

**Algona City Council
Council Meeting Minutes
October 24, 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 Schrimpsker – Police Chief, Jessica Griess – City Clerk and Dana Parker - Deputy City Clerk were present.

Swearing In

Swearing in of Officer Jamie Dubois by City Clerk Jessica Griess

APPROVAL OF AGENDA –

Council Member Thomas made a motion to approve the agenda and Council Member Linnell 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 Linnell made a motion to approve the agenda 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.

REPORTS –

Council Member Franco – Happy to see some of the ditches on Celery were cleaned. I am looking forward to Trunk or Treat.

Council Member Cook – None

Councilmember Linnell- Went to the Pumpkin Launch. Very well attended and organized. The kids had a good time. I follow The Algona Community on Facebook and I will read you one of the posts. Anybody else notice how big the bumps are around the City? Noticed some of them by the train tracks. Hard to go over them from the cement pushing them up. Councilmember Linnell asked Chief Schrimpsker if that was something the city maintained. Chief Schrimpsker responded that we maintain the street leading up to the tracks. Councilmember Linnell stated that he has noticed the road sinking in spots coming down Algona Blvd. between second avenue N. and right before it curves.

Councilmember Osborn – None

Councilmember Thomas – Councilmember Linnell and myself attended the Finance Committee meeting last week. Quite informative. We went over updates to the budget

Police Chief Schrimpsker- Each of you should have received an invitation to Officer Greve's graduation, which is November 9th. You are all encouraged to attend. A shout out to our Field Training Officers. They are going to be in perpetual sea of training until March 1st. Vehicle wise and budget wise kudos to Jessica and Tara for helping me out with that. The fuel budget with the price of gas, even with hybrids, is going to be over budget. It is impacting all City operations. Had contract negotiations that we will discuss in a closed

session later. It was very positive on the City side. A lot of positive feedback on the pumpkin launch. Trunk or Treat will be Friday at Alpac. Gary and Cari have been scheming so look for a good event. Councilmember Linnell asked how the other trainee was doing. Chief Schrimpsheer responded that Officer Fajardo passed her criminal law with a 96%. She is doing very well. She is on pace to graduate on January 17th. Councilmember Thomas asked the Chief that with the high cost of fuel are you implementing any kind of anti-idling initiative? Chief Schrimpsheer said that with hybrid vehicles there is no idling. They shut off and we have an anti-idling policy per the policy manual. We had a citizen asking if we were doing drone flights? Our drone has red and blue flashing lights on it. There are other drones in town. Please call the Police Department if you see a drone and it is making you uncomfortable. Councilmember Linnell asked about the new house being built on Celery. Said that there was a lot of traffic in that area.

Jessica Griess – City Clerk – The pumpkin launch went great. Gary wanted me to make sure that the Public Works and Councilmember Linnell got a huge thank you. Trunk or Treat is Friday.

Dana Parker – Deputy City Clerk – None

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION –

Greg & Cynthia Isabell – 108 Broadway- We have been residents of Algona for over 20 years. We have an issue that is disturbing us. On Saturday 10/22, we were disturbed again by loud music from 8:00 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. from the Filipino Community Hall, which is directly west from our home. We have complained numerous times. We have made over 116 phone calls. We have met with some of the police officers and was assured someone would be driving through every hour to monitor the loud music. This has been an on-going situation we go through every weekend. We have seen people smoking pot, drinking and having sex. They run through our yard leaving ruts. We just want to know what you can do to help us. Chief Schrimpsheer responded that the leadership at the Filipino Hall has recently changed. Apparently, there was not a good pass down. Any event other than a birthday party for a member requires a that they have an off duty police officer present. They have not been adhering to that rule. Officer Aponte has been working with the new leadership at the Filipino Hall to remind them that every event has to have a cabaret license, which they have not been doing. We have been trying to work with the Filipino Hall because for years they have not complied with the Cities request. Since the change in leadership, we have been trying to work this out. We would like to work with all sides to try and be that middle of the road voice. The Filipino Hall itself needs to get a cabaret license but also each of the events that the hall rents out need to get a cabaret license. Part of the requirements for the permit is to have security, i.e. an off duty police officer. Chief Schrimpsheer asked if they would be open to sitting down with the new management of the Filipino Hall and himself and explain his position as the Police Chief. We are at the point that we have someone willing to sign a statement that their peace has been disturbed. Would you be willing to take part in that meeting so we can all come together and try to figure this out? Greg and Cynthia responded, yes sir. Thank you.

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). This was the third touch and there were no comments.
- B. Preliminary Budget – 2023 – Tara Dunford gave a brief update on the preliminary budget.
- C. Ordinance 1212-22, Amending Chapter 9.04 AMC Adoption of State Criminal Statutes and Chapter 9.32 AMC Domestic Violence. Chief Schrimpsher responded that this is a catch up to state law. This is to get us in compliance with the law change. We had to make a couple of changes to our code. We are amending 9.04365 of our code. This is the first touch.
- D. Resolution 1251-22, A Resolution of the City of Algona, Washington, Authorizing the Disposal of Surplus Property. This vehicle is due to be replaced this year. The rear end went out so we are going to take it out of service instead of replacing the rear end. We need your permission to surplus the vehicle. This is the first touch.
- E. Waste Management 2023 Rate Schedule. Chief Schrimpsher Explained that we had received the rate increase letter. Myself and Councilmember Linnell had a phone call with them. Councilmember Linnell requested that Waste Management come to a council meeting to help explain the rate increase.

Old Business

FCS Group Transportation Impact Fee Study Contract. Council Member Linnell made a motion to approve the Mayor to sign the contract for the FCS group and Council Member Cook seconded it. Mayor Hill asked for a vote from the council and received a unanimous response in favor to approve.

New Business

Ordinances & Resolutions

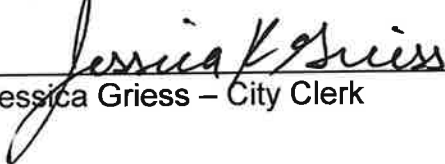
Resolution 1250-22 – A Resolution of the City of Algona, Washington, Adopting the Six-year Transportation Improvement Program for the period of 2023-2028. Council Member Thomas made a motion to approve resolution 1250-22 and Council Member Franco seconded it. Mayor Hill asked for a vote from the council and received a unanimous response in favor to approve the agenda.

ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Closed Session

A. To discuss labor related issues per RCW 42.30.140

ATTEST:



Jessica Griess – City Clerk

David E. Hill – Mayor