS), including the fact that the City’s application was the only one received by NPS in a timely fashion, (3) Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission’s notice that its application submitted to the EPA for funding redesign work for Algoma’s Crescent Beach under the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) was not successful, (4) Limited Term Seasonal Employment opportunities this summer at the City Cemetery, and Marina, and with the departments of Parks and Recreation, and Public Works and (5) the Algoma Community Income Survey being directed by Vierbicher Associates.

A motion was made to adjourn at 7:14 PM by Alder Schmidt, and seconded by Alder Dart. The motion carried, and the Council stood adjourned until April 6, 2015 at 6:00 PM.