

**Algona City Council  
Council Meeting  
September 24, 2013**



Mayor David E. 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 Tim Fairley, Bill Thomas, Ed Britz, Lynda Osborn and Paul Mallary was present. Staff members present were Diana Quinn – City Administrator, Lee Gaskill – Police Lieutenant, James Schrimpscher – Police Detective, Elizabeth Chamberlain – City Planner, Kari Sand – City Attorney, and Laurie Ulrich – Deputy City Clerk-Treasurer.

**INTRODUCTION** – Swearing in of two new Police Officers – Richard Tison and Terbinos Gebremariam. Lieutenant Gaskill introduced both officers and Diana swore in both officers with their Oath of Office. Mayor Hill took a short recess until 7:15. Meeting back in session at 7:16.

**PRESENTATIONS** – Carol Wilmes – AWC Employee Benefit Trust Manager – Options and Healthcare coverage. Carol talked about how the trust is going from a fully insured plan to self insured. This decision was based on saving the trust approximately \$20 million in premium for 2014 (the difference between a 12% increase to 0%), lowered the trends for years to come (10% to 7%), transition would result in little to no disruption to membership, broadened ability to discuss how we offer benefits to individuals (possible individual choice to be discussed in 2015) and individual employers (possible large city claims data to be discussed in 2015). One of the overriding factors in the decision is the potential for cost savings to members. Self-insurance allows the Trust to eliminate several taxes mandatory for fully insured plans including a 2% state tax and a 2% - 3% new 2014 federal insurer tax. While their retention and stop loss fees were extremely competitive as a fully insured plan, these fees were also lowered with the aid of a competitive self-insurance marketplace. Along with all these cost savings, they will be able to focus on their own trend line, which has been lower than carriers' trends for many years. This bodes well for not only this year's rate projections, but future year's as well. The transition to self-insured will not change the manner in which plans are rated (i.e., the Trust will continue to pool all member claims rather than develop rates based upon individual employer loss experience). Customer advocacy and member-driven decisions continue to be the cornerstone of the Trust mission, vision and goals. Employers will have to adopt by Resolution of an interlocal agreement between the jurisdiction and the AWC Trust.

**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 Thomas.

- A. Minutes – Council Meeting – September 10, 2013  
Minutes – Council Workshop – September 10, 2013
- B. Audit of Reports
  - 1. Claims #103914 - #103947, 103950 = \$ 317,510.70  
September 24, 2013

2. Payroll #60721 - #60723 = \$ 53,791.84  
September 15, 2013

VOID # 103948, 103949

C. August 2013 Treasurer Report

**REPORTS -**

**Councilmember Fairley:** None

**Councilmember Thomas:** None

**Councilmember Britz:** He asked if we could stop the Auburn Reporter from delivering to residents. It has created a mess in the City with unwanted papers deliveries.

**Councilmember Osborn:** None

**Councilmember Mallary:** He attended the MSMWAC meeting and they didn't have a quorum for the meeting. They had a presentation on the Bow Lake location. There will be a meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup> for the transfer station and waste management workshop.

**Diana Quinn:** She went over the August monthly stats. She asked the Councilmembers to only use their City emails and that all of their agenda packets will be going to those email addresses.

**Mayor Hill:** He had a meeting with PSE today about the work in the City. They agreed for future work that they will have a pre-construction meeting prior to the work starting. They will be shutting the power off tonight on West Valley Hwy from 11:00 P.M. until 7:00 A.M. The plume testing will end on September 30, 2013. So far they have determined non detection of TCE in their test results. They did find a low detection by the Chicago ditch in the outdoor air testing. They will be re-testing in January or February in a more compact method. He is having weekly management meetings with the Department of Ecology. He said Lynda, Hometown Community Services, is still working with the Department of Ecology on the community outreach grant.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION** - Robin Lindy – 316 Broadway – She asked Mayor Hill where the location was by the Chicago ditch that the low TCE detection was found? Mayor Hill did not have the exact location.

**COUNCIL DISCUSSION ITEMS –**

A. Pacific White River Valley Lions Club – Jeanne Fancher came to talk about their services they have available for the community. They are having a meeting tomorrow night at the Pacific Senior Center to talk with residents as to what type of support their community needs. They are down to 3 committee members and they want to see if the future of the club will try to recruit new members or if they will join into another established Lions club. She invited all to come to the meeting.

B. Street sweeping and decanter services agreement with the City of Auburn – We are in the process of updating our current contract for another 3 year term. There have been some increases to the sweeping services and a waste disposal fee increase. The City of Auburn has suggested to have a (1) time extension of a 3 year term to be added to the contract. This is first touch.

C. Check signers – Mayor Hill mentioned adding one additional signer to the bank account so that we have enough signers in case 2 are unavailable.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – None

**NEW BUSINESS** – None

**ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS –**

**A.** Resolution 1084-13, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Algona, Washington, authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement for services with Shockey Planning Group for the 2015 Comprehensive Plan Update. Motion to approve Resolution 1084-13 by Fairley; seconded by Britz. Unanimously approved.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION –** The Algona City Council will now go into a closed, executive session to discuss 2 items of potential litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) for an expected duration of 30 minutes. Meeting came back to order at 9:30 to add an extended duration of 10 minutes until 9:40. Meeting back in session at 9:40 and adjourned.

**ADJOURNMENT -**

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:40 P.M.

**ATTEST:**

  
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Laurie Ulrich, Deputy City Clerk/Treasurer

  
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David E. Hill, Mayor