

MINUTE RECORD FOR CITY OF ALMA
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
March 4, 2020

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Alma, Nebraska was held at City Hall on Wednesday, the 4th of March, 2020, at 5:30 p.m.

Present were Council Members: Jon Davis, Tom Moulton, Randy Stahlecker and Mayor Hal Haeker. Administrator Doug Wilson, Treasurer Lorri Bantam, Superintendent Russ Pfeil and Clerk Jessica Miller were also in attendance. Chris Tripe arrived later in the meeting. 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 4, 2020, at 5:30 p.m. and the following business was transacted:

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

Mayor opened the floor to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2020, regular council meeting. Motion made by Davis, second by Stahlecker to approve the February 19, 2020, regular council meeting minutes as presented. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Davis, Stahlecker, and Mayor Haeker. Moulton abstained. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss the claims and invoices for period February 20, 2020, through March 4, 2020 for a total of \$44,353.48. Motion by Moulton, second by Stahlecker to approve the February 20, 2020, through March 4, 2020, claims for a total of \$44,353.48. 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. Motion carried.

Chris Tripe arrived at the meeting at 5:34pm.

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

Mayor opened the floor to discuss/approve the Audit with Michael Hoback of AMGL. Mr. Hoback thoroughly went over the Financial statements in the Audit for fiscal year ending September 30, 2019. The City had numerous projects this past year that raised the expenses in certain funds. Upon conducting the audit, they found only two matters that AMGL thought we should consider. The city needed to have pledged security on CD's at one of the local banks and we need to review the current utility rates for possible increases. Treasure Bantam has already taken care of the pledged securities. The utility rates will need to be monitored closely this coming year with the possibility of raising the water and/or sewer rates. The water and sewer income have been down for the last 3 years. Mr. Hoback went over some benchmark figures and compared them to other cities our size. Most categories were met or exceeded. A copy of the full audit is available on the city website www.almacity.com under the government tab. Motion by Moulton, second by Tripe to accept the Audit for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019. There being no discussion upon the motion made, the following voted yes: Moulton, Tripe, Stahlecker and Davis. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss/approve Ordinance extending cable franchise for 5 years. Motion by Moulton, second by Stahlecker to table the ordinance until the March 18th meeting. Doug Walker wanted to look over the Ordinance and resolution to make sure they were accurate. There being no discussion upon the motion made, the following voted yes: Moulton, Stahlecker, Davis and Tripe. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss/approve Resolution 17-2020 for a 5-year extension on franchise

agreement with Eagle Broadband Investments. Motion by Moulton, second by Stahlecker to table Resolution 17-2020 until the meeting on March 14, 2020. There being no discussion on the motion made, the following voted yes: Moulton, Stahlecker, Davis and Tripe. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to review/approve resolution 18-2020 to waive all zoning permit fees for new homes built in 2020. Motion by Stahlecker, second by Moulton to accept resolution 18-2020 to waive all zoning permit fees for new homes in 2020. There being no discussion on the motion made, the following voted yes: Stahlecker, Moulton, Tripe and Davis.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss the Mid-Winter Conference that was attended by Treasurer Bantam, Clerk Miller and Mayor Haeker. Treasurer Bantam spoke about several of the sessions that her and Clerk Miller attended. Some high lights were learning about fraud and how to watch for it. There are couple new laws that may be passed this year. One of the new laws could require treasurers to meet a required amount of continuing education hours per year. Another law would change the quorum regulations which would allow the mayor to vote on agenda items. Several great technology instruments are available to promote the city and help with permits and meetings.

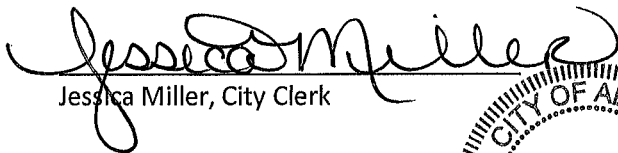
Mayor opened the floor to Administrator Wilson for his administrator's report. Mr. Wilson informed the council that winter walking has finished for the year. There was a good turn out on the days where the Auditorium was open for walking. Thank you, Don Jardon! Street Superintendent Travis Dunse has heard from the company that will be doing some armor coating of the streets. They will do what was scheduled for last year and this year. Mr. Wilson is still looking into several grants to assist in the purchasing of the siren for Alma. Administrator Wilson is planning for the upcoming pool season. He is looking into items that need done and/or ordered. He is currently researching suppliers and prices.

Motion by Moulton, second by Davis, to adjourn the meeting at 6:39 p.m. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Moulton, Davis, Stahlecker and Tripe. Voting no: None. Meeting was adjourned at 6:39 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.



Jessica Miller, City Clerk

