

**Algona City Council  
Council Meeting  
January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023**



Mayor Troy Linnell called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. He initiated the flag salute.

Roll call was taken by the City Clerk. Council members Gordon Cook, Brenna Franco, Lynda Osborn, and William Thomas were present. Staff members Russ Avery – Public Works Director, James Schrimpsheer – Police Chief, and Jessica Griess – City Clerk were present.

**Presentation-**

- A. Swearing in Officer Emilee Greve and Roxanne Fajardo by Jessica Griess, City Clerk.
- B. Reappointment of Planning Commissioners – Wayne Lindy and Steve Bramson  
Council Member Cook motioned to reconfirm Planning Commissioners Wayne Lindy and Steve Bramson. Council Member Franco seconded the motion. Mayor Linnell asked for a vote and received a unanimous response in favor. Jessica Griess, City Clerk, conducted the swearing in of the Planning Commissioners.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA –**

Council Member Thomas made a motion to approve the agenda and Council Member Osborn 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 Cook moved to approve the Consent Agenda and Council Member Osborn seconded it. Mayor Linnell asked for a vote from the council and received a unanimous response in favor to approve the consent agenda.

**REPORTS –**

**Councilmember Franco-** None

**Councilmember Cook-** None

**Councilmember Osborn-** None

**Councilmember Thomas-** Happy to attend the graduation for Officer Fajardo and we have a great team here. We didn't have a finance committee meeting this month.

**City Clerk Griess-** We are live with Voyant Alert!. Voyant Alert! is a way to push notifications out to the public to include emergencies, road advisories, meeting agendas, events, etc. We have had new cameras put in City Hall. It is accessible via an app and we have cameras outside now as well. We have not received any applications for the vacant Council position or Planning Commission. Please help get the word out and we will put it in the next newsletter. The last thing is we are putting together an Algona Day Committee. Gary would love to get volunteers and ideas to make Algona Day bigger and better. Hoping to get a community member, a Council member, and a staff member from each department to be on the committee.

**Public Works Director Avery-** No water main breaks. We are currently taking a camera through our storm culverts to figure out what areas to prioritize replacements. Still working on the storm

water management plan with Gray and Osborn. This summer we will grade the ditches. Started using PlanIt to do work orders to track work being done so there is no longer question about the work being completed. Blueline is doing a better job of communicating. Found a grant that could be used for a retention pond.

**Police Chief Schrimpsheer**- Means a lot to have the officers sworn in in front of Council. They are both valuable additions to the team. We are transitioning to new side arms that have red dots attached. Studies show they are more accurate and we want the best to keep our officers safe. One of the patrol vehicles was damaged and it was not our officers fault. A car over merged into our patrol car. Been working with the Filipino Hall to mitigate the nuisance calls. Officers are busy right now so a schedule change has been made to double up on shifts. We have set a master police department calendar for events and training for the year. It's evaluation time for the PD. On the City side, the website is tentatively set to be upgraded to include a meetings module to better track Council documents and such. It will allow us to add video that corresponds with the agenda. Lots of stuff to come.

**Mayor Linnell**- January 11<sup>th</sup>, attended the SCA Public Issues Committee (PIC). They went over the purpose of the committee and the King County Regional Homelessness Association. Sent it over to Council to discuss a plan on how to handle homelessness in our City or to team up with another small City. Also attended a school safety summit at the Auburn School District. There was a pretty good crowd and questions. One question came up about locking doors during school hours and the superintendent said they keep the front door unlocked but the rest are locked. They operate off what is recognized as best practice across the nation. Police are also asked to tour the school facilities to be familiar with them and are given maps showing the layout. The King County Transfer Station, they are up to date on permits and expect to break ground later this year. Algona Village is moving along as well. Working on contacting the local businesses and hope to get that done in the next week.

#### **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION –**

- A. Robin Lindy, 316 Broadway – There's tagging on the wall on Chicago Blvd, between Broadway and 5<sup>th</sup>. Would like to see that painted over ASAP so we can let them know we do not tolerate that kind of behavior.
- B. James Harper, 312 Junction Blvd – On the alert system, can we add a street sweeping notice for advanced notice instead of 24 hours before. And add Planning Commission notification group. Something already brought up, the Filipino Hall possibly having an officer at the event. To the Mayor, if there's information that may pertain to Planning Commission, please forward it on. Much kudos to City staff, Chief, Jessica, Dana, and the Mayor. Chief added, there will be a joint meeting at the end of February with a very narrow scope per legal advice.
- C. Steve Bramson, 207 9<sup>th</sup> Ave N – Question about the meeting we're going to have, will Blueline be included? Chief responded no, per legal advice we're keeping it a narrow scope.
- D. Chris Gomez, 527 Main Street – In Spring 2023, we'll see the transfer station starting. How will that look for West Valley Hwy? Chief responded, the initial security plan was to close the road and route through town via Algona Blvd and it was denied. The current plan is to route traffic to C St when they close the road for two weeks this summer. Chief continued, this may result in a four way stop on Algona Blvd to help alleviate traffic issues. The next question is about possible gun play in the City? Chief responded, we had two shots fired calls recently and one turned out to be fireworks. The other was at the Filipino Hall, someone thought it would be cool to pop off some rounds in the air as they were leaving an event.

## **Discussion –**

### **A. King County Flood Reduction Grant**

City Clerk briefed the Council on the second review of the agreement. The grant is in the amount of \$199,930 to update the City's Flood Reduction Plan which hasn't been updated since 1997. Stacey with Gray & Osborne has previously stated the goal is to have the plan complete by December 2024. The grant is through 2025.

### **B. SCRTS Utility Extension Agreement**

In order to meet construction timeline, staff asked for the three touch rule to be waived. Council Member Franco made a motion to waive the three touch rule and Council Member Cook seconded it. Mayor Linnell asked for a vote and received a unanimous response in favor of the motion. Council Member Thomas then made a motion to move discussion item B to Ordinance and Resolutions as item A. Council Member Cook seconded it. Mayor Linnell asked for a vote and received a unanimous response in favor of the motion.

### **C. AMC 3.18, Pay Period**

Acting City Administrator Schrimpscher briefed the Council on moving from a semi-monthly pay cycle to bi-weekly. Transitioning from paying hourly employees for the hours they worked instead of salary like they have been getting paid, has caused some heartache since pay checks vary with the fluctuating hours in a cycle. Moving to bi-weekly would create consistency in hours worked. Pay day would be every other Friday. The added bonus is being able to reconcile police officers overtime every pay check instead of every 28 days.

## **Old Business**

### **A. King County Waste Reduction and Recycling Grant Program 2023-2024**

Council Member Thomas moved to approve the execution of the King County Waste Reduction and Recycling Grant agreement and Council Member Osborn seconded it. Mayor Linnell asked for a vote from the council and received a unanimous response in favor to approve the agreement execution.

### **B. Olympic Environmental Resources Agreement**

Council Member Thomas moved to approve the execution of the Olympic Environmental Resources agreement and Council Member Osborn seconded it. Mayor Linnell asked for a vote from the council and received a unanimous response in favor to approve the agreement execution.

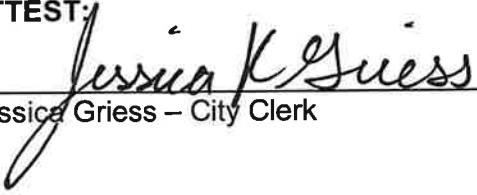
## **Ordinances & Resolution –**

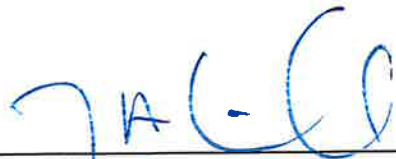
### **A. SCRTS Utility Extension Agreement**

Council Member Cook made a motion to approve the execution of the SCRTS Utility Extension Agreement and Council Member Franco seconded the motion. Mayor Linnell asked for a vote from the council and received a unanimous response in favor to approve the agreement execution.

**Adjournment** – Mayor Linnell adjourned the meeting at 8:06 pm.

ATTEST:

  
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Jessica Griess – City Clerk

  
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Troy Linnell – Mayor