

**Algona City Council
Council Meeting
February 13th, 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 Brenna Franco, Lynda Osborn, and William Thomas were present. Council Member Thomas made a motion to excuse Council Member Cook and Council Member Osborn seconded the motion. Mayor Linnell asked for a vote and received a unanimous response in favor of the excusal. Staff members, James Schrimpsheer – Police Chief and Jessica Griess – City Clerk were present.

Presentation-

- A. Blue Heron Award – Mayor Linnell presented the Blue Heron Award to Former Mayor David Hill for his many years of service to the community. Former Mayor Hill was unable to attend.
- B. 2022 4th Quarter Finance Report – City Clerk Griess presented the 2022 4th quarter financials.

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 Thomas 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- Happy Valentine's Day to all the families and citizens.

Councilmember Osborn- None

Councilmember Thomas- There is a sunken sidewalk on 1st Ave near 167 on the east side. Thank you Public Works for leveling the interurban trail where it used to be just a pallet laying there. Gives easier access to the residents.

City Clerk Griess- An update on applications for the vacant Council and Planning Commission positions, we have received two so far and one is interested in either position. Next Council Workshop meeting, we are hoping the Council would be open to cancelling the Workshop and have a joint meeting with the Planning Commission in its place. It's up to the Council. Our City Attorney has given the advice of keeping the meeting to a very narrow scope and one thing that Council needs to approve for Planning Commission is their work plan. That will be the only topic for the joint meeting. Is that how the Council would like to proceed? All the Council Members agreed to have the joint meeting and cancel the workshop on February 27th.

Police Chief Schrimpsheer- Things are going smooth at the Police Department. We did have an officer drop her notice that she is in the background process with another department. We wish her well; she has been a great officer for us. Officer Fajardo is doing awesome in field training.

We will begin our hiring process shortly. The Filipino Hall, the officers are doing two visits at least during events. We've been keeping tabs on it. The cabaret license now requires licensed security as part of the application. Still seeing about one call each weekend. City Administrator side, our Voyant Alert is up and going to push out notifications to the public. We encourage everyone to sign up. Next thing we're doing is revamping our website to include a meeting module to help streamline agendas and supporting documents for Council. Upgrade to the website will also have custom forms for the community to submit their comments. The next thing to tackle will be the TV channel.

Mayor Linnell- Speaking on behalf of Russ, a list of tasks and projects the Public Works crew had completed over the last week is provided. They keep busy. The flooding has been a lot better this year with the storm drain cleaning they are doing on rotation. Attended a Public Issues Committee meeting and the 2023 legislative session had 1,500 bills, the most presented ever. Talked about the Solid Waste rate restructure and we are trying to set up meetings with Waste Management to go over the change. Sounds like a lot of other cities already have new rates set up and are moving forward. King County has come up with a 5-year homelessness plan and there's 7 main goals to it. It will be interesting to see how they move forward. King County levy focused on mental health and crisis coordinator's that can be up to \$1.25 million over 9 years. Would like to see Council's feedback on these topics to take to these meetings. Will continue to forward the PIC agendas to Council.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION –

- A. James Harper, 312 Junction Blvd – Two things, noticed that the website still has the January newsletter. Can we get all the previous newsletters on there? The last thing, I will be unable to attend the joint Planning Commission Council meeting. Mostly mentioning for Vice Chair Gomez.

Discussion –

- A. Ordinance 1216-23, Amending Chapter AMC 3.18, Pay Period
This is the second review on this topic. It was asked if the hourly had a base salary rate and Chief Schrimpsner clarified that they are on an hourly rate and they are getting paid as such starting this year. This change was at the recommendation by the auditor. To help with the fluctuation between pay checks, it is the hope to move to biweekly pay cycles. It comes out to the same amount at the end of the year and what we budget for.
- B. Ordinance 1217-23, Amending Chapter 2.04 AMC Council Meetings
City Clerk Griess started the conversation by specifying the Ordinance is needed to be able to adopt the following Resolution. Acting City Administrator briefed the Council on the Ordinance as well as Resolution 1254-23.
- C. Resolution 1254-23, Adopting Council Rules of Procedure
At the Council's request, the City Attorney prepared Council Rules of Procedure. There are additional questions that need to be answered prior to a final version be completed.
- D. Planning Commission By-Laws
City Clerk Griess summarized the Planning Commission By-Laws prepared by City Attorney, Zach Lell. It was at the request of the Commission to have guiding documentation. There are some questions about the By-Laws by the chair of the Planning Commission that will be run by Zach.

Old Business

- A. King County Flood Reduction Grant
Council Member Franco made a motion to approve the execution of the King County Flood Reduction Grant agreement and Council Member Thomas seconded the motion. Mayor Linnell asked for a vote and received a unanimous response in favor approving the agreement.


Ordinances & Resolution –

Adjournment – Mayor Linnell adjourned the meeting at 7:53 pm.

ATTEST:



Jessica Griess – City Clerk



Troy Linnell – Mayor