

**Algona City Council
Council Meeting
February 27th, 2023**



Mayor Troy Linnell called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM. He initiated the flag salute.

Roll call was taken by the City Clerk. Council members Brenna Franco, Gordon Cook, Lynda Osborn, and William Thomas were present. Staff members James Schrimpscher – Police Chief and Jessica Griess – City Clerk, and Zach Lell – City Attorney were present as well as Russ Avery – Public Works Director who participated via Zoom.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA –

Council Member Cook 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 Osborn moved to approve the Consent Agenda and Council Member Thomas 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- Shout out to the police department for their professionalism during a traffic stop. They were great.

Councilmember Cook- Voyant Alert is working great so far. Can we add alerts for fire calls? We will miss Officer Kling and wish her the best. Finance Committee met last week. We discussed sewer rate increase and recommend a 7.5% increase to cover King County rate increase and cover some infrastructure and rate study costs.

Councilmember Osborn- None

Councilmember Thomas- Just to tag on to what Council Member Cook has said about the sewer rates, we didn't update the rate last year to stay up with the increase in costs. The proposed increase would get us back in line with the rise in cost.

Police Chief Schrimpscher- Officer Brown has applied for another department. He has given four years of service to the city and will be missed. We started the hiring process to fill the open positions. Had a PT test last week and a couple more coming up soon. Two of the applicants have already been to the academy and two have not. Officer Johnson will become a field training officer. Filipino Hall update, there was an event this weekend that was shut down since it was on the verge of getting out of hand. Wanted to reassure everyone that we are doing what we can to keep the peace at the hall. Public Works did great with the water main break over the week. We have ongoing negotiations with the Public Works union for their COLA. We have decided to move forward with changing some job positions to adding a Code Enforcement-Permit Technician position and changing the supervisor position to a foreman position. We will be bringing it forward for Council's review. It's believed that there is enough code enforcement work to justify a FTE for it.

City Clerk Griess- DRS will be doing a compliance audit. An audit hasn't been done since the 1980's. Website is still on track to be updated in April.

Public Works Director Avery- We had a water main break on Seattle Blvd and was able to get it repaired quickly. Removed all the advertising signs someone put out around town. Two of the guys will be going to a pesticide class next month.

Mayor Linnell- Russ and I have been attending King County Flood Hazard meetings. They are supposed to be coming up with a plan to bring to the County Council in 2024. Chief and I attended the Good Eggs this last week. Shout out to Public Works on how quick they fixed the water main break. Watched them work and proud of how well they did. They've been doing a great job keeping drains clear. We now have permission to go out and clean the ditch along 167. King County Transfer Station has gone out to bid and construction due to start this summer on the three-year project. Algona Village coming and adding about 1,100 residents to the City by the end of all the phases. It's the same developer that did the new Ruston Way area. Even Jack from Jack's BBQ is talking about adding more up the West Valley Hill. Wetland Preserve is moving forward with construction starting in 2024. Crack and seal project is going out to bid in April for the work to be done in August. CDBG grant to replace water main that is well over due on Tacoma Blvd. \$1.5 million in upgrades slated for water/sewer upgrades over the next couple years.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION – None.

Selection of New Council and Planning Commission Members; Executive Session-

Individual speakers will be limited to two (2) minutes each in addressing the City Council. When addressing the Council, please speak clearly and audibly and state your name and address for the record.

Mayor Linnell informed everyone that he would not be making the Planning Commission selection at the meeting. The City received four applications for the vacant Council Position. Each applicant introduced themselves to the Council and why they would be a good fit.

The Council convened in an Executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) and RCW 42.30.110(1)(h), respectively, prior to voting in open session to select the new Council Members and Planning Commissioners. Mayor Linnell set the initial time at 15 minutes. City Clerk Griess stepped out of the Executive Session to announce that an additional 5 minutes was needed. After the time was up, the Council and Mayor reconvened in the regular session. The Council asked additional questions that all the applicants had the opportunity to respond to.

Council Member Thomas then nominated Timothy Fairley and Council Member Osborn seconded the nomination. Having no additional discussion, Mayor Linnell asked for a vote and received a unanimous response in favor of the nomination.

City Clerk Jessica Griess then did the swearing in of Mr. Fairley at the request of Mayor Linnell to do so immediately.

Discussion –

- A. Ordinance 1217-23, Amending Chapter 2.04 AMC Council Meetings
City Clerk Griess explained the Ordinance is needed to be able to adopt the following Resolution.

- B. 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 being completed. Going through the first half of the questions, the Council agreed to repeal the three touch rule previously adopted by resolution and include the requirement in the Rules of Procedure. The order of business was also agreed upon the way it appeared in the draft. The Council also would like to keep the three-minute rule for public comments outside of public hearings to include participation in other agenda item discussions. The current agenda setting process has been great and Council agrees to memorialize it in the Rules of Procedure. Due to the time, the Council tabled the discussion until the next meeting.
- C. Planning Commission By-Laws
City Clerk Griess summarized the Planning Commission By-Laws prepared by City Attorney Zach Lell. Zach was able to offer some additional detail.

Ordinances & Resolution –


- A. Ordinance 1216-23, Amending Chapter AMC 3.18, Pay Period
Council Member Franco made a motion to approve Ordinance 1216-23 and Council Member Fairley seconded it. Mayor Linnell asked for a vote and received a unanimous response in favor passing the ordinance.

Adjournment – Mayor Linnell adjourned the meeting at 9:00 pm.

ATTEST:



Jessica Griess – City Clerk



Troy Linnell – Mayor