

MINUTE RECORD FOR CITY OF ALMA
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
November 1, 2023

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Alma, Nebraska was held at City Hall on Wednesday, November 1, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.

Present were Council Members: Tom Moulton, Larry Casper, Chris Tripe and Mayor and Acting Administrator Hal Haeker. Absent: Dyann Collins. City Clerk Dawn McNulty, Treasurer Tashia Butterfield City Utility Superintendent Russ Pfeil, 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 November 1, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. and the following business was transacted:

Roll call: Tom Moulton-present, Dyann Collins-absent, Chris Tripe-present, Larry Casper-present, and Mayor Haeker-present. Motion by Moulton, second by Casper 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, Tripe, and Moulton. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Haeker opened the floor to approve the minutes of the October 18, 2023, council meeting. Motion by Moulton, second by Casper to approve the regular minutes of the October 18, 2023, council meeting. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Tripe, Collins, Casper, and Moulton. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Haeker opened the floor to discuss the claims and invoices for October 19, 2023, through November 1, 2023, for a total of \$61,726.68. Tripe asked about the \$3,000.00 donation to the Harlan County Senior Center. Treasurer Butterfield stated that this was a yearly donation. Tripe asked why we call it a donation? We do not donate to a lot of other people. We are donating taxpayers' money. Treasurer Butterfield stated that they are nonprofit. Motion made by Casper, second by Moulton to approve the claims. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Tripe, Moulton, and Casper. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Haeker opened the floor to discuss and or approve the Treasurer's report. Motion by Tripe, second by Moulton 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: Casper, Tripe, and Moulton. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Haeker opened the floor to discuss and or approve Resolution 01-2024 to approve signing the 2023 Year End Certification of City Street Superintendent. Casper said that it should be noted that Reed Miller was designated and has met all expectations. It was discussed that this is sent in annually to the Department of Transportation. Motion by Tripe, second by Casper to accept Resolution 01-2024 to approve signing the 2023 Year End Certification of City Street Superintendent. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Moulton, Casper, and Tripe. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Haeker opened the floor to discuss and or approve Caring Cupboard Sign Placement. Jane Blum shared a graphic of what the wooden sign may look like and stated that the colors would match the pelicans. Emily White talked about the bench and who was to be responsible for the cost of it as they were already putting out money for the sign. Jane Blum stated that she would get estimates for the bench and the sign and contact the board again when she was ready to present the information. The item was postponed.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss Federal Share Summary and Progress Estimates related to Airport Taxiway Lighting Grant. Motion by Casper, second by Moulton to approve Federal Share Summary and Progress Estimates related to Airport Taxiway Lighting Grant. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Tripe, Moulton, and Casper. Voting no: None.

Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss and or approve Special Designated Liquor License for The Office on 11/25/2023 to serve alcohol at a wedding reception at the Johnson Center. Motion by Casper, second by Tripe to approve the Special Designated Liquor License for The Office on 11/25/2023 to serve alcohol at a wedding reception at the Johnson Center. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Tripe, Casper, and Moulton. Voting no: None. The motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss and or approve Ordinance 2024-01, an Ordinance prohibiting propane tanks of more than 100 lbs. within the city limits of Alma in areas of the city with gas service. Russ Pfeil stated that there is a need to keep these larger propane tanks at least 300 ft from a gas main and that is the reason for this Ordinance. Russ stated that this was discussed back in 2019 and fell through the cracks so it needs to be addressed now. Doug Walker stated that there was some language in the Ordinance that needed to be changed to include commercial and residential tanks for heating purposes within the city limits where gas service is available. Doug said that he would re-write the Ordinance and re-present it at the next meeting for passage. The item was postponed.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss and or approve Eakes Office Solutions Copier Lease Agreement. Treasurer Tashia Butterfield said that this was a new lease and that it would save us money. Although the lease is a higher payment but the cost per copy is less. The copier in the City office now would move to the library, and the library copier would move to the golf course. This is the normal cycle when a new copier comes into the city office. Motion by Moulton, second by Tripe to accept Eakes Office Solutions Copier Lease Agreement. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Tripe, Casper, and Moulton. Voting no: None. The motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss and or approve personnel. Mayor Haeker stated that there was some language in the contract with Associated Staffing that a candidate the Supplier refers to Client may not be disclosed to third parties without Supplier's written consent and wanted to get legal to review before signing. Doug Walker stated that there were things in the contract that the City, being a municipality, would have issues with. He stated that he would reach out to Associated Staffing and see what could be done about making changes to the contract to suit both parties. This agenda item was postponed.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Tripe, second by Casper. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Casper, Moulton, and Tripe. Voting no: None. The meeting was adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

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.

Dawn McNulty, City Clerk

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