

**Algona City Council
Council Meeting
March 27th, 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, Gordon Cook, Timothy Fairley, Lynda Osborn, and William Thomas were present. Staff members James Schrimpsner – Police Chief and Jessica Griess – City Clerk were also present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA –

Council Member Fairley made a motion to approve the agenda and Council Member Thomas 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- Shout out to Public Works. The flooding last year was like big lakes and nearly nothing this year. Great work!

Councilmember Cook- None

Councilmember Fairley- Been online doing classes and just finished the DEI training though AWC.

Councilmember Osborn- Algona Day Committee met and decided to go with a DJ instead of a live band. Still working through the food situation. Gary is starting to make reservations.

Councilmember Thomas- None

Public Works Director Avery- Had no water leaks to report! Working on Flood Mitigation plan and map. Will let Council know of any updates on that.

Police Chief Schrimpsner- Had some interviews this week. Moving three forward to the background process and start date for two officers on April 17th. Had a lot of meetings since the last meeting. Met with King County on the Transfer Station and Mr. Malik on the Algona Village. Had a very productive meeting with Blueline and the service and quality from their work product is getting better. Sounds like Blueline sold to another company. Decided to eliminate the public works supervisor position and reallocate those funds to a permit tech/code enforcement position. Will be working with the union on that. The union just agreed to a 5% COLA. Back to the PD, there is a lack of training on the hard skills such as searching a building and a car. Will be doing a training for the crew on building searched. Voyant Alert is working great. Did its job when we had a barricaded subject over the weekend. The crew worked great with the neighboring agencies during the incident. Jessica recently received a national award for her project done in her Certified Public Manager class called the Askew Award for professional development. As someone that was on the panel for the presentations, hers hit all the benchmarks. The utility billing process has been refined since going through her project process.

City Clerk Griess- King County will be doing their groundbreaking for the new transfer station on

May 18th. Mayor Linnell has completed his training for his CML (Certified Municipal Leader). That's 30 hours of his time to achieve this. Staff appreciates having a leader putting in the time.
Mayor Linnell- Thank you for listening to my State of the City Address. Going to do another 30 hours to get my advanced CML.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION –

Carol Coggins, 110 6th Ave N – 30 year resident of Algona. The Filipino Hall is on my road and it has been a continual battle. There has been shootings, reckless driving, and people walking around our road and yards. The neighbors have come together in the past to come to Council and bring up the issues. The Filipino Hall hired Lawyers to fight us. The only thing that has worked is requiring them to have two off duty officers at their events, not security. It isn't the police officer's job to babysit their events. The Council discussed next steps to put a stop to the issues and the Council gave direction to suspend the Filipino American Hall's business license until they are willing to make changes to mitigate the issues stemming from their events.

DISCUSSION –

- A. ROW Lease Agreement
King County has reached out to the City to see how we wanted to handle the current lease agreement for the right of way that was vacated to the County. They were asked to provide a letter requesting the termination of the agreement and once we receive the letter, we'll bring it Council for approval.
- B. Sidewalk In-Lieu Fees
Russ provided an update on the work being done on the ordinance by Zach Lell, City Attorney. The fees will be put into a separate fund for the City to decide where to put sidewalks in.
- C. WA WARN Inter-Local Agreement
This is essentially a mutual aid agreement with other agencies. If the City needed assistance or equipment in an emergency situation, we could reach out for help through this agreement and vice versa. We are not required to respond to another agency, but it is an option.
- D. Resolution 1255-23, Ad-Hoc Committee – Community Center Advisory Board
Establishing a Community Center Advisory Board presents the opportunity for citizens to have voice in what their community center offers. Hometown Community Services will be coming to an end and they have done an exceptional job being the voice for the community center. This advisory board will help fill their void. Next meeting will give a guide sheet for the board and a resolution.
- E. Ordinance 1218-23, Sewer Rates
This ordinance increases sewer rates by 7.5% to cover the King County rate rises over the last 5 years and for a system assistance. There were some remaining questions that needed to be addressed before presenting the final version of the Rules of Procedure. The final copy with the Council's input will be ready for the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS –

- A. Planning Commission 2023 Work Plan
Council Thomas made a motion to approve the Planning Commission 2023 Work Plan and Council Member Franco seconded the motion. Mayor Linnell asked for a vote and received a unanimous response in favor approving the Work Plan.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS –

A. Planning Commission By-Laws

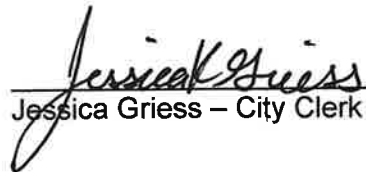
Council Member Cook made a motion to approve the Planning Commission By-Laws and Council Member Fairley seconded the motion. Mayor Linnell asked for a vote and received a unanimous response in favor approving the By-Laws.

B. Resolution 1254-23, Adopting Council Rules of Procedure

Council Member Thomas made a motion to approve Resolution 1254-23 and Council Member Fairley seconded the motion. Mayor Linnell asked for a vote and received a unanimous response in favor approving the resolution.

Adjournment – Mayor Linnell adjourned the meeting at 8:18 pm.

ATTEST:



Jessica Griess – City Clerk



Troy Linnell – Mayor