



City of Algoma
Common Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 7, 2016 at 6:00 P.M.

The March 7, 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 Carter Dachelet, a 6th grader at St. Mary's School, Algoma.

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

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

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the Monday, February 1, 2016 regular meeting of the Common Council by Charles, and seconded by Wiese. Motion passed.

Public Comment

Mayor Schmidt read a Proclamation setting April 9, 2016 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.

Dale and Mary Goodner, 80 Villa Heights Ct., addressed the Common Council regarding the significance of the Proclamation setting April 9, 2016 as "International Migratory Bird Day" in the City, and urged all citizens to celebrate this observance by attending the Algoma Bird Celebration at the Algoma Youth Club on Saturday, April 9th.

Bonnie Kenney, 10 Villa Heights Ct., appeared before the Common Council to express her strong support for the development of the GrandStay Hotel in Algoma, and praised developer Mike Lindner for also enhancing the project and the whole city by adding facilities such as a conference center and swimming pool. Saying that she spoke for the vast majority of the community, she urged the planning commission and Council to take swift action to approve the project.

Attorney Jeffrey R. Wisnicky, of Luxemburg, appeared before the Council to speak about his candidacy for Kewaunee County Circuit Court Judge.

Cathy Pabich, of 305 Fremont St., appeared before the Council, on behalf of the Friends of Crescent Beach, to discuss a speakers series the Friends is hosting. On Thursday, March 31st, at 6:00 p.m. State Representative Scott Krug, 72nd Assembly District, will come to Algoma to share his experiences about navigating steps related

to addressing impaired water status, and how they can be applied to the Ahnapee River. He will be joined in the Council Chambers along with Representative Joel Kitchens.

John Pabich, of 305 Fremont St., appeared before the Council, to express his support for Resolution No. 766 authorizing an agreement for planning services between the City of Algoma and Vierbicher Associates, Inc. and urged the Council to approve the resolution.

Kevin Kleinert, of 21135 USH 151, Valders, WI 54245, appeared before the Council, to express his support for Resolution No. 765 relating to approving an amendment to the Development Agreement with Maritime Pointe LLC. and urged the Council to approve the resolution.

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, except to Wiese Memorials and Burial Vault Co. The roll was called and all members present voted aye.

A motion was made by Barlow, and seconded by Charles, to approve the payment of a bill submitted by Wiese Memorials and Burial Vault Co. The roll was called and all members present voted aye, except Alder Wiese who abstained.

A motion was made by Charles, and seconded by Schmidt, to approve the attendance by Jeff Wiswell, ACT, at the WGFOA Spring Conference-Cash Management, in Elkhart Lake, WI from April 14-15, 2016; and Officer Ron Seidl, APD, at the Children's Hospital of WI Conference on Child Abuse and Sex Trafficking of Minors, in Lake Geneva, WI from April 6-7, 2016. Motion passed.

Consideration of Claims

A motion was made by Barlow, and seconded by Groessl, to deny the February 20, 2016 Notice of Claim by Elizabeth Wilson, 286 Mill Street, Algoma WI. 54201, and her Claim for Recovery of medical expenses incurred for her injury and non-medical expenses incurred during her recovery. The roll was called and all members present voted aye.

Old Business

There was no old business before the Council.

New Business

A motion was made by Dart, and seconded by Dachelet, to: (1) approve the contract with Priscilla Swoboda for winter registration and bookkeeping for the City Of Algoma Marina, and (2) at an annual amount of \$600.00. Motion passed.

Dart moved, seconded by Wiese, to approve Resolution No. 764 – 2016 relating to establishing the Council Chambers at Algoma City Hall as the polling place for the 2016 Presidential Preference and Spring Election. Motion passed.

Dachelet, moved, seconded by Charles, to approve Resolution No. 765 – 2016 relating to approving an amendment to the Development Agreement with Maritime Pointe LLC. The roll was called and all members present voted aye.

Charles, moved, seconded by Dachelet, to approve Resolution No. 766 – 2016 relating to authorizing an agreement for planning services between the City of Algoma and Vierbicher Associates, Inc. The roll was called and all members present voted aye.

Dart moved, seconded by Charles, to approve Resolution No. 767 – 2016 relating to establishing the DOT Harbor Development Statement of Intentions for the City of Algoma, Wisconsin. Motion passed.

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 Charles, and seconded by Groessl. The motion passed.

Administrator – Clerk – Treasurer’s Report

Administrator Wiswell reported to the Council about the status of: (1) the City of Algoma 2015 Audit Report, (2) the 2016 cash flow projections for the Algoma Medical Center Treasury, (3) the lease / purchase of two pickup trucks, one each for Public Works and Parks and Rec., (4) a preview of the League of Wisconsin Municipalities training session entitled, *Local Government 101 – Basics You Need to Know*. This one-day workshop provides a basic framework for local governance on these topics: Organization & Powers of Cities and Villages; Recognizing and Avoiding Conflicts of Interest; Budgeting & Financial Oversight; Procedures for Local Government Meetings; Managing Public Works Activities. (5) an update on the US Army Corps of Engineers Harbor Sedimentation Study Team Visit in March, (6) the US EPA Lake Michigan Grant application process for the Crescent Beach Storm-water Outfall Project, and (7) an update on Ice Age Trail Mapping.

The Administrator also reported that the developer of the GrandStay Hotel project is expected to make a presentation on the site plan at prehearing before the Plan Commission at its March 24th meeting. He also reported that if the Algoma School remodeling referendum is approved by voters at the spring 2016 election then the district will seek approval from the City of Algoma to vacate the alley between City Hall and Algoma Elementary School.

Mayor’s Report

Mayor Schmidt reported to the Council that the public is invited to learn more about the First Impressions project, that was jointly undertaken by the cities of Algoma and Oconto, by attending a presentation which will be made on Wednesday, March 9th, from 6 – 8 PM, at the Algoma Performing Arts Center, located in the Elementary School at 514 Fremont St. Algoma, WI. The Live Well Algoma Team will also report on the extensive community research conducted by the Karma Group at this meeting.

A motion was made to adjourn at 7:32 PM by Alder Dart, and seconded by Groessl. The motion carried, and the Council stood adjourned until Monday, April 4, 2016 at 6:00 PM.

