

MINUTE RECORD FOR CITY OF ALMA
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
October 5, 2016

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 5th day of October, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.

Present were Council Members Mike Clements, Tom Moulton, Jon Davis, Randy Stahlecker, and Mayor Haeker. Also present were: Administrator Doug Wilson, Attorney Doug Walker, Superintendent Russ Pfeil, Treasurer Lorri Bantam, and Clerk Lori Tripe. Notification of this meeting was given in advance by posting, a designated method for giving notice. Advance notice of the meeting was given to the Mayor and all members of the City Council. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Mayor and 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 5, 2016, at 5:30 p.m. and the following business was transacted:

Roll Call: Jon Davis-present, Tom Moulton-present, Mayor Haeker-present, Randy Stahlecker-present, and Mike Clements—present. Motion made by Clements seconded by Moulton 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, Moulton, Stahlecker and Davis. Voting No: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Haeker opened the floor to the September 21, 2016, regular meeting minutes. Motion made by Davis seconded by Moulton to approve the September 21, 2016 regular meeting minutes as presented. There being no discussion and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Davis, Moulton, Clements and Stahlecker. Voting No: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Haeker opened the floor to discuss the claims and invoices for the period of September 22, 2016 through October 5, 2016 for a total of \$179,568.44. Treasurer Bantam pointed out payments to Hackel Construction and Olsson Associates for the terminal building project, GIS Workshop for an annual renewal, an in and out to Banner Capital Bank towards the flume slide loan for \$6,380 and payment for a new JD mower. Motion by Clements, seconded by Stahlecker to approve the September 22, 2016 through October 5, 2016 claims as presented for a total amount of \$179,568.44. There being no further 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 opened the floor to discuss the treasurer's report. Treasurer Bantam informed the Council that 3 certificates of deposit were maturing and her plan is to keep them at the current bank. She also pointed out that the water department exceeded their forecasted sales and the gas department fell short. 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.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss Alma Livestock Commission's request for monetary support. Attorney Walker had had contacted Custer County Economic Development (CCED) and inquired about how the sale barn in Broken Bow had received funding. The CCED is a 501c3 so they can accept donations and the donor receives a tax deduction. A Gothenburg sale barn owner had actually lost his sale barn in Gothenburg to a fire and received help in purchasing the sale barn in Broken Bow by the CCED. It was not the City who donated the money. The steering committee asked if the City could still donate some way because Alma is going to benefit the most by having the sale barn stay open. They said that they have received donations anywhere from \$2,000 to \$15,000. For every \$1,000, the donor receives one voting share. They believe they can only receive donations through the end of the year. A couple members of the Council would like to see what the City can legally do to help financially. The City may be able to direct some funds that the City gives the Alma Development Corporation. Walker is going to check with the Commission's attorney to verify the donation period and will also check to see if the City can legally donate or if the City could strongly recommend to the Alma Development Corporation to direct funds to the sale barn.

Mayor opened the floor to consider and possibly approve outsourcing the printing and mailing of the City of Alma's quarterly newsletter. Clerk Tripe discussed with the Council the costs associated with the distribution of the newsletter. She has run a cost comparison of the City printing, tabbing, folding, and mailing of the newsletter vs. having it outsourced

by Copycat out of Kearney. Cost wise it would be pretty close to a wash plus would free up more time for her to work on other projects. The Council recommended Clerk Tripe to check with the Main Street Media and Joe Camera to see if they could/would be interested in submitting a bid to print and mail the newsletter. The Council does agree to move forward with outsourcing the printing and mailing of the newsletter but to check locally first. Clerk Tripe said she would get bids locally. Motion made by Stahlecker, seconded by Clements to outsource the printing and mailing of the City of Alma's quarterly newsletter. There being no further discussion and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Stahlecker, Clements, Moulton and Davis. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to consider and possibly approve Resolution 1-2017 to place a utility lien against Justin Snyder's property at 211 Kennedy. Wilson stated the property had tall weeds in the yard and big weeds in the alley. He posted a nuisance abatement notice on the property and mailed a notice. The mail was returned with no forwarding address and the weeds were not mowed. He had the property mowed on August 10th by a local mowing service and mailed the invoice to the property owner and again the mail was returned undeliverable. He is now asking to have the mowing lien filed against the owner's property. Attorney Walker noticed the agenda item said for a "utility" lien. He would like to repost the agenda item for the next meeting and have say "mowing" lien. Motion by Moulton, seconded by Clements to table Resolution 1-2017 to file a lien on Justin Snyder's real estate property for a past due mowing bill. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Moulton, Clements, Davis and Stahlecker. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

The Mayor opened the floor for administrator comments. Wilson reviewed sanitation department numbers with the Council. The sanitation department has required transfers in in order to pay their expenses. A rate increase in trash rates had been discussed. Wilson believes that once the five year loan for the truck, building and toters is paid, the sanitation department will start making money.

Wilson and Russ Pfeil have been discussing what to do after the five year period, should they keep the truck and purchase another or shall they trade the existing truck in? Wilson said he has checked into other cities trash rates and Alma is right in the ball park. Councilman Davis said he would like to see the comparison and a cost analysis.

Wilson has also been working on updating the employee handbook to include the new comp time ruling that is effective December 1, 2016.

The Mayor opened the floor for open comments.

Councilman Moulton said a couple who camp at the City's RV Park stopped by to discuss the drawing for camping spots for next year. They are pretty upset with the change. The couple said they had talked with the other campgrounds and they are not doing a drawing and their campgrounds are leased from the Corp. They were wondering why the City had to change. Administrator Wilson said James Bowen with the Corp said the other campgrounds will be changing to the lottery drawing as well or they will lose their lease. The drawing method allows everybody an equal chance.

Moulton also mentioned that Gary Dieter is retired and limited on how much income he can earn, so what happens when the park needs mowed? Who will do that job? Wilson said everyone else will have to fill in including himself and he has no problem operating a mower.

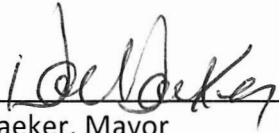
Councilman Davis said he believes that the increased admissions should go towards the flume slide loan payment. He also stated he talked with Bill Hogeland regarding the banner program and Bill hopes to have 100 banners sold by spring.

Jeremy VanBoening inquired about the speed limit just north of town. He has watched many close calls as people are slowing down to turn into Dollar General. Wilson said it is the State that sets the speed limits on their highways, all the City can do is keep asking. He has talked with them and a study is supposed to be done.

The City will continue working with the State to get the speed limits changed. Clerk Tripe mentioned that actually anyone can get on the Nebraska Department of Roads and make a request for a speed limit change.

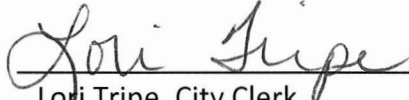
Motion made by Moulton seconded by Davis to adjourn. There being no discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Moulton, Davis, Stahlecker, and Clements. Voting No: None.

Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:17 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