

MINUTE RECORD FOR CITY OF ALMA
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
May 20, 2019

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Alma, Nebraska was held at City Hall on Monday, the 20th of May, 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, 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 May 20, 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 Stahlecker to determine this meeting as previously publicized, duly convened and in open session. There being no discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Clements, Stahlecker, Moulton, and Davis. Voting No: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to approve the minutes of the May 6, 2019, regular meeting. Motion made by Moulton, second by Stahlecker to approve the May 6, 2019, regular 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 opened the floor to discuss the claims and invoices for period May 7, 2019, through May 20, 2019 for a total of \$140,799.74. Motion by Stahlecker, second by Clements to approve the May 7, 2019, through May 20, 2019, claims for a total of \$140,799.74. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Stahlecker, Moulton, Clements, and Davis. Voting No: None. Motion carried.

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

Mayor opened the floor to consider and possibly approve Ordinance 2019-28 – Amendment to Municipal Code Chapter 150.07 – Building Regulations – remove electrical code 150.07 from Municipal Code. There was discussion regarding the fact that the City does not have anyone qualified to inspect for Mechanical or Plumbing and the State of Nebraska has an Electrical inspector.

Attorney Walker entered the meeting at 5:35 pm. The League of Nebraska Municipalities and Orval Stahr recommended to Attorney Walker to remove mechanical, plumbing and electrical from the City Code. Building codes will remain and the City will inspect connections before gas, water or sewer utilities are connected.

Stahlecker introduced Ordinance 2019-28 entitled as follows: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALMA, NEBRASKA, TO AMEND THE MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 150 – BUILDING REGULATIONS, TO REMOVE CODE SECTIONS 150.05 – MECHANICAL CODE, SECTION 150.06 – PLUMBING CODE AND 150.07- ELECTRICAL CODE, PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ANY ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith; AND PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE and moved that the statutory rule requiring a reading on 3 separate days be suspended. Second by Moulton. There being no discussion upon the motion made, the following voted yes: Stahlecker, Moulton, Clements and Davis. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Moulton read Ordinance 2019-28 by title and moved for final passage. Second by Clements. There being no discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted: Davis-yes, Moulton-yes, Clements-yes and Stahlecker-yes. Ordinance 2019-28 was approved.

Mayor opened the floor to consider and possibly approve Resolution 2019-26 – New Water Tower Maintenance Contract – Viking Industrial Painting. Administrator Wilson said he has been talking with Viking Industrial Painting regarding the maintenance of the water tower. He believes they could save the City money over the current contractor. He has contacted Utility Service, the current contractor several times to request an updated bid in order to give them a chance to compete. He finally heard back from them today saying the person who prepares the bids is out of the office. Viking Industrial Painting representatives were present at the meeting and presented their history and experience with maintenance of water towers and why they can do a quality job for the City and still save money.

The Council would still like to give Utility Service an opportunity to rebid. The City still has time before the 90-day notice to cancel must be given.

Motion by Moulton, second by Clements to table Resolution 2019-26 until the June 3rd council meeting. There being no discussion upon the motion made, the following voted yes: Moulton, Clements, Stahlecker, and Davis. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Councilman Davis texted Jessie Howsden, the pool manager to see if the only change to the approved lifeguard list was the removal of Erin Gehrig from the approved lifeguard list. She confirmed it was, so agenda item # 6 was not necessary.

Mayor opened the floor to consider and possibly approve a change order to the streets of Western Sky Properties – Jacob Reiter with Olsson to present. Jacob said the Western Sky contractor, VanKirk is having a difficult time achieving subgrade compaction. VanKirk recommends adding fly ash, mixing water, compacting and regrading the area for pavement. By adding fly ash, it will help stabilize the dirt. Another benefit of adding fly ash is to extend the street design life from 30 years to 50 years. The reason the dirt is like a slurry is because the freeze level this year was below the normal due to the cold, wet winter. The maximum cost will be \$32,818.24. Olsson will not charge any extra fees for their geo-techs services. Jacob does not feel there is a whole lot of choice if you want to keep the project on schedule.

Motion by Davis, second by Stahlecker to approve a change order to the Western Sky Properties Streets. There being no discussion upon the motion made, the following voted yes: Davis, Stahlecker, Clements and Moulton. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

The Mayor opened the floor to Administrator comments. Administrator Wilson notified the Council they are invited to a golf outing on June 7th with Miller & Associates.

Mr. Wilson continues to post properties that need mowed.

The North Alma water and natural gas project is almost complete. Still waiting for the “Right of Entry” permit from the railroad. So far VanKirk has paid \$5000 to help speed up the permit however there is still no permit.


The swimming pool is scheduled to open on Wednesday, May 22, 2019, weather permitting. Notified the slide has 3 chips in it. It may have been damaged by hail. The City will have a temporary fix done until Avalanche, the slide manufacturer, can repair it. City’s deductible is higher than cost for this repair. Councilman Davis recommended having Matt Nissan look at repairing the fiberglass slide.

This past weekend the sewer lift station that pumps sewage to the two lagoons was leaking. The City had help from VanKirk’s to temporarily fix it. It was very fortunate for the City that they were here. The ductile iron will be replaced with plastic which is what the engineer from Miller & Associates recommended. The entire cost of the repairs should be around \$10,000 total. It was determined that the reason the pipe developed holes in it was because the pipe was not wrapped when it was installed around 40 years ago.

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

Clerk Tripe said Short Stop Enterprises LLC drove to Lincoln last Wednesday in order to get their liquor license. They had the option to pick it up on Monday but requested mail service and it did not arrive on Wednesday.

Motion by Stahlecker, second by Clements, to adjourn the meeting at 6:53 PM. 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. Meeting was adjourned at 6:53 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



Amazon lifeguard suits	internet \$743.92; Groebner	Principal life vision dental
books office supplies	& Assoc tape \$253.21;	ins prem \$498.04; QT
\$881.34; A Glines cleaning	HCHS drug testing \$70;	Petroleum fuel card \$7.61;
and supplies \$570.02;	Journal ads notices	Republic Nat'l Dist liquor
Aramark mops uniforms	\$506.13; Harlan Lodging	\$1,515.21; Rep Valley
towels \$151.26; AUL Health	TIF \$38,737.33; Hawkins	Animal Clinic boarding
HRA contributions \$481.98;	Parts oil supplies repairs	stray cats \$42; S & W Auto
BCBS ins prem \$7,791.47;	chlorine pump \$490.13;	\$161.87; Short Stop fuel
Bosselman's fuel card	Hogeland's Market candy	card \$10.40; SCEDD grant
\$61.93; Cardinal Snacks	for pool supplies \$405.59;	admin fees \$2,047.50;
concessions \$322.92; Cash	Johnson Bros liquor \$214;	Southern Glazers liquor
Wa Dist supplies \$109.37;	Kearney Hub bid ad	\$1,227; SwimOutlet swim
Chesterman Co pop	\$281.78; Koons Gas Mea-	suits \$107.40; Transparency
\$516.75; CHS repairs fuel	surement maintenance	clean windows \$20; Twin
supplies \$1,189.97; City of	\$1,359.01; League of Nebr	Valleys PPD electricity
Alma sales tax, stmts mailed	Muni finance conf \$350;	\$528.36; USTI stmt fees
\$1,837.17; Petty Cash	Lynn's Refridgeration re-	\$505.08; Van Kirk Bros
postage sec dep refund	pairs \$195.72; Medicare	culvert replacements
cash for pop machine	Blue RX Rx prem \$75.80;	\$14,173.50; Van Wall
\$97.40; City of Holdrege	MidAmerica Admin HRA	repairs \$49.47;
landfill fees \$1,088.05;	Admin fee \$25; Mid-Iowa	TOTAL \$140,799.74;
Cline Williams Wright	Solid Waste Equip pack/	
Johnson & Oldfather	eject cylinder \$6,883.25;	
annual TIF report prep	Mid-NE Individual Services	
\$200; Dept of Rev sales &	mgmt fee \$450; NPGA natu-	
lodging tax \$6,042.42;	ral gas \$15,697.13; NDEQ	
Dollar General supplies	force main In pymt	
\$43.40; Eagle Dist beer	\$4,450.98; NE Public Health	
\$768.61; First State Bank –	Lab chemicals \$48; NEland	
Alma pop cash box \$190;	Dist beer \$196.15; Office	
Frontier alarms phone dish	Solutions supplies \$110.85;	
	Payroll \$26,018.26;	