

MINUTE RECORD FOR CITY OF ALMA
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
March 6, 2019

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Alma, Nebraska was held at City Hall on Wednesday, the 6th of March, 2019, at 5:30 p.m.

Present were Council Members: Mike Clements, Tom Moulton, Randy Stahlecker, Jon Davis and Mayor Hal Haeker. Administrator Doug Wilson, Attorney Doug Walker, Treasurer Lorri Bantam, Superintendent Russ Pfeil, and Clerk Lori Tripe were also in attendance. Notification of this meeting and the agenda were given in advance by posting, a designated method for giving notice. Advance notice of the meeting and the agenda were 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 which is posted on the east wall of the meeting room, and then proceeded to call the regular meeting of March 6, 2019, at 5:30 p.m. and the following business was transacted:

Roll call: Mike Clements-present, Tom Moulton-present, Randy Stahlecker-present, Jon Davis-present and Mayor Haeker-present. Motion made by Clements, 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: Clements, Moulton, Stahlecker, and Davis. Voting No: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Haeker opened the floor to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2019, regular council meeting. Motion made by Moulton, second by Stahlecker to approve the February 20, 2019, regular council meeting minutes as presented. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Moulton, Stahlecker and Davis. Voting No: None. Clements: abstained. Motion carried.

Mayor Haeker opened the floor to discuss the claims and invoices for period February 21, 2019, through March 6, 2019 for a total of \$84,553.35. Motion by Stahlecker, second by Clements to approve the February 7, 2019, through March 6, 2019, claims for a total of \$84,553.35. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Stahlecker, Clements, Davis, and Moulton. Voting No: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Haeker opened the floor to discuss the treasurer's report. Motion by Clements, 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: Clements, Moulton, Stahlecker, and Davis. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to consider and possibly accept bid proposal from VanKirk Brothers Contracting for North Alma water and gas line Installation. Gary Steel of Miller & Associates provided a letter of recommendation to accept the bid from VanKirk Brothers with a corrected bid of \$242,184.00. VanKirk Brothers were the only contractor to submit a bid. They are currently installing infrastructure in Alma at the new housing subdivision. The contractor's completion date for this particular project is July 15, 2019. The bid came in 38.77% below the engineer's opinion of probable construction cost. Motion by Davis, second by Clements to approve the bid of \$242,184.00 by VanKirk Brothers Contracting for the North Alma water and gas line installation project. There being no discussion upon the motion made, the following voted yes: Davis, Clements, Moulton and Stahlecker. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to consider and possibly approve Resolution 21-2019 – Authorize Mayor to sign the parallel taxiway project application and sponsor certification for drug-free workplace. The Department of Aeronautics has prepared an application for the parallel taxiway project at the airport and a drug-free workplace certification. It requires the mayor's signature. The application shows a total project cost of \$1,900,000. The amount is high but the Council can wait to see the bids and decide whether to accept at that time. It would be a good time to get the project done because contractors are looking for work so bids could be low. Motion by Moulton, second by Stahlecker to approve Resolution 21-2019 – Authorize the Mayor to sign the parallel taxiway project application and sponsor certification for drug-free workplace. There being no further discussion upon the motion made, the following voted yes: Moulton, Stahlecker, Clements and Davis. Voting no: None. Resolution 21-2019 was approved.

Mayor opened the floor to consider and possibly approve pool manager, assistant managers, swim team coach and assistant swim teach coach for the 2019 season. Administrator Wilson has reviewed the applications and has the following recommendations: Pool Manager-Jessie Howsden, Assistant Managers: Alexandria Stuhmer, Tyrell Howsden and Rhonda Hogeland. Swim Team Coach – Rhonda Hogeland, and Assistant Swim Team Coach – Grace Hogeland. Lifeguards will be approved next council meeting. Kris Gall applied as a lifeguard as well as an assistant manager. It might help to have her as an assistant pool manager at the end of the season so maybe the pool could stay open longer. Motion made by Clements, second by Stahlecker to approve Jessica Howsden as the Pool Manager, Alexandria Stuhmer, Tyrell Howsden and Rhonda Hogeland as Assistant Pool Managers, Swim Team Coach – Rhonda Hogeland, and Assistant Swim Team Coach – Grace Hogeland. There being no discussion upon the motion made, the following voted yes: Clements, Stahlecker, Moulton and Davis. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

The Mayor opened the floor to Administrator comments. Administrator Wilson said construction has begun on the housing subdivision. They have installed a manhole north of Super 8 along highway 183 and are now heading west with the sewer line.

Administrator Wilson informed the Council that there was a situation this week where a tenant up and left in February. She did not pay by the shutoff date in February. Past due and current bill owed the City was \$502.38. The \$300 security deposit will be applied but will leave \$202.38 outstanding. Should we research ways to further limit our liability of getting stuck with unpaid utility bills? We know some Cities have raised deposits and some have only allowed property owners to have utilities in their name. Councilmen said the system has been working. Treasurer Bantam does a good job making sure payments are received or

services are turned off. No need to raise security deposits any higher.

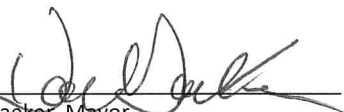
Mr. Wilson said he had some complaints regarding snow removal on sidewalks. He said he does not notify people about clearing sidewalks unless there is a complaint. He decided to take a drive the other day about 2 days after a snow storm. There were at least 100 properties where snow had "not" been cleared off the sidewalks. Would the Council want the City to be more proactive or continue as we have in the past? Council said Administrator would have to send out a lot of letters if we were going to pursue this matter and his time would be better spent on his other responsibilities. The Council suggested a notice in the paper could help.

The past park caretaker has resigned. Mr. Wilson would like to move Annie Glines to the position and put an ad in the paper for a general seasonal mower for 2019.

Mayor Haeker opened the floor to comments from the Mayor, Councilmen, and City Staff.

Clerk Tripe inquired if the City could donate a family swimming pool pass for a drawing at Spring Fling. Treasurer Bantam was concerned that the City was not supposed to "legally" be part of the Chamber, pay dues or make donations. Attorney Walker agreed. Chamber did not ask for the donation, it was proposed by Clerk Tripe. She will let them know they will have to be paid by the Chamber.

Motion made by Clements, second by Moulton to adjourn the meeting at 5:56 PM. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Clements, Moulton, Davis, and Stahlecker. Voting no: None. Meeting was adjourned at 5:56 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.


Lori Tripe, City Clerk



Alpha Heating, Air & Plumbing Thermostats - Aud\$720; Amazon Books \$403; Aramark uniforms shop towels \$112.30; Banner Capital Bank - Alma power mower In pymt \$338.44; Black Hills Energy Gas \$48.25; Bosselmans fuel nozzle \$43.60; Chesterman Co pop\$213; CHS Agri Service fuel repairs \$572.69; City Alma Utilities gas water sewer trash \$3,617.11; City of Alma golf stmts \$56.58; Petty Cash postage supplies \$19.88; City of Holdrege Landfill Fees \$654.98; Current Address Labels \$13.98; Diamond Exterminating pest control \$120; Dragonfly Desserts cookies-CRAKE training \$140; Duncan, Walker, Schenker & Daake legal \$1,750; Eagle Comm inter-net \$229.95; Eagle Dist Beer \$199.30; Eakes copier \$474.72; Frito Lay concessions \$54.75; Frontier telephone sirens \$327.32; Hal Haeker travel reimburse \$68.25; Harlan Co Register of Deeds filing fees \$362; Harlan County law enforcement \$3,468; Hoesch Memorial Library supplies video \$30.61;

Hogeland's Market food supplies \$101.04; Holdrege Auto Parts Chain Links \$50.22; Hometown Leasing Copier \$188.80; LINWELD Specialty Gas \$30.38; Main Street Variety supplies \$75.76; Marriott Cornhusker MidWinter Conference \$256.26; Municipal Supply Bronze Tee \$145.56; NEXTECH net-work service \$730.50; NPPD Fringe Area Installment 4th Qtr (12 of 28) \$3,515; NPPD electricity \$1,363.16; Office Solutions Cash Receipt Books \$229.95; Olsson parallel taxiway eng fees \$37,272.65; One Call Concepts locates \$7.90; Payroll \$23,368.37; Roger P Cox, PC LLC final pool litigation fees \$1,404; S & W Auto Parts supplies repairs \$470.70; Sandra K Davis cleaning fee \$185; Short Stop fuel \$73.70; Tielke's Sandwiches Pizzas \$84.60; Transparency Window Cleaning \$10; Trustworthy Hardware supplies \$26.97; USTI stmt and agency fees \$511.34; Verizon cells \$282.82; Zeller Zulauf range handles \$129.96; TOTAL \$84,553.35;