

MINUTE RECORD FOR CITY OF ALMA
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
March 18, 2020

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Alma, Nebraska was held at City Hall on Wednesday, the 18th of March, 2020, at 5:30 p.m.

Present were Council Members: Jon Davis (via phone call), Randy Stahlecker, Christopher Tripe and Mayor Hal Haeker. Administrator Doug Wilson, Treasurer Lorri Bantam, Superintendent Russ Pfeil, Clerk Jessica Miller, and library director Keri Anderson were also in attendance. Notification of this meeting and the agenda were 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 March 18, 2020, at 5:30 p.m. and the following business was transacted:

Roll call: Jon Davis-present(call-in), Randy Stahlecker-present, Christopher Tripe-present and Mayor Haeker-present. Motion made by Stahlecker, 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: Stahlecker, Tripe and Davis. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2020, regular council meeting. Motion made by Tripe, second by Stahlecker to approve the March 4, 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: Stahlecker, Tripe, Davis and Mayor Haeker. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss the claims and invoices for period March 5, 2020 through March 18, 2020 for a total of \$159,158.93. Motion by Stahlecker, second by Tripe to approve the claims and invoices for period March 5, 2020 through March 18, 2020 for a total of \$159,158.93. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Stahlecker, Tripe and Davis. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss the treasurer's report. Motion by Stahlecker, 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: Stahlecker, Tripe and Davis. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss/approve the annual library report with Keri Anderson. Director Anderson said that attendance, items circulated and E-Audio books were all up compared to last year. Hoesch Memorial Library is funded through the City of Alma. They also receive grants, scholarships, and some county funding. Motion by Tripe, second by Davis to accept the annual library report. There being no discussion upon the motion made, the following voted yes: Tripe, Davis and Stahlecker. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss/approve Resolution 17-2020 for a 5-year extension on franchise agreement with Eagle Broadband Investments. Motion by Tripe, second by Stahlecker to approve Resolution 17-2020 for a 5-year extension on franchise agreement with Eagle Broadband Investments. There being no discussion on the motion made, the following voted yes: Tripe, Stahlecker and Davis. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss/approve Kate Hopkins to fill vacancy on the Hiking/Biking trail committee. Motion by Tripe, second by Stahlecker to accept Kate Hopkins filling the vacancy on the Hiking/Biking Trail committee. There being no discussion on the motion made, the following voted yes: Tripe, Stahlecker and Davis. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss/approve, with the golf recommendation, hiring Grant McQuay as a summer groundskeeper at the golf course. Motion by Tripe, second by Stahlecker to accept with the golf recommendation, to hire Grant McQuay as a summer groundskeeper at the golf course. There being no discussion on the motion made, the following voted yes: Tripe, Stahlecker and Davis. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss/approve hiring of the seasonal groundskeepers for the City of Alma. We had 5 applications submitted and decided to hire Roger King and Gary Dieter at \$12.50 per hour. We also are hiring Vern Blickenstaff as a fill in at \$12.50 per hour. Motion by Stahlecker, second by Tripe to approve hiring Roger King and Gary Dieter as seasonal groundskeepers for the City of Alma with Vern Blickenstaff as a fill in all with an hourly rate of \$12.50 per hour. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Stahlecker, Tripe and Davis. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss/approve claim from CDS Inspections & Beyond for housing administration services in the amount of \$139.42 on ALMA-HR-07. Motion by Davis, second by Tripe to approve claim from CDS Inspections & Beyond for housing administration services in the amount of \$139.42 on ALMA-HR-07. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Davis, Tripe and Stahlecker. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss/approve claim from homeowner ALMA-HR-07 for housing rehab materials in the amount of \$1,394.25. Motion by Tripe, second by Stahlecker to approve claim from homeowner ALMA-HR-07 for housing rehab materials in the amount of \$1,394.25. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Tripe, Stahlecker and Davis. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss/approve invoice from SCEDD for general administration services provided from November 1, 2019 through February 29, 2020 in the amount \$1,450.00. Motion by Tripe, second by Stahlecker to approve invoice from SCEDD for general administration services provided from November 1, 2019 through February 29, 2020 in the amount \$1,450.00. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Tripe, Stahlecker and Davis. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss/approve CDBG Drawdown #18 in the amount \$1,450.00. Motion by Stahlecker, second by Tripe to approve CDBG Drawdown #18 in the amount \$1,450.00. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Stahlecker, Tripe and Davis. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to Administrator Wilson for his administrator's report. Mr. Wilson informed the council that the new fuel terminal was installed at the airport last week as part of the beginning stages of the airport upgrades. The City of Alma would like to thank Huntley Garage for helping get our trash truck up and running very quickly last week. Administrator Wilson continues to monitor coronavirus reports in the State and put pertinent information on the website.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss COVID-19 and how we are going to prepare as a City municipality. We are making several changes immediately to help with social distancing. It was decided that all City buildings would close immediately to the public until further notice. All full-time staff will still report to work and their health will be monitored closely. All staff will wash hands regularly especially after handling outside correspondence. The public is advised to use the drop box and to pay utility bills on-line with the City of Alma website. The community buildings, city shop, golf course and library will also be closed to the public until further notice. The council decided that we would be cancelling the City-wide clean-up this year. At this time the RV Park will open as scheduled April 15. A press release will be done this week to inform the public of the new recommendations that the council discussed.

Motion by Tripe, second by Davis, to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Tripe, Davis, and Stahlecker. Voting no: None. Meeting was adjourned at 6:30 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