

**Algona City Council
Council Meeting
March 26, 2013**



Mayor David Hill called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of Algona City Hall. He initiated the flag salute. Roll call was taken with Council members Bill Thomas and Ed Britz, was present. Council members Osborn and Mallary were absent. Motion to excuse Council member Osborn and Mallary by Thomas; seconded by Britz. Unanimously approved. Councilmember Fairley was present for the record. Staff members present were Buster McGehee – Police Chief, Lee Gaskill – Police Lieutenant and Laurie Ulrich – Deputy City Clerk.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA -

The agenda was unanimously approved upon motion by Fairley; seconded by Thomas.

CONSENT AGENDA -

The consent agenda was unanimously approved upon motion by Fairley; seconded by Britz.

- A. Minutes – Council Workshop – March 12, 2013
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- B. Audit of Reports
 - 1. *Claims* #103448 - #103478 = \$ 24,057.18
March 26, 2013
 - 2. *Payroll* #60662 - #60663 = \$ 47,616.51
March 15, 2013

REPORTS -

Councilmember Fairley: None

Councilmember Thomas: He will be attending the Emergency Management meeting tomorrow and will have a report next meeting.

Councilmember Britz: None

Councilmember Osborn: Absent; Excused.

Councilmember Mallary: Absent; Excused

Buster McGehee: He said the carpet will be installed in the modular on April 1st. He thinks the remaining electrical will be complete by April 15th.

Mayor Hill: He said he received a letter from the law firm Girardi and Keese, located in Los Angeles. They said their law firm would be very pleased to assist so the city and citizens could make good judgment about what to do. They indicated the city and citizens would not be obligated to their law firm in any way for looking into this matter. They would be responsible for any expense to get some good answers. They are interested in doing some testing for free. Mayor Hill handed out the letter to the audience. He said their law firm is represented by one of the best attorneys in regards to this matter. He is looking into retaining a local environmental attorney to represent the city separate from the citizens. We will begin drilling locations starting April 1st and have added 8 additional well locations agreed by all parties. Once the testing is done, the Department of Health is requiring Boeing to get the testing back within 48 hours. Our Public Works crew had a meeting with the Department of Health and they had confirmation that

the water tested from the ditches showed no harm to the employees. Once they finish the testing from the wells, the Department of Health has asked to have the vapor intrusion testing started.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION –

Rep. Roger Freeman – State Representative, 30th Legislative District Vice Chair – He expressed concern about awareness of pollution in the environment and would like to put an end to it. Mayor Hill gave Rep. Freeman an update on the Boeing contamination situation.

Troy Linnell – 214 8th Avenue N – He mentioned he was recently diagnosed with leukemia and is concerned as to whether or not this contamination might be the cause.

Wayne Lindy – 316 Broadway Blvd. – He asked Mayor Hill if he received an email from resident Josh Linnell? Mayor Hill indicated that he had not seen one as of the meeting but he hadn't gone through all of his emails completely. Mr. Lindy said there was a meeting with some citizens of Algona and they had many questions about the Boeing contamination. Some of the questions were – What is the initial start date from Boeing notifying the City of Algona? The citizens said there is a 3 year window for a class action law suit based on the official start date. How do the citizens get informed about the testing? Mayor Hill said he will continue to keep the residents updated as he is informed. What are the health concerns that may come from TCE? With the recent media attention, how does this affect the real estate concerns and devaluation of the homes in Algona? Are we required to disclose that information for the sale or rental of our home? Mayor Hill said some of those questions were legal and he was unable to answer. He assured the residents that until we get the testing results, some of the questions could not be answered until we start seeing the results. He will continue to inform the public as soon as he knows updates. This information will also be printed in the City's monthly newsletter.

Troy Linnell – 214 8th Avenue N – He had questions about the health concerns from the chemical. Mayor Hill said we will not know until the testing is completed.

Rep. Roger Freeman – He said that as an attorney these types of cases will be a long process if it goes through the court system. He mentioned to have the citizens educate themselves with the chemical TCE.

Robin Lindy - 316 Broadway Blvd. – Can we still be members of a potential lawsuit if we move out of the City? Rep. Freeman said that yes that they would still be a part of that process.

Kim Sears – She said she has a family member in the city that is a beekeeper and he has lost all of his bees and questions whether or not this contamination could be the cause of it?

Sheryl Thomas – 310 2nd Avenue N – She commented that the citizens do need to become knowledgeable about the TCE chemical to put the pressure on Boeing for answers.

Bernadette Tranholt – 37 2nd Avenue N – She heard that TCE can take up to 70 years to dissipate so what happens if it was to travel toward the freeway, then where does it go? She said she has heard that the levels of TCE for the federal standards are o.k. but the state level exceeds the standards? Mayor Hill said he will know more once the testing is completed.

Wayne Lindy – 316 Broadway Blvd. – He asked why Boeing acts concerned but remains so vague about the contamination and doesn't give information.

Kim Sears – 39 2nd Avenue N – Isn't vapor intrusion worse than touching levels in the ground water? Mayor Hill said that it is worse to breathe it in.

Councilmember Fairley – He asked once we receive the test results back from the push bores, are we still able to ask them to continue drilling more? He also asked what is being done about the drainage issues? Can we get fish and wildlife involved? Mayor Hill is asking the City attorney some questions while the testing is being done and what we can do.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION ITEMS –

- A. Water rates – the councilmember's want to table this discussion to next council meeting in April.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – None

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS –

- A. Resolution 1069-13, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Algona, Washington, reappointing an Algona Planning Commission. Motion to approve Resolution 1069-13 by Fairley; seconded by Britz. Unanimously approved.
- B. Ordinance 1071-13, An Ordinance of the City of Algona, Washington, directing a boundary revision action to include portions of public right-of-way along West Valley Highway South of the intersection at 1st Avenue within the City's corporate boundary; providing for severability; and establishing an effective date. Motion to approve Ordinance 1071-13 by Fairley; seconded by Thomas. Unanimously approved.

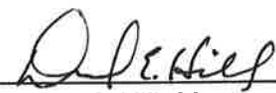
ADJOURNMENT -

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:37 P.M.

ATTEST:



Laurie Ulrich, Deputy City Clerk



David E. Hill, Mayor