

MINUTE RECORD FOR CITY OF ALMA
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
August 3, 2020

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Alma, Nebraska was held at City Hall on Monday, the 3rd of August, 2020, at 5:30 p.m.

Present were Council Members: 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, Angela Bellware from the Harlan County Journal, and Roger Tischner 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 August 3, 2020, at 5:30 p.m. and the following business was transacted:

Roll call: Jon Davis-absent (arrived late), Tom Moulton-present, Randy Stahlecker-present, Christopher Tripe-present and Mayor Haeker-present. Motion made 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: Moulton, Tripe and Stahlecker. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2020, regular council meeting. Motion made by Tripe, second by Stahlecker to approve the July 20, 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, Stahlecker and Moulton. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss the claims and invoices for period July 21, 2020 through August 3, 2020 for a total of \$71,315.11. Alma Public Schools received \$200 for a liquor license that was purchased in town. All liquor and tobacco funds that are received at the City go directly to the School. The claim to the Kearney Hub was for the advertisement of the Sanitation Superintendent position. NPPD's Quarterly payment #18 of 28 was paid this month. Motion by Stahlecker, second by Moulton to approve the claims and invoices for period July 21, 2020 through August 3, 2020 for a total of \$71,315.11. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Stahlecker, Moulton and Tripe. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Jon Davis entered at this time.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss the Treasurer's report. Treasurer Bantam mentioned that she would be moving \$200,000 into CD's this week. Moving some money will gain a little interest. Treasurer Bantam is looking at doing two 12-month CD's. 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 public hearing to discuss ORDINANCE 2020-1 to change zoning regulations section 511-regarding easements. Attorney Doug Walker explained that adopting this ordinance to change the easement restrictions in the zoning regulations would allow residents to place fences and other improvements over utility easements. Residents would be required to sign a permanent easement document that would allow the city to access those lines if they needed to be worked on. The Ordinance states in the event that the City of Alma needs access to its utility lines and needs to remove part or all of any building, fence, or structure, that the City of Alma shall not be liable to the property owner for any damages and shall be repaired and or replaced at the expense of the property owner. Motion by Stahlecker, second by Moulton to close the public hearing at 5:49 p.m. Council Member Tripe, introduced Ordinance number 2020-1 entitled as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-1

AN ORDINANCE REVISING SECTION 511 OF ZONING REGULATIONS TO REQUIRE EASEMENTS FOR ACCESS TO CITY UTILITIES WHERE ANY FENCE IS PERMITTED, WHICH COULD INTERFERE WITH ACCESS TO CITY UTILITIES. TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT WITH THIS ORDINANCE; AND TO DECLARE AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

And moved that the statutory rule requiring reading on three different dates be suspended. Council Member Davis seconded the motion to suspend the rules and upon the motion; the following Council Members voted Yes: Tripe, Davis, Moulton and Stahlecker. The following voted No: None. The motion to suspend the rules was adopted by three-fourths of the Council and the statutory rule was declared suspended for consideration of these ordinances.

The ordinances were then read by title and thereafter Council Member Stahlecker moved for final passage of the ordinances and said motion was seconded by Council Member Moulton. The Mayor then stated the question, "Shall Ordinance 2020-1 be passed and adopted?" Upon roll call vote, the following Council members voted Yes: Stahlecker, Tripe, Moulton and Davis. The following voted No: None.

The passage and adoption of these ordinances having been concurred in by a majority of all members of the Council, the Mayor declared the ordinances adopted; and the Mayor in the presence of the City Council signed and approved the ordinances and the Clerk attested the passage and approval and affixed her signature thereto and ordered to be published as provided by law. A true and complete copy of the ordinances are attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss/approve Resolution 30-2020 permanent easement signature page. This page requires owners to sign prior to building over an easement associated with Ordinance 2020-1 changes. Motion by Davis, second by Stahlecker to approve Resolution 30-2020 permanent easement signature page. There being no discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Davis, Stahlecker, Tripe and Moulton. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Agenda item #6 the public hearing for Bow Casper on his variance request will move to the August 17, 2020 council meeting. Lack of quorum at the Board of Zoning Adjustment meeting earlier today was the result in moving the public hearing.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss/approve invoice from SCEDD in the amount of \$3,900 for administrative work done through 6/30/2020. Motion by Moulton, second by Stahlecker to approve invoice from SCEDD in the amount of \$3,900 for administrative work done through 6/30/2020. 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 discuss/approve request for CDBG funds drawdown #22. Motion by Moulton, second by Davis to approve request for CDBG funds drawdown #22. There being no discussion on the motion made, the following voted yes: Moulton, Davis, Stahlecker and Tripe. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to Administrator Wilson for his Administrator's report. The state of Nebraska has some grant money available for Public Water Systems to improve security and emergency response. The grant could be up to \$10,000. Our generator project that is in the budget for next year would be a good candidate for some grant money. Applications are to be submitted by September 30, 2020. The public input meeting was held at the Alma City Auditorium last Tuesday concerning the CCCFF planning grant. We had a decent crowd show up and participate. Miller & Associates along with Wilkins Architects did a great job of getting information out and gathering new information from the crowd. They will keep working on some plans and ideas and have another public input meeting around October 2020. Alma Municipal Swimming Pool was inspected by the State of Nebraska and passed with no violations. We have received applications for the Sanitation Superintendent and will be setting up some interviews later this week. After months of work we

finally got everything to start upgrading the mile markers on the Pheasant Ridge Trail. Hope to start installing those this week or next.

Motion by Tripe, second by Stahlecker to adjourn the meeting at 5:59 p.m. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Tripe, Stahlecker, Moulton and Davis. Voting no: None. Meeting was adjourned at 5:59 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

