

MINUTE RECORD FOR CITY OF ALMA  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
April 15, 2020

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Alma, Nebraska was held at City Hall on Wednesday, the 15th of April, 2020, at 5:30 p.m.

PURSUANT TO THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 20-03. THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD BY VIDEO/TELEPHONE CONFERENCE. Present were Council Members: Jon Davis, Tom Moulton, Randy Stahlecker, Christopher Tripe and Mayor Hal Haeker. Administrator Doug Wilson (via Zoom), Treasurer Lorri Bantam (via zoom), Superintendent Russ Pfeil (Via Zoom), and Clerk Jessica Miller 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 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 April 15, 2020, at 5:30 p.m. and the following business was transacted:

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

Mayor opened the floor to approve the minutes of the April 1, 2020, regular council meeting. Motion made by Tripe, second by Moulton to approve the April 1, 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: Tripe, Moulton, Davis and Stahlecker. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss the claims and invoices for period April 2, 2020 through April 15, 2020 for a total of \$87,740.80. Motion by Stahlecker, second by Davis to approve the claims and invoices for period April 2, 2020 through April 15, 2020 for a total of \$87,740.80. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Stahlecker, Davis, Moulton, and Tripe. Voting no: None. Motion carried. Motion by Moulton, second by Davis to pay single claim to R & S K Lawn in the amount of \$292.60. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Moulton, Davis and Tripe. Stahlecker abstained. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

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, Davis and Stahlecker. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss/approve replacing Alice Miller with Carlton (Charlie) Brown on the City Housing Agency Board. Motion by Stahlecker, second by Moulton to approve replacing Alice Miller with Carlton (Charlie) Brown on the City Housing Agency Board. There being no discussion on the motion made, the following voted yes: Stahlecker, Moulton, Tripe and Davis. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss/approve an extension for the CDBG Housing Rehabilitation program. Lori Ferguson was on the zoom call to discuss the extension. The CDBG program that we are currently operating was set to expire in November of 2019. At that time the council requested a 6-month extension to give the homeowners a little extra time to complete their homes. We were granted that extension to May of 2020. The city had been contacted from a couple homeowners stating that they had concerns about letting contractors into their homes with the coronavirus going around. The homeowners also explained that several companies are not allowing work to be done inside of homes at this time for their workers safety. Lori explained that the council could request a 6-month extension from the DED in order to allow time for the current projects to finish or we could request a 12-month extension and allow new applicants to join the program. Clerk Miller added that we have 2 or 3 people on a waiting list for the Housing rehabilitation program. Motion by Davis, second

by Tripe to request a 12-month extension on the CDBG housing rehabilitation program and to open it to new applicants. We will have to file the request and wait to hear if we are accepted. There being no discussion on the motion made, the following voted yes: Davis, Tripe, Stahlecker and Moulton. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss dates to re-open the community buildings. All reservations have been moved to another date or cancelled through May 31<sup>st</sup> except for the blood drive on May 5<sup>th</sup>. The American Red Cross is an essential organization. Motion by Davis, second by Moulton to leave the community buildings closed to all activities with the exception of the blood drive that will be held at the Johnson Center on May 5<sup>th</sup>. There being no discussion on the motion made, the following voted yes: Davis, Moulton, Stahlecker and Tripe. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss/approve Resolution 21-2020 Two Rivers Memorandum of Understanding. This memorandum would allow Two Rivers to have authority to make health related decisions for the City. The county has already accepted and signed this memorandum. The council was unsure why we would also need to adopt this memorandum since we follow the counties recommendations. The MOU would automatically renew after 1 year for another year term. Motion by Tripe, second by Stahlecker to table Resolution 21-2020 Two Rivers Memorandum or Understanding until a future meeting. There being no discussion on the motion made, the following voted yes: Tripe, Stahlecker, Davis and Moulton. Voting no: None. Resolution tabled, motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss/approve Resolution 22-2020 CARES ACT-plan change form for the City retirement plan. Passing the Resolution will allow city staff to have different options on borrowing money from their retirement plans due to the current Coronavirus pandemic. Motion by Stahlecker, second by Moulton to approve Resolution 22-2020 CARES ACT-plan change form for the City retirement plan. There being no discussion on the motion made, the following voted yes: Stahlecker, Moulton, and Davis. Voting no: None. Tripe abstained. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss/approve an opening date for the RV Park. During our April 1<sup>st</sup> council meeting the council decided to wait and open the park on May 15<sup>th</sup>, one month after the normal scheduled date. Administrator Wilson recommended that we push the opening to June 1<sup>st</sup> and close October 15<sup>th</sup>. The council did not agree with moving the opening date to June 1<sup>st</sup> because of other camp grounds allowing campers. Motion by Moulton, second by Tripe to set the RV Park opening to May 15, 2020 and close it on November 1, 2020. There being no discussion on the motion made, the following voted yes: Moulton, Tripe, Davis and Stahlecker. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss/approve Harlan County Service for the Aged buying small portion of a lot from the City of Alma to put up a metal garage for their buses. The lot is north of the alley behind the Senior Center. The City would have to request a variance to sell that size of lot. The council decided they would like to know more of the plan that the Harlan County Service for Aged has before approving the sale. Motion by Davis, second by Tripe to table the Harlan County Service for the Aged buying property from the City of Alma until a later date. There being no discussion upon the motion made, the following voted yes: Davis, Tripe, Stahlecker and Tripe. Voting no: None. Discussion tabled, Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss/approve utility payment arrangements due to COVID-19. Alma has no known cases of COVID-19 at this time. Stimulus checks have been sent out and several individuals in Alma have received their checks. By the time the next utility bills are due most individuals will have received their checks. The council does not feel like it is necessary to change our payment arrangements at this time. Our normal policy is still in place. No changes are going to be made at this point.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss/approve claim to Joe Camera for work done on CDBG housing project ALMA-HR-06 in the amount of \$793.05. Motion made by Davis, second by Tripe to approve claim to Joe Camera for work done on CDBG housing project ALMA-HR-06 in the amount of \$793.05. There being no discussion upon the motion made, the following voted yes: Davis, Tripe, Stahlecker and Moulton. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss/approve claim to homeowner of CDBG housing rehabilitation project ALMA-HR-06 for materials in the amount of \$400.09. Motion by Moulton, second by Davis to approve claim

to homeowner of CDBG housing rehabilitation project ALMA-HR-06 for materials in the amount of \$400.09. There being no discussion upon the motion made, the following voted yes: Moulton, Davis, Stahlecker and Tripe. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss/approve invoice ALMA-ADMIN-20 to CDS Inspections and Beyond in the amount of \$119.31. Motion by Tripe, second by Stahlecker to approve invoice ALMA-ADMIN-20 to CDS Inspections and Beyond in the amount of \$119.31. There being no discussion upon the motion made, the following voted yes: Tripe, Stahlecker, Moulton and Davis. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss/approve CDBG funds Drawdown request # 19 in the amount of \$1,592.40. Motion by Davis, second by Moulton to approve CDBG funds Drawdown request # 19 in the amount of \$1,592.40. There being no discussion upon the motion made, the following voted yes: Davis, Moulton, Stahlecker and Tripe. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to Administrator Wilson for his administrator's report. The city has had no direct guidance as to when we can open the swimming pool, however, it doesn't look real promising because of the distancing regulations and number of people allowed in one area. The council discussed hiring lifeguards at the next council meeting and would like to open as scheduled but will not make that decision at this point. The library will remain closed at this time. The City posted several "enter at your own risk" signs around town due to COVID-19 instead of completely closing these areas.

Motion by Tripe, second by Moulton to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 p.m. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Tripe, Moulton, Davis, and Stahlecker. Voting no: None. Meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

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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.

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Jessica Miller, City Clerk

