

**Algona City Council
Special Council Meeting
May 31, 2013**



Mayor David E. Hill called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM in the Council Chambers of Algona City Hall. He initiated the flag salute. Roll call was taken with Council members Tim Fairley, Bill Thomas, Ed Britz, Lynda Osborn and Paul Mallary was present. Staff members present were Buster McGehee – Police Chief, Kari Sand – City Attorney via phone and Laurie Ulrich – Deputy City Clerk-Treasurer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA -

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

COUNCIL DISCUSSION ITEMS –

- A. Boeing Plume - Mayor Hill said he needed direction from the Council as to which direction they would like to go forward with regards to the Boeing plume situation. He presented a breakdown for a consultant and the fees involved with their services. Councilmember Thomas commented on how he felt Mayor Hill has done an excellent job as the lead for representing the City of Algona. He said he has the information in hand that was requested from the last Council meeting in regards to the Mayors hours. Mayor Hill said he had the information at the last meeting and no one asked for his hours. Councilmember Osborn commented that she had full support of the Mayor's salary increase, not to hire a consultant and she wants him to continue fully on the Boeing plume. Councilmember Mallary had some general questions about the consultant services but was in full support of the Mayor's salary increase to continue representing the City of Algona. Councilmember Fairley apologized for the miscommunication from the last Council meeting. He appreciates what Mayor Hill is doing for the City of Algona. Councilmember Britz said the council didn't say no to the salary increase, they just wanted clarification of the hours worked on the Boeing plume.

Motion to remove Ordinance 1074-13 off the table by Fairley; seconded by Thomas. Unanimously approved.

Motion to remove Ordinance 1075-13 off the table by Fairley; seconded by Thomas. Unanimously approved.

Motion to approve Ordinance 1074-13 by Fairley; seconded by Thomas. Unanimously approved.

Motion to approve Ordinance 1075-13 by Fairley; seconded by Osborn. Unanimously approved.

The Mayor opened the floor for questions from the audience. The Mayor informed the residents of the current issues going on with the Department of Ecology & Boeing. He said there will be an informational meeting at the Filipino Hall on June 13th from 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm. The Department of Ecology, Department of Health, Boeing, Public Health and the City of Algona will have tables set up for questions & answers.

Stacie Sipko – 1025 Celery Avenue – She asked the Mayor if the citizens of Algona can have a table set up at the informational meeting on June 13th? Mayor Hill said they could not set up a table but the City of Algona would have a table available for information.

Horace Bliner – 19614 SE 260th Covington – He has a rental house in the City and is concerned about how Boeing and Department of Ecology seem to always be working together.

Jason Davis – 427 Coal Avenue – He asked if there were additional places to get information on the Boeing plume. He mentioned the website has little information. Mayor Hill suggested he go to the Department of Ecology's website.

Kari Hernandez – 314 Junction Avenue – She is concerned about her neighbors and their home. Mayor Hill said our role is to make sure as a City that the Department of Ecology is doing their job.

Kathy Rismoen – 210 11th Avenue N. – Will they be vapor testing more houses?

Carole Coggin – 110 6th Avenue N. – Will they be testing farther south in the City? Mayor Hill said that if the testing comes out negative we would have a hard time asking for further testing. She asked about the river analogy and are the attorneys following up with that? She also asked if Department of Ecology is Boeing's regulator, who is the Department of Ecology's regulator? Mayor Hill said the Attorney General is involved.

Sheryl Thomas – 310 2nd Avenue N. – At the open house on the 13th, do you know how they plan to run the meeting and what kind of questions can we ask to get honest answers? Mayor Hill said there will be tables set up for questions with the Department of Ecology, Department of Health, Boeing, and City of Algona.

Kim Sears – 39 2nd Avenue N. – She said they keep talking about clean up. Are they cleaning up? Mayor Hill said not for about 2 years.

Rebecca B. – 427 Pullman Avenue – She said the Boeing representatives tested on Junction and found TCE at 25 ft.

Councilmember Fairley – He asked what are we doing for testing on Washington Avenue? Mayor Hill that they have already tested at 5 ft and found no TCE.

Michelle Treichel – 212 Washington Blvd. – She is concerned that the fill dirt was the majority of their 5 ft testing because it was required by FHA. Did they test the actual dirt or was it fill dirt?

Kyong Barry – 132 Milwaukee Blvd. S. – When were the residents notified? Mayor Hill said at the February 19th meeting.

Councilmember Britz – He said he asked Boeing at the February meeting as to the clean up and they didn't give him a straight answer.

ADJOURNMENT -

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:55 P.M

ATTEST:



Laurie Ulrich, Deputy City Clerk - Treasurer



David E. Hill, Mayor