

**MINUTE RECORD FOR CITY OF ALMA**  
**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**July 15, 2024**

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Alma, Nebraska was held at City Hall on Monday, July 15, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.

Present were Council Members: Tom Moulton, Chris Tripe, Dyann Collins, Larry Casper, and Mayor and Acting Administrator Hal Haeker. Absent: None. City Clerk Dawn McNulty, Treasurer Tashia Butterfield, City Attorney Doug Walker, and City Superintendent Russell 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 July 15, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. and the following business was transacted:

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

Mayor Haeker opened the floor to approve the minutes of the July 1, 2024, council meeting. Motion by Collins, second by Moulton, to approve the regular minutes of the July 1, 2024, council meeting. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Collins, Casper, Tripe, and Moulton. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Haeker opened the floor to discuss the claims and invoices for July 2, 2024, through July 15, for \$130,020.86 Motion made by Tripe, second by Collins, to approve the claims. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Collins, Moulton, Tripe, and Casper. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

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

Mayor Haeker opened the floor to Lori Ferguson of SCEDD discussing the CDBG Program. Ferguson stated that the Treasurer Tashia Butterfield has done a good job with reporting on the Housing Program income 2003 and 2007 Owner Occupied Rehab Projects. In 2018 the Dept of Economic Development and I came to talk to you about deobligating old funds that you had on hand. You keep collecting income from the participants of those programs. The latest reports show that you have just over \$20,600 that you have been accumulating because you want to invest it again in homes under the program. 2018 is important because this is when they looked at idle funds. DED has given cities opportunities to deobligate those funds as long as they are under \$35,000. Just by a decision, you can deobligate those funds, they stay with you and you can do what you want to do with them, or you can add them to your general fund. You can use them as a match towards a future project, you can supplement them and go after future opportunities. If you do not deobligate, they will ask for the funds back. This is a pass go card through deobligation. Then what happens as you continue to accumulate, you do an annual deobligation process. The decision tonight is do we want to free up that money or do we want to keep it the way it is and fight with the state and the feds when they come back later and want the money back. Moulton asked if we deobligate it, is it our money, but if we do not, it remains the state and federal money. Ferguson stated

that is correct. Ferguson stated that she understands that it becomes our money once it becomes deobligated. Casper asked about where we keep these funds. Butterfield stated that we have a special savings account. Ferguson stated that there are a lot of things that we can do with the money other than just putting it in the general fund. Butterfield stated that she would have to revise the report for December 30<sup>th</sup> report and resubmit it showing that we are deobligating that amount. Casper asked if there was any disadvantage to not deobligating the funds? Ferguson stated that the state would take the funds back if they are not deobligated. Motion by Collins, second by Casper, to deobligate all the funds in the Department of Economic Development CDBG Fund as presented. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Tripe, Casper, Collins, and Moulton. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Haeker opened the floor to discuss and or approve the Caring Cupboard sign and placement. This is to replace the sign on Main Street. The metal sign would be placed by the Pelican and be 2ft by 5ft costing between \$800 to \$1000 paid by the Caring Cupboard. Motion made by Collins, second by Casper, to approve the Caring Cupboard sign and placement. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Tripe, Collins, and Casper. Voting no: Moulton. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Tripe, second by Moulton. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Casper, Collins, and Moulton. Voting no: None. The meeting was adjourned at 6:02 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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Dawn McNulty, City Clerk