

**Algona City Council  
Council Meeting Minutes  
September 26, 2022**



Mayor Hill called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. He initiated the flag salute. Roll call was taken. Council members Lynda Osborn, William Thomas, Troy Linnell, Brenna Franco and Gordon Cook were present. Staff members James Schrimpsheer – Police Chief, – Mathew Bailey – Interim Public Works Supervisor and Dana Parker - Deputy City Clerk, Zach Lell - City Attorney were present.

**Confirmation of Public Works Director and a motion to authorize the Mayor to negotiate an employment contract with the Public Works Director.**

Councilmember Linnell made a motion to authorize the Mayor to negotiate a contract with the new Public Works Director. Council Member Thomas seconded it. Mayor Hill asked for a vote from the council and received a unanimous response in favor to approval.

Councilmember Cook made a motion to confirm Russ Avery as the Public Works Director. Councilmember Franco seconded it. Mayor Hill asked for a vote from the council and received a unanimous response in favor to approval.

**Public Hearing**

- A. Vacating a portion of 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. N., 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. N., 9<sup>th</sup> Ave. N., 59<sup>th</sup> Ave. S. and West Valley Highway.

Chris Gomez 527 Main Street. Chris asked who was maintaining those streets. City Attorney Zach Lell stated that they were un-opened rights of way that the city has never improved them or maintained them. This would be the legal effect to ease the public use of the easement and returning the unfettered use back to the property owner, which is King County.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA –**

Council Member Linnell made a motion to approve the agenda and Council Member Osborn seconded it. Mayor Hill asked for a vote from the council and received a unanimous response in favor to approve the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA Council Member Thomas made a motion to approve the agenda Council Member Osborn seconded it. Mayor Hill Linnell asked for a vote from the council and received a unanimous response in favor to approve the agenda.

**REPORTS –**

**Councilmember Franco – None**

**Council Member Cook – None**

**Councilmember Linnell-** I have a question for the Chief. On Main Street, there is a house with a lot of motorcycle tires. The Chief replied that there were open code enforcement issues and there had been several warnings. I want to thank the Public Works Department. I do a lot of walking of the trails and the streets and they are always clean. Chief responded on the tires that there is an officer assigned to it and he would check with him and report back.

**Councilmember Osborn – None**

**Councilmember Thomas –** Last week I pulled up to the three way stop on first and Milwaukee. There were a couple of vehicles racing down first from West to East. They ran the stop sign. They were doing 50 + mph and one got stuck on the other side of the pylon. Did you have any other calls on it? Chief said he would check with the Sargent. We are getting an influx of mini bikes on our streets and on the trails. I just want you to be aware that on Second Avenue they can access the trails with vehicles. It is nice seeing a cleaner town and the thermoplastic lanes look nice. I also attended the finance committee last week. Chief responded that they would look into getting the crew to put ecology blocks at the end of second.

**Deputy City Clerk – None**

**Public Works Supervisor Matt Bailey –** We got the new flags put up. I am continuing to work on the cross connection surveys. This relies on the public to fill out and submit them back to the City. As of today, we have gotten back 198 out of 1101 surveys

**Police Chief Schrimpsheer-** on the Police Department side, we all will be attending the range this week as a group on Wednesday. Officer Bonjukian has moved onto the city of Des Moines. We have made a conditional offer of employment to someone who has already gone through the academy. If he passes all phases of the hiring process, I will bring him forward at the next city council meeting for swearing in. We still have two at the academy. One is due to graduate on November 10. On the City Administrator side, this will be Gary, our seasonal parks worker's, last week with us until next spring. Gary always does a phenomenal job for us.

## **DISCUSSION**

- A. Ordinance 1209-22 amending Chapter 15.24 AMC to establish a deferred payment program for park impact fees as required by ESB 5923 and RCW 82.02.050(3)  
City Attorney Zach Lell gave a briefing on the ordinance.
- B. FCS Group's Transportation Impact Fee Study contract  
Stacey Clear with Gray and Osborne gave a presentation on establishing a Traffic Impact Fee
- C. Rescheduling of first council meeting in October (Columbus Day)  
Councilmember Linnell made a motion to wave the three-touch rule of procedure. Council Member Franco made a motion to reschedule the October 10, 2022 meeting to October 11, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Hill

asked for a vote from the council and received a unanimous response in favor to approve the moving the meeting.

**D. SCRTS ROW Dedication Deed**

A representative from Blueline gave a presentation for the Right of Way Dedication Deed. Councilmember Linnell and Councilmember Franco requested that a vote be held off until the October 11<sup>th</sup> council meeting.

**E. Preliminary Budget – 2023**

Tara Dunford gave the city council a presentation

## **New Business**

### **Executive Session – Possible litigation per 42.30.110.1 (I)**

The city council met for fifteen minutes to discuss

## **Ordinances & Resolutions**

- A. 1207-22, An Interim Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Algona, Washington, Amending Title 22 AMC by the addition of a new Chapter 22.31 Open Space/Critical areas District thereto; Establishing interim Use and Development Standards for the Properties located within the OS/CA Zoning District; adopting preliminary supportive findings; Setting a post-adoption Public Hearing Date; Defining a preliminary work plan for the Development and adoption of Permanent Amendments; Providing for Severability; and Establishing an Effective Date and an initial one-year term.

Councilmember Thomas made a motion to table Ordinance 1207-22 for another time and take no action. Councilmember Linnell seconded it. Mayor Hill asked for a vote from the council and received a unanimous response in favor to approve.

- B: 1208-22, An Ordinance of the City of Algona, Washington, making certain findings of Fact and Amending the 2022 Budget Adopted with Ordinance No.1200-21 on December 13, 2021, and Providing for Severability, an Effective Date, and for Summery Publication by Ordinance Title only. Councilmember Linnell made a motion to pass ordinance 1208-22 and Councilmember Thomas seconded it. Mayor Hill asked for a vote from the council and received a unanimous response in favor to approve Ordinance 1208-22.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION** –.

36 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue N. I have a problem at my house and it has been going on for the last ten years. This is the first year that the water got inside my house. My house is tilting and trees around my house are dying and swinging. Are the storm drains clogged? Stacey Clear with Gray and Osborn gave background on what the city is doing to try to solve the problem.

Rosanna Frerichs - 340 6<sup>th</sup> Ave N – I know you tabled the interior ordinance on the special lands. I worked on the comprehensive plan in 2015 when I was on the planning commission. Roseanna gave background on the plans and the ordinances associated with it. When the plan came out in January, my opinion is that it should be null and void and it is a good thing you did not vote on it.

Linda Emmert– I have come to the last couple of council meetings. Last meeting, I had two things to ask. One was if Public Works could pay attention to my ditch. Matt thank you so much. I am grateful. They came out the next day and took care of it. The second thing was have you ever googled that man? You hired him have you ever googled him? I have, and I do not believe he is qualified to run this city. He is making a lot of decisions. Councilmember Linnell responded that a reputable company vetted him before he was hired. It was not just the mayor and other people making the decision to hire him. He was vetted and approved by a reliable source. Linda wanted to know if they are aware that he is on the Brady list. Councilmember Linnell responded that they knew everything about Chief Schrimpsher. Mayor Hill asked what are you trying to do. Linda stated that if you cannot do the job hire a city administrator. Maybe you need to step down and let someone do the job. I would like to know why my questions was edited off the video. I fought twenty years ago to get the videos online and now they are being edited down and censored. Chief Schrimpsher answered that her comments were made after the meeting was gaveled. Per our operating procedures for council once the meeting is gaveled the recording stops.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

**ATTEST:**



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Dana Parker – Deputy City Clerk

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David E. Hill – Mayor