

**Algona City Council  
Council Meeting  
July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021**



Mayor Hill called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. He initiated the flag salute. Roll call was taken. Council members Troy Linnell, Mike Dawkins, William Thomas, and Lynda Osborn were present. Council Member Dawn Dofelmire was excused. Staff members James Schrimpsker – Police Chief and Jessica Griess – City Clerk were present.

**PRESENTATION** – Torey Luiting with Natural Systems Design presented the Algona Wetland Preserve project conceptual designs and related efforts.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Council Member Thomas moved to approve the agenda and Council Member Linnell seconded it. The Mayor asked for a vote from the council and received a unanimous response in favor to approve the agenda.

**CONSENT AGENDA** – Council Member Thomas moved to approve the Consent Agenda and Council Member Dawkins seconded it. Mayor Hill asked for a vote from the council and received a unanimous response in favor to approve the consent agenda.

**REPORTS** –

**Councilmember Dawkins-** None.

**Councilmember Linnell-** Just had the finance meeting and discussed the ARPA funds and how they can be utilized. Also talked about the end of the utility moratorium and ways we could move forward.

**Councilmember Osborn-** None.

**Councilmember Thomas-** None.

**City Clerk Griess-** Upcoming events we have: Party in the Park August 28<sup>th</sup> from noon to 4:00 pm and Jacks BBQ Grand Re-Opening right after. Thank you to a council member for accepting the challenge to be a driver for the community transportation program. We received our ARPA funds today in the amount of \$447,000. The copier in city hall is in need of replacing. We had the technician out two days in a row to make repairs. He mentioned the machine is old and replacement parts are very sparse.

**Police Chief Schrimpsker-** Letter provided to the community in regards to the new laws around law enforcement. The legislature has provided \$22 million to implement the new laws and we received our portion. We now have new less lethal options to coincide with the changes. We continue to have vehicle issues. The mechanic failed and ended up blowing an engine. There was a tractor trailer stolen from town and Officer Coyne did an excellent job tracking it down making an arrest. Had to have another discussion with the property owner allowing trucks to park off west valley hwy. Compliments to public works for keeping the trail clean. The officers are stepping up while others are on vacation.

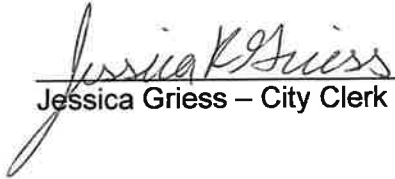
**Mayor Hill-** None.


**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION** – None.

**Discussion** – None.

**New Business** – Billy Jacobs introduced himself and briefed the council on why he is interested in being on the Planning Commission. Mayor Hill asked for any discussion and hearing none Council Member Linnell moved to confirm Billy Jacobs as a member of the Planning Commission. Council Member Osborn seconded the motion. Mayor Hill asked for a vote and it was unanimously in favor.

**Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm.

  
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Jessica Griess – City Clerk

  
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David E. Hill - Mayor  
Mayor Pro-Tem