



City of Algoma
Common Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 1, 2016 at 6:00 P.M.

The February 1, 2016 regular meeting of the Algoma Common Council was called to order by Mayor Schmidt at 6:00 PM in the Council Chambers, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chloe Robertson, a 4th grader at Algoma Elementary School.

Present at roll call: Alders Barlow, Dachelet, Dart, Groessl, Mueller, and Wiese. Absence excused at roll call: Charles and Schmidt.

It was noted that the meeting was in compliance with the open meeting law. Mueller, moved, seconded by Dachelet, to approve the agenda as printed. Motion passed.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the Monday, January 4, 2016 regular meeting of the Common Council by Dart, and seconded by Wiese. Motion passed.

Public Comment

Attorney Andrew Naze, appeared before the Council to speak about his candidacy for Kewaunee County Circuit Court Judge.

Nick Cochart, Superintendent of the Algoma School District, appeared before the Council in anticipation of the April 2016 school referendum being successful, to discuss the Algoma School District's remodeling project and the future of the alley between City Hall and Algoma Elementary School.

Police Administrator Dave Cornelius, appeared before the Council to introduce Jason Vesser, the new Operations Lieutenant for the Kewaunee County Sheriff's Department.

Consideration of Bills, Claims, and Conference Attendance:

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

Old Business

There was no old business before the Council.

New Business

Groessl moved, seconded by Barlow, to approve Consideration of an application for a Temporary Class "B"/"Class B" Retailers Licenses for St. Mary's Parish, 214 Church Street, Algoma, for Winterfest 2/6/2016 in the school gymnasium at 113 Church Street. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Mueller, and seconded by Dart, to: (1) approve the selection and hiring of Tanner G. Tanck as a part-time Police Officer for the City of Algoma, WI, and (2) at a pay rate of \$15.00 per hour. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Groessler, and seconded by Dachelet, to direct the City Administrator – Clerk – Treasurer to appoint BMO Harris Bank and its branch bank in, Casco, WI as a municipal depository for the City of Algoma, WI. Motion passed.

Barlow moved, seconded by Dart, to approve Resolution No. 762 – 2015 relating to authorizing Algoma Utility to purchase “Additional Capital Contributions” to American Transmission Company for additional equity capital funding. Motion passed.

Dachelet moved, seconded by Groessler, to approve Resolution No. 763 – 2015 relating to authorizing the lease / purchase of two (2) 2016 GMC ¾ ton Sierra Pickup Trucks. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Dart, and seconded by Wiese, to: (1) authorize the City Administrator – Clerk – Treasurer to provide a loan from the City of Algoma General Fund to the Algoma Long Term Care Center, in the amount of \$75,000 for the purpose of covering February 2016 payroll expenses, and (2) with half of the proceeds to be paid back to the General Fund on April 1, 2016 and the remainder to be paid back July 1, 2016. The roll was called and all members present voted aye.

Committee Reports

The following Committees, Boards and Commissions 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; Utility Commission; and Board of Review. A motion was made to receive the committee reports by Dachelet, and seconded by Mueller. The motion passed.

Administrator – Clerk – Treasurer’s Report

Administrator Wiswell reported to the Council about: (1) financing the 2016 Capital Borrowing Plan with the WI Board of Commissioners of Public Lands Loan process, (2) financing a dump truck in the 2016 Capital Borrowing Plan through a USDA RDA loan and grant application, (3) the Fund for Lake Michigan approving the City’s Grant Application for \$75,000 for the Crescent Beach Storm-water Outfall Project, (4) a presentation the Administrator made last week in Madison to the Coastal Management Council for a \$75,000 grant for the Crescent Beach Project, (5) the US EPA Lake Michigan Grant application process, (6) the RFP process for the \$25,000 CDBG Planning Grant awarded to the City by the Wisconsin Department of Administration, and (7) and noted that the Plan Commission would receive a presentation on the GrandStay Hotel Development at its February 25, 2016 meeting.

Mayor’s Report

Mayor Schmidt reported to the Council about the City of Algoma employee anniversaries occurring from August 2015 through January 2016, and commended these employees and volunteers for their service to the City. The Mayor also requested that all city employees and residents exercise caution during the upcoming severe snow storm on Tuesday.

A motion was made to adjourn at 7:06 PM by Alder Groessler, and seconded by Mueller. The motion carried, and the Council stood adjourned until Monday, March 7, 2016 at 6:00 PM.