

MINUTE RECORD FOR CITY OF ALMA
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
January 18, 2017

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Alma, Nebraska was held at the Office of the City Clerk in said city on Wednesday, the 18th day of January, 2017, at 5:30 p.m.

Present were Council Members Tom Moulton, Mayor Haeker, Randy Stahlecker, Mike Clements, and Jon Davis. Also present were: Administrator Doug Wilson, Attorney Doug Walker, Superintendent Russ Pfeil, Treasurer Lorri Bantam, Library Director Keri Anderson and Clerk Lori Tripe. 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 Hal 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 January 18, 2017, at 5:30 p.m. and the following business was transacted:

Roll Call: Tom Moulton-present, Mayor Haeker-present, Randy Stahlecker-present, Mike Clements-present, and Jon Davis-present. Motion made by Clements seconded by Stahlecker to determine this meeting as previously publicized, duly convened and in open session. There being no discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Clements, Stahlecker, Moulton, and Davis. Voting No: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Haeker opened the floor to approve the minutes of the January 4, 2017, Regular Council Meeting. Motion made by Moulton seconded by Davis to approve the January 4, 2017 regular council minutes as presented. There being no discussion and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Moulton, Davis, Clements and Stahlecker. Voting No: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Haeker opened the floor to discuss the claims and invoices for the period of January 5, 2017, through January 18, 2017 for a total of \$105,365.17. Treasurer Bantam noted a final payment to Carrothers Construction for \$5,071.23 which was added after the council packet had gone out. Also payments for airport fuel, terminal building engineering fees, SiteOne Landscapes for the golf department, tires for the sanitation truck and a payment for the new RV Park shop building. Motion by Stahlecker, seconded by Clements to approve the January 5, 2017, through January 18, 2017 claims as presented for a total amount of \$105,365.17. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Stahlecker, Clements, Davis, and Moulton. Voting No: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Haeker opened the floor to discuss the treasurer's report. Treasurer Bantam discussed the revenue brought in from sales tax and property tax for the pool and there should be enough to make the bond payments. Motion made by Moulton, seconded by Davis to approve 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, Davis, Clements and Stahlecker. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

The Mayor opened the floor to a request from Harlan County Health Systems (HCHS) who would like to place a donation tracking thermometer on the lawn at the Johnson Center. The hospital thought a sign downtown would be good. The sign would be approximately 3' by 6' with a couple t posts. Wilson thought it would be all right to place on the Johnson Center lawn since it was on posts, so the City should still weed whip around them. Motion made by Davis, seconded by Clements to allow HCHS to place a donation tracking thermometer sign on the Johnson Center's lawn. And Councilman Davis said the actual sign design be approved by Administrator Wilson prior to HCHS ordering. There being no discussion, the following voted yes: Davis, Clements, Moulton and Stahlecker. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Haeker opened the floor to consider and possibly approve Resolution 9-2017 – Authorize the Mayor to sign a grant agreement from Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality for a fence at the recycling center on South Street.

Motion made by Davis, seconded by Stahlecker to approve Resolution 9-2017 as follows:

WHEREAS; the City of Alma is in need of fencing around its recycling facility on the south side of South Street to control litter; and

WHEREAS; the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality has funds available to grant to municipalities for litter reduction; and

WHEREAS; the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality has notified the City of Alma that it is eligible for up
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to \$2,180.00 in grant funds and has sent a Grant Agreement to the City for its approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALMA, NEBRASKA AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the Grant Agreement between the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality and City of Alma regarding Grant Reference Number 2016-63664075 is hereby approved.
2. That the Mayor of the City of Alma is hereby authorized to sign the Grant Agreement and all other documents necessary to obtain the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality grant funds. Authorize the Mayor to sign a grant agreement from Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality for a fence at the recycling center on South Street.

There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Davis, Clements, Moulton and Stahlecker. Voting no: None. Resolution 9-2017 was approved.

The Mayor opened the floor to discuss and possibly approve an additional \$2000 donation to the Alma Development Corporation (ADC). Councilman Clements said he thought the City should donate additional funds to the ADC to help attract new businesses to the City. Treasurer Bantam said the City signed a Resolution back in 2005 that directed the City to contribute an annual amount to the ADC for the next 15 years. Bantam also said that the City budgeted \$10,000 to the ADC for 2016-17 and \$10,000 to the Community Redevelopment Authority. The City is in the process of having a ghost plat done for a housing development and had directed it to come out of the ADC funds but the Council would like to see the ghost plat out of the budgeted funds for the CRA. The Council said if the Alma Commission Company would need to get with the ADC if they would like to request any support for their new business operation. Motion made by Clements, seconded by Davis to have \$2,000 of the CRA funds transferred to the ADC. There being no further discussion upon the motion made, the following voted yes: Clements, Davis, Moulton and Stahlecker. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

The Mayor opened the floor for administrator comments.

Wilson he did some more checking on the flashing speed limit signs and depending on what the Council would want, they range from \$1500 to \$10,000, plus installation. A low end sign with blinking lights around it and high end is like HNDOR uses and is portable, so could be used on north 183, south 183, east 136 or anywhere around town. The council would need to decide what they would like and then submit to Nebraska Department of Roads for their approval before the City would order. A sign that flashes blue and red when the speed limit is exceeded is also available for about \$7200 and would work really well. The signs can either be solar, battery or 110 volt powered. The sign was not budgeted for this year. The State is working with the City in using their portable speed buggy so Wilson recommends to wait until funds are budgeted before deciding. Clements would like to see the City request a turning lane north of the tracks. Wilson said he would like to wait until spring/summer time frame when traffic is heavier and request a traffic count from the State.

Eagle Communication is meeting tomorrow to discuss and see what can be done about waiving the franchise fee they pay the City in exchange for Eagle providing internet to the City facilities which would include the Country Club.

Jessica Howsden, last year's pool manager, is requesting the City donate a Family Swimming Pool Pass for an auction for a past lifeguard's grandparents who lost everything in a house fire around Christmas. The council agreed to the donation.

Wilson said the baseball field dugout roof received damage from the wind storm. The City has a \$1000 deductible. He is waiting to hear back from the adjuster.

Wilson also said the City office server is having issues. Approximately 6 months ago, the office employees started having some issues. Computer people said the server was reaching maximum capacity. However they recommended adding memory to the server, thinking it might help but wouldn't fix the problem. The cost was a few hundred dollars.

The office is having major issues again. A new server costs around \$10,000, including labor for installation, software and licensing. He visited with a couple of suppliers and found that Nex-Tech, who provided the original server and have done the City's IT work for many years is offering a lease agreement for the server that includes associated upgrades, software, licensing, labor and support for \$319 per month. He believes the best option without a large capital outlay would be to lease.

Wilson informed the Council that the basement flooded. He has hired Steamaway to remove the water and dry out the basement. He will have the basement checked for mold because this is not the first time the basement has flooded. The outside stairwell wall has partially collapsed. He has scheduled a bricklayer to come check on repairing it. He is not aware of the costs at this time nor whether insurance will cover it. He checked the basement before the meeting and it


looks like there might be water coming from a neighboring building's water line. Time will tell.

Mayor Haeker opened the floor for open comments.

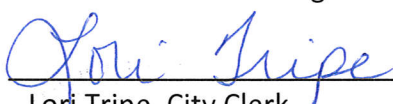
Keri Anderson reported that she completed a grant application for a heating and air conditioning unit by the January 6th deadline and sure here by the end of March if it is approved.

Future agenda items are a Resolution in support of the Alma Commission Company's new sale barn and the library's annual report.

Motion made by Moulton, seconded by Clements to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 PM. There being no further discussion upon the motion made, the following voted yes: Moulton, Clements, Stahlecker, and Davis. Voting no: None. Meeting was adjourned at 6:10 pm.


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.


Lori Tripe, City Clerk

