MINUTE RECORD FOR CITY OF ALMA   
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

October 21, 2020

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Alma, Nebraska was held at City Hall on Monday, the 21st of October, 2020, at 5:30 p.m.

Present were Council Members: Jon Davis, Chris Tripe and Mayor Hal Haeker. Randy Stahlecker and City Attorney Doug Walker were absent. Administrator Doug Wilson, Treasurer Lorri Bantam, Superintendent Russ Pfeil 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 October 21, 2020, at 5:30 p.m. and the following business was transacted:

Roll call: Jon Davis-present, Tom Moulton-present, Randy Stahlecker-absent, 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 Davis. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to approve the minutes of the October 7, 2020, regular council meeting. Motion made by Davis, second by Moulton to approve the October 7, 2020 minutes, as presented. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Davis, Moulton and Tripe. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss the claims and invoices for period October 8, 2020 through October 21, 2020 for a total of $97,011.16. Motion by Davis, second by Tripe to approve the claims and invoices for period October 8, 2020 through October 21, 2020 for a total of $97,011.16. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Davis, Tripe and Moulton. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss the Treasurer’s report. Treasurer Lorri Bantam discussed with the council that she would need to loan the Golf Course an additional $10,000 to cover expenses and payroll for next week. Bantam applied for a grant through the state to try and help with COVID loss at the clubhouse bar. It is likely that we will not qualify because of being a City Municipality. All of the money that is loaned to the Golf course will be paid back throughout the year as funds are available. Ideas to increase revenue were discussed, one option being in the future tournaments held at the course would pay either a percentage of funds collected or a flat fee for use of the course. Treasurer Bantam will also be looking into moving $100,000 out of the general fund into a CD for the Street Department, $50,000 to a CD for the Gas Department and $50,000 for the Water Department. We are on track to have our cash reserves at the amount recommended by the Auditors. 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 and Davis. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss/approve city utilities at the Brugh Storage Building Site. The parties involved in this discussion were not in attendance. Motion by Davis, second by Moulton to table the discussion on city utilities at the Brugh Storage Building Site. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Davis, Moulton and Tripe. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss/approve Resolution 6-2021 Municipal Annual Certification of program compliance to Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and standards. Motion by Davis, second by Moulton to approve Resolution 6-2021 Municipal Annual Certification of program compliance to Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards. There being no discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Davis, Moulton and Tripe. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss/approve waiving mowing assessment placed on 206 East St in the amount of $268.80. The original lien was placed on the property on October 18, 2018. The special assessment lien was released July 3, 2019 but was not recorded correctly at the Court House. There is no longer a lien on 206 East St so no action was taken.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss/approve, with the Housing Rehabilitation Board’s recommendation for application #ALMA-HR-12. After requesting an extension in May 2020, the council opened up the program for new applications. Alma-HR-12 is one of those applications. The Housing Board was very excited to approve this application stating that it appears most items will not take long to complete. Motion by Moulton, second by Davis to approve, with the Housing Rehabilitation Board’s recommendation, application #ALMA-HR-12. There being no discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Moulton, Davis and Tripe. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss/approve additional language to service disconnect notices. LB632 requires Municipalities to add to the existing language that a physician’s assistance or advanced practice registered nurse’s certificate would also be accepted rather than just a physician’s certificate. Language was also added giving the Utility Committee the option of a payment plan with the customer. Motion by Moulton, second by Tripe to approve additional language to service disconnect notices. There being no discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Moulton, Tripe and Davis. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss/approve a special designated liquor license for Fisherman’s Corner to host a tailgate party on November 14, 2020 from 10AM to 12AM. Motion by Davis, second by Moulton to approve a special designated liquor license for Fisherman’s Corner to host a tailgate party on November 14, 2020 from 10AM to 12AM. There being no discussion on the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Davis, Moulton and Tripe. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss/approve community building rentals for employees and council members. This has become a problem on holiday’s for people who want to rent and pay on those days. There were three options presented to the council. Motion by Davis, second by Moulton to approve free rentals all year to employees and council members except on major holidays. There being no discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Davis, Moulton and Tripe. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss/approve CDS Inspections & Beyond invoice #ALMA-ADMIN-28 in the amount of $20.14 for housing administration services on projects HR-06. Motion by Davis, second by Tripe to approve for CDS Inspections & Beyond invoice #ALMA-ADMIN-28 in the amount of $20.14 for housing administration services on projects HR-06. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Davis, Tripe and Moulton. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss/ approve claims for project #ALMA-HR-06 to homeowner in the amount of $201.11. Motion by Moulton, second by Tripe to approve claims for project #ALMA-HR-06 to homeowner in the amount of $201.11. There being no discussion on the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Moulton, Tripe and Davis. Voting No: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to Administrator Wilson for his Administrator’s report. Mr. Wilson is working on putting together a spreadsheet for a cost comparison for a new sanitation truck in in the next year or two. Hoping to get that done to present to the council this year. We have been busy getting all of the details worked out for the RV Park Lottery drawing that will be held on October 29th. As most people and residents have noticed, Eagle/Vyvee has been working around town installing new fiber lines.

Motion by Moulton, second by Davis to adjourn the meeting at 6:24 p.m. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Moulton, Davis and Tripe. Voting no: None. Meeting was adjourned at 6:24 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

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