

MINUTE RECORD FOR CITY OF ALMA  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
September 2, 2020

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Alma, Nebraska was held at City Hall on Monday, the 2nd of September, 2020, at 5:30 p.m.

Present were Council Members: Jon Davis, Tom Moulton, Randy Stahlecker, Chris Tripe and Mayor Hal Haeker. Administrator Doug Wilson, Treasurer Lorri Bantam, Superintendent Russ Pfeil, Clerk Jessica Miller, City Attorney Doug Walker, Dale Ritter and Keri Anderson 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 September 2, 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 August 17, 2020, regular council meeting. Motion made by Stahlecker, second by Moulton to approve the August 17, 2020 minutes, as presented. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Stahlecker, Moulton, Tripe and Davis. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss the claims and invoices for period August 18, 2020 through September 2, 2020 for a total of \$91,591.06. Motion by Moulton, second by Tripe to approve the claims and invoices for period August 18, 2020 through September 2, 2020 for a total of \$91,591.06. 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 the Treasurer's report. Motion by Stahlecker, 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: Stahlecker, Davis, Moulton and Tripe. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Due to the wrong notice being published in the Harlan County Journal the budget hearing and property tax Resolution 33-2020 was moved to the September 16, 2020 council meeting.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss/approve closing down Main Street for Alma Marching Band Day in October. Dale Ritter was in attendance and proposed to close down Main Street at 12:30 October 17th for Alma Marching Band Day. The plan is to have the bands line up on Jewell St and march down Main Street towards the Alma City Park. The school buses would pick up the kids at the park. The council will be recommending that masks be worn but will not make it mandatory. Motion by Moulton, second by Tripe to approve closing down Main Street for Alma Marching Band Day in October 17<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 p.m. There being no discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Moulton, Tripe, Davis and Stahlecker. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Discussion on the replacement for the HVAC unit at the caring cupboard was tabled until September 16<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss/approve the hiring of the sanitation superintendent. Utility Superintendent Russ Rfeil, Street Superintendent Travis Dunse and City Administrator Doug Wilson interviewed 3 candidates. They recommend to the council to hire Bowde Johnson. His start date will be September 8, 2020 at \$17.00 per hour. Motion by Davis, second by Moulton to hire Bowde Johnson as the sanitation superintendent. There being no discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Davis, Moulton, Stahlecker and Tripe. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss/approve lease agreement with Pinpoint Communications of Cambridge

Nebraska. The lease agreement is for a small portion of land by the water tower for Pinpoint to construct an 11' x 20' building for their equipment for internet and communications business. Motion by Stahlecker, second by Tripe to approve the lease agreement with Pinpoint Communications of Cambridge, Nebraska. There being no discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Stahlecker, Tripe, Davis and Moulton. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss/ approve Resolution 36-2020 lease agreement between The City of Alma and Pinpoint Communications for constructing a building to house equipment for an internet and communications business. Motion by Moulton, second by Davis to approve Resolution 36-2020 lease agreement between The City of Alma and Pinpoint Communications for constructing a building for equipment for an internet and communications business. There being no 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 discuss/approve Resolution 31-2020 filing a special lien on 505 1<sup>st</sup> Street and Resolution 32-2020 filing a special lien on 503 2<sup>nd</sup> St. Both properties have more than \$2,000 in liens on their properties. The property at 505 1<sup>st</sup> will likely be sold within the next month and cleaned up quickly. An inspection warrant will be needed to proceed on the property at 503 2<sup>nd</sup> St. Motion by Davis, second by Tripe to approve Resolution 31-2020 and Resolution 32-2020 filing special liens on the properties at 505 1<sup>st</sup> St and 503 2<sup>nd</sup> St. There being no discussion on the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Davis, Tripe, Stahlecker and Moulton. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss/approve Eagle Communications cable at the Alma RV Park. Eagle Communications is upgrading to digital service which requires each TV to have a new digital box. The Alma RV Park has 36 spaces, each space would need their own box. With a little over a month left in the camping season, the council discussed if we should require each camper to place a deposit down for their individual box or if we would disconnect service and not offer it for the rest of this season. Motion by Moulton, second by Tripe to table Eagle Communications cable at the RV Park decision until we get more information on cost of each unit and if we had other options for the campers.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss/ approve a new staff member at the library. Library director Keri Anderson recommended to the Council to hire Stephanie Adams. She will work a couple days per week. Motion by Stahlecker, second by Tripe to approve hiring Stephanie Adams as a part time clerk at the Hoesch Memorial Library. There being no discussion on the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Stahlecker, Tripe, Davis and Moulton. Voting No: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to Administrator Wilson for his Administrator's report. Mr. Wilson was approached about putting a stop sign at the corner of Lincoln St and Fourth. Sheriff Becker will keep an eye on that area. Studies have shown that it is not recommended to place a stop sign for speed control. Vehicles usually stop and then drive faster to make up for lost time. Miller and Associates released an online survey for the Alma City Auditorium Feasibility Study. It is also on our website and was published in the Harlan County Journal. As stated above, Eagle Communications upgrade is causing some issues at our RV Park. We will either have to upgrade each space with a digital box or not offer cable as an option at the Alma RV Park.

Motion by Moulton, second by Stahlecker to adjourn the meeting at 6:22 p.m. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Moulton, Stahlecker, Tripe and Davis. Voting no: None. Meeting was adjourned at 6:22 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.

*Jessica Miller*  
Jessica Miller, City Clerk

