

**Algona City Council
Council Meeting
April 10th, 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, and William Thomas were present. Council Member Fairley made a motion to excuse Council Member Lynda Osborn and Council Member Franco seconded the motion. Mayor Linnell ask for a vote and received a unanimous response in favor of the excusal. Staff members James Schrimpsheer – Police Chief, Russ Avery – Public Works Director, and Jessica Griess – City Clerk were also present.

PRESENTATION –

Chief Moericke and Mark Creley from Sumner Police Department presented on the Metro Animal Services.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA –

Council Member Thomas made a motion to approve the agenda and Council Member Fairley 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 Franco 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- Easter Hunt was great. There were a lot of people. Shout out to the Easter Bunny and the Public Works Team, Police, and other staff who showed up and thank you to the volunteers. Just barely missed the rain.

Councilmember Fairley- None

Councilmember Thomas- None

Public Works Director Avery- Opened up Park bathrooms after the urinal repairs and ready in time for the Easter event. Currently doing cross training on the flail mower, checking storm drains weekly, and starting to replace some storm drain piping. No water leaks again!

Police Chief Schrimpsheer- Police department, we have made two conditional offers of employment with a start date of April 17th pending the final background. Both have been through the academy. Using a new background investigator since our previous has retired. A budget amendment will be coming to reflect the price change. During roll call we went over some policies and we have range day next week. Met with Auburn IT to go over some IT security updates that will also be included in the budget amendment. IT is out getting bids for this required update. Last week I was in Olympia and it sounds like we are allocated \$600,000 this year for the wetland project and they will be going after additional funding next year. This will allow us to start construction this year. In the process of renegotiations for a position with the public works union. The Mayor's salary will also be in the budget amendment to possibly reallocate the benefits for the mayor's position to the salary line. To further the professional development in the PD, Cari is

in desperate need for a second specialist so the plan is to put Cari in a supervisory position and getting another specialist. As you know, we committed to shutting down the Filipino Hall events. Met with the Filipino American Hall folks, had a very good conversation with them and we agreed to conditions they will meet in order to get their business license. It was a very productive meeting and we appreciated their commitment to fixing the issues.

City Clerk Griess- Bad news on the website, we will not get the update this month. We have a new rep who doesn't even know when it will happen. We have a demo for a new financial system this week. Our current system is outdated and isn't very efficient. I will be going after a local records grant through the state archivist to help support the implementation of a new system.

Mayor Linnell- Attended the SCA meeting as well as the Chamber of Commerce meeting. Would like to do a local award to recognize our local businesses and put them in the spotlight. Council's input would be appreciated. Affordable Housing Week is in May and considering doing a proclamation in recognition of it. Can someone attend the PIC meeting this week? It's online. Council Member Franco agreed to attend.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION –

Chris Gomez, 527 Main St – Has anyone reported the road bump that keeps rising on 1st Ave? Seems to be getting worse. There's a utility line that goes through there.

DISCUSSION –

A. **Blueline – Comp Plan Agreement**

Blueline has been working on the Comprehensive Plan without an agreement in place. To follow best practice, here is an agreement to solidify their work on the plan. The Growth Management Grant is helping fund their work on this project.

B. **Water System Plan**

Gray & Osborn provided a memo giving an update on the work being done on the Water System Plan.

C. **ROW Lease Agreement**

A letter has yet to be provided from the King County.

D. **Ordinance 1219-23, Sidewalk In-Lieu Fees**

This would allow developers to opt out of putting in sidewalks and pay the fee instead. This is still a draft version of the ordinance; the City Attorney is working on a portion transferring the ownership of the sidewalk to the City.

E. **Resolution 1255-23, Ad-Hoc Committee – Community Center Advisory Board**

This is the third look, but the first with the resolution and board guidelines.

OLD BUSINESS –

A. **WA WARN Inter-Local Agreement**

Council Member Cook made a motion to approve the execution of the WA WARN agreement and Council Member Fairley seconded the motion. Mayor Linnell asked for a vote and received a unanimous response in favor approving the agreement.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS –

A. **Ordinance 1218-23, Sewer Rate Increase**

Council Member Fairley made a motion to approve Ordinance 1218-23 and Council Member Cook seconded the motion. Mayor Linnell asked for a vote and received a unanimous response in favor approving the ordinance.

Adjournment – Mayor Linnell adjourned the meeting at 8:17 pm.

ATTEST:



Jessica Griess – City Clerk



Troy Linnell – Mayor