



City of Algoma
Common Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 6, 2015 at 5:30 P.M.

The April 6, 2015 regular meeting of the Algoma Common Council was called to order by Mayor Schmidt at 5:30 PM in the Council Chambers.

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.

Barlow moved, seconded by Dart, to amend the agenda by placing the first reading of Ordinance No. 783, directly after the public hearing on Ordinance No. 783. Motion passed.

The Mayor, along with Alder Dart, and Administrator – Clerk – Treasurer Wiswell reviewed the background behind Ordinance No. 783, relating to the adoption a comprehensive revision of the zoning code and zoning map. It was noted that when compared with the May, 1978 Algoma Zoning Map, as amended on numerous occasions, that the overwhelming majority of changes represented on the “Algoma Zoning Map: February, 2015, Draft” reflect the collective zoning decisions made by the Planning Commission and the Common Council over the last several decades.

Lee Wessel, the owner of a parcel of land along Highway 54 on the west side of Algoma, appeared before the Council for informational purposes. He stated that he wanted this parcel to be zoned as “highway commercial,” while at the same time assessed as agricultural property. After hearing the comments by Mr. Wessel, with no one else seeking to testify, the Mayor declared the public hearing closed.

Schmidt moved, seconded by Charles, to have the Council recess for a few minutes and stand informal until 6:00 PM. Motion passed.

At 6:00 PM Mayor Schmidt called the meeting back to order, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Adam Dahle, a 4th grade student at St. Paul’s Lutheran School.

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

Joy Krieger, Executive Director of the Algoma Chamber of Commerce, addressed the Common Council to report on various Chamber accomplishments and activities.

Lee Haasch, Chair of the Algoma Tourism and Promotion Committee, addressed the Common Council to present the 2014 Tourism Committee Accommodation Tax Spending Report.

Police Administrator Cornelius also appeared before the Common Council, along with Police Officer John Allen, to announce that Officer Allen had been selected by his peers to receive the 2014 Algoma Police Officer of the Year Award.

A motion was made by Taylor, and seconded by Charles, to approve the general bills and credit card payments as submitted. The roll was called and all members present voted aye.

A motion was made by Taylor, and seconded by Charles, to approve the attendance by the Administrator – Clerk – Treasurer at the Door-Kewaunee Legislative Days, in Madison, WI on April 15-16, 2015; Michelle Seidl, Deputy Clerk – Treasurer at the League of WI Municipalities Mutual Insurance Policyholder Conference, in WI Dells on April 16-17, 2015; Amber Shallow at the Municipal Treasurers Association of WI, Cash Flow Management Workshop in Pewaukee, WI on April 22, 2015; Officer Cody Gulbrand, APD, at an Evidence Tech Workshop in Green Bay, WI on April 20-24, 2015; Officer John Allen, APD, at a Field Training Officer Workshop at FVTC in Appleton, WI from April 20-24, 2015, and at a Bullet proof Mind Workshop at WCTC in Waukesha, WI from May 19, 2015; Al Reinhart, and David Derozier, Algoma Community Access TV, at the WI Community Media Spring Training Conference in Milwaukee, WI, from April 30 and May 1, 2015; and Keith Romdenne, AFD, at a Fire Mechanics Workshop at FVTC in Appleton, WI in May, 2015. The motion passed with all Alders present voting aye.

Up for consideration under old business, Ordinance No. 778 amending section 11.02(7) (f) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Algoma, Wisconsin relating to noxious weeds, growth of vegetation, and lawn clippings, was read a second time. Taylor moved, seconded by Charles, to approve Ordinance 778. The motion passed with all Alders present voting aye.

The Mayor, by unanimous consent, directed the Administrator to present the Council, at its May, 2015 meeting, with options for action on the Accommodation Tax for fiscal year 2015.

Alders Barlow, Charles, Dachelet, Dart, Kevin Schmidt, Taylor, and Wiese.

Moving onto new business, the Council considered Resolution No. 729 – 2015 relating to authorizing the purchase of a video security system for the Algoma Marina. Taylor moved, seconded by Wiese, to approve Resolution No. 729 – 2015. Motion passed.

Dart moved, seconded by Taylor, to approve consideration of an application for a new operator's license for:

- o Lynette R. Fechner, 533 Fourth Street, Algoma, WI, for Roustabout.
- o Scott Prokash, 1303 Fremont, Algoma, WI, for Roustabout.

Motion passed.

A motion was made by Schmidt, and seconded by Wiese, to: (1) approve the selection and hiring of Noah VanderMuss as a part-time seasonal limited term Parks and Public Works General Laborer for City of Algoma, WI, and (2) at a rate of \$10.00 per hour. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Dart, and seconded by Wiese, to: (1) approve the selection and hiring of Lou Ann Deprez as a part-time seasonal limited term Parks Flower Maintenance Worker for City of Algoma, WI, and (2) at a rate of \$9.00 per hour. Motion passed.

The Mayor, by unanimous consent, directed the Administrator to present the Council, at its May, 2015 meeting, with options for employing part-time seasonal limited term Cemetery Service Workers for City.

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 Schmidt, and seconded by Wiese. The motion passed.

Administrator – Clerk – Treasurer Wiswell gave a brief update to the Council (1) reminding voters about the April 7, 2015 Spring General Election; (2) about the status of recruitment efforts to fill several Limited Term Seasonal Employment opportunities this summer at the City Cemetery, Marina, and with the departments of Parks and Recreation, and Public Works; (3) that the City's Pier Light application, as amended, will be resubmitted to the National Park Service (NPS), in the near future; (4) that Vierbicher Associates is submitting the Algoma Community Income Survey to the Wisconsin Department of Administration for their preapproval, with a goal that the city become eligible for receiving federal block grants; and (5) a Treasury update covering 2015 cash flow projections for the City of Algoma.

Mayor Schmidt explained to the public that the Algoma City Council is seeking applicants for a vacant seat on the Council in the 2nd Aldermanic District, for a term to expire in April, 2016. The 2nd Aldermanic District is located on the City's North-West side. More information can be learned by contacting City Administrator Wiswell, or by going on line to the election section of the City website, at <http://www.algomacity.org/elections/>, where a map of this district can also be found. Letters of interest should be sent or dropped off at City Hall by Tuesday, April 14th, at 4 PM.

Mayor Schmidt also presented retiring Alders Taylor and Wiese with certificates for their years of service on the Council.

A motion was made to adjourn at 7:19 PM by Alder Schmidt, and seconded by Alder Wiese. The motion carried, and the Council stood adjourned until May 4, 2015 at 6:00 PM.