Minute Record for City of Alma

Regular City Council Meeting

July 7, 2025

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Alma, Nebraska was held at City Hall on Monday, July 7, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.

Present were Council Members: Joel Wheeler, Tom Moulton, Dyann Collins, Larry Casper, and Mayor Hal Haeker. Absent: City Attorney Doug Walker. City Clerk Janet Dietz, Treasurer Tashia Butterfield, City Superintendent Russell Pfeil, and Kent Fleischmann were also in attendance. Notification of this meeting and the agenda was given in advance by posting, a designated method for giving notice. Advance notice of the meeting and the agenda was given to the Mayor and all members of the City Council. All proceedings hereinafter were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Mayor Haeker advised the public of the Open Meetings Act posted on the east wall of the meeting room, and then proceeded to call the regular meeting of July 7, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. and the following business was transacted:

Roll call: Joel Wheeler-present, Tom Moulton-present, Dyann Collins-present, Larry Casper-present, and Mayor Haeker-present. Council-woman Collins spoke to the Council this would be her last meeting as she is moving out of her ward/district on Friday. Motion by Casper, second by Moulton to determine this meeting as previously publicized, duly convened and in open session. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Casper, and Moulton Collins and Wheeler Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Haeker opened the floor to approve the minutes of June 16, 2025, Council meeting, and the Special Council Meeting minutes from June 23rd, 2025, Motion by Moulton, second by Collins, to approve the regular minutes and special meeting minutes. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Moulton, Collins, Casper, and Wheeler. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Haeker opened the floor to discuss the claims and invoices for June 17, 2025, through July 7th, 2025, for \$273,785.58. Motion made by Wheeler, second by Collins, to approve the claims. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Wheeler, Collins, Moulton, and Casper. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Haeker opened the floor to discuss and or approve the Treasurer's report. Motion by Moulton, second by Casper, to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Moulton, Casper, Collins, and Wheeler. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Haeker opened the floor to discuss and or approve proposed golf course building expansion. Mike Stemper brought forth detailed information of fundraising events, increased revenues, last payment on current loan will be paid off before expansion. Addition of 40x60 would be south of current building, adding 20-30 tables (more cost effective and functional) with a partial patio addition 84 x 30 on the west side, and 84x20 for outdoor seating. Cody Simmons added that the golf course would like to serve Alma better, keep people coming, scheduling public events, increasing cash flow and income, also having some idea of a budget to work with. Council-Woman Collins brought up additional parking issues, Councilman Wheeler suggested some consideration of a cap on funds borrowed. Motion made by Wheeler, second by Collins to approve maximum \$400,000.00, 20-year loan, 5% interest or less for proposed expansion as presented. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Wheeler, Collins, Moulton, and Casper. Voting no: None. Motion carried. Also, brought up was the new mower purchase for golf course, (they have the funds, approved on 08.19.2024 per Alma Golf Course minutes, \$50,563.69) Kristi Heft will bring the check to City Treasure for deposit and purchase will be run through the City of Alma. (insurance and inventory issues)

Mayor Haeker opened the floor to Administrator Ardiana for approval of auditorium bids for the remodel. City Administrator brought forth the bids for acceptance. (Ardiana would then complete the purchase orders) (1) Plumbing-Sorenson Group, \$ 92,151.00, (2) Mechanical-Rutt's-\$220,000.00,and(3) Electrical-\$200,000, bids by Walters and Sorensen. (Administrator will review). Discussion was staying on track with budget, possibly reviewing the drop-down screens costs, switch to TV's, modifying the handrail on upper level. Motion made by Moulton, second by Wheeler, to accept City Administrator recommendations, so the purchase orders could be finalized. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Moulton, Wheeler, Casper, and Collins. Voting no: none. Motion carried.

Mayor Haeker opened the floor to discuss and or approve of the Under the Umbrella 30-year celebration in the Alma City Park and Shelter house on August 9th. (plan is to have bounce house, dunking booth, water slide, and possible food vendors) Motion made by Wheeler, second by Moulton, to approve the Under the Umbrella request. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Wheeler, Moulton, Collins, and Casper. Voting no:none. Motion carried.

Mayor Haeker opened the floor to discuss and or approve City website ADA compliance issues. City Clerk advised the ADA Compliance Ruling was released in June of 2024, Clerk has reviewed issues with Helen Tidwell, of Municipal Impact. Discussion was held on cleanup and compliance with the estimated cost of \$375.00, following up with further Clerk training. Motion made by Casper, second by Moulton to approve the cost of \$375.00 website update and compliance .There being no further discussion upon the motion and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Casper, Moulton, Wheeler, and Collins, Voting no none. Motion carried.

City Administrator brought forth interest in City of Alma having a pickle ball court, and various locations within the City, new sewer, and bathroom flooring, bathroom framing in the auditorium. City Council will hold a budget workshop on July 16th at 1:00 pm in Council Chambers, discussion on Council-Woman Collins resignation at next meeting, Mayor appoints, no applications, approval by council.

Motion to adjourn by Casper, second by Wheeler. There being no further discussion upon the motion made, and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Casper, Wheeler, Moulton, and Collins. Meeting adjourned at 7:08 pm.

Hal Haeker, Mayor

I the undersigned Clerk hereby certify that the forgoing is a true and correct copy of the proceedings had and done by the Mayor and Council; that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the Clerk; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting; that at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by members of the public; that the said minutes were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that all news media requesting notification concerning meetings of said body were provided advanced notification of the time place and of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting.

Janet Dietz, City Clerk

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