

MINUTE RECORD FOR CITY OF ALMA
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
May 4, 2020

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Alma, Nebraska was held at City Hall on Wednesday, the 4th of May, 2020, at 5:30 p.m.

PURSUANT TO THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 20-03. THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD BY VIDEO/TELEPHONE CONFERENCE. Present were Council Members: Jon Davis, Tom Moulton, Randy Stahlecker, Christopher Tripe and Mayor Hal Haeker. Administrator Doug Wilson (via Zoom), Treasurer Lorri Bantam (via zoom), Superintendent Russ Pfeil (Via Zoom), 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 briefly explained how the Zoom meeting would work and 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 May 4, 2020, at 5:30 p.m. and the following business was transacted:

Roll call: Jon Davis-present, 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, Stahlecker and Davis. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2020, regular council meeting. Motion made by Davis, second by Moulton to approve the April 15, 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: Davis, Moulton, Tripe and Stahlecker. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss the claims and invoices for period April 16, 2020 through May 4, 2020 for a total of \$121,642.40. Motion by Stahlecker, second by Moulton to approve the claims and invoices for period April 16, 2020 through May 4, 2020 for a total of \$121,642.40. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Stahlecker, Moulton, Davis and Tripe. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss the treasurer's report. 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 floor to discuss/approve Resolution 21-2020-Two Rivers Memorandum of Understanding. Tana Fye from Two Rivers joined the council via Zoom to discuss and answer questions about the MOU with Two Rivers Health Department. The Memorandum of Understanding would allow Two Rivers to work together with the City of Alma in handling the responsibilities associated with local directed health measures. The city has our own Board of Health and can take on those responsibilities solely. Councilman Davis questioned what the benefits would be if the City signed the MOU with Two Rivers. Tana expressed that one benefit of signing the MOU would be that the City Board of Health wouldn't have to devote as much time and carry the responsibilities associated with a pandemic like COVID-19. Also, if we have the MOU in place any prosecution would go thru the County Attorney instead of the City Attorney which would result in a higher charge if there was a violation to a directed health measure. Davis also asked that since Harlan County does not currently have any confirmed cases, why do we have to follow the DHM's that are in place and 1 county over does not? Fye responded that the lack of confirmed cases could be because of limited testing in our area, that doctors are diagnosing without a requiring testing and some people are self-quarantining without seeking medical assistance at all. Mayor Haeker asked who is responsible for enforcing the directed health measures if the MOU was signed? Tana Fye commented that Two Rivers would work together with our local law enforcement in a collaborative approach with warnings and prosecution if necessary. Two Rivers regular

programs are still available to the City without an MOU in place. Personal protective equipment is still available to the City through Two Rivers if needed. Without signing the Memorandum of Understanding the City of Alma's board of health would be in charge of monitoring, quarantining, and prosecuting in cases where directed health measures were not being followed. Investigation and tracking of diseases are still ongoing without the MOU between Two Rivers and The City of Alma. Councilman Davis added that he does not see an advantage of signing the Two Rivers Memorandum of Understanding at this time. City Superintendent Russ Pfeil stated that he would hate to give up our local control and does not see what it would benefit by signing the MOU. There were no motions to approve Resolution 21-2020 with Two Rivers. Motion by Moulton, second by Davis to deny Resolution 21-2020-Two Rivers Memorandum of Understanding. There being no discussion on the motion made, the following voted yes: Moulton, Davis, Tripe and Stahlecker. Voting no: None. Motion carried. Resolution 21-2020 denied.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss/approve the Harlan County Service for the Aged property purchase from the city. Bonnie Kresser and Erny Bugbee joined at this time to present their building plans. They are wanting the southeast corner (70x24) of the lot directly across the alley to the north of the Senior Center. The City of Alma currently owns that whole lot and the LRNRD has an outdoor classroom on the lot. If the city would donate that small section they would construct a 42x18 garage building to house their vans. It would be an ideal location for the Senior Center. The evergreen trees along that space would have to be removed to allow adequate room for the new building. The existing brick wall and concrete floor would also be completely removed. Weisheit Construction would be doing the build sometime in July or August. Councilman Tripe wants some sort of assurance that the building will be constructed and that the lot would not get donated and sit empty. Doug Wilson would like the Resolution to state that The City would get first dibs on the building if the Senior Center was to ever close its doors. Doug Walker is going to work on getting a Resolution for the May 18th meeting so we can move forward with the permit process.

Mayor opened the public hearing to discuss/approve variance application for Mark & Laurie Bennett at 312 Livingston at 6:34pm. The set back of a front yard is 25 feet. The addition does not meet the set back. Approving the variance would allow the homeowners to proceed with their plan on their addition. Motion by Stahlecker, second by Moulton to close the public hearing. Motion by Davis, second by Moulton to approve variance application for Mark & Laurie Bennett at 312 Livingston. There being no discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Davis, Tripe, Stahlecker and Moulton. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the public hearing to discuss/approve conditional use permit for David Schofield at 11478 Cornhusker Rd at 6:37pm. Mr. Schofield lives within the 1-mile jurisdiction of city limits therefore he must have a conditional use to build the storage units. Dave commented that there would be both small and large storage options. Motion by Davis, second by Moulton to close the public hearing at 6:38pm. Motion by Moulton, second by Tripe to approve the conditional use permit to construct storage units at 11478 Cornhusker Rd. There being no discussion on the motion made, the following voted yes: Moulton, Tripe, Stahlecker and Davis. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss/approve lifeguards for the 2020 season. The guards will be paid upon opening the pool not at the hire date. With an opening date undecided at this time the council decided to go ahead and proceed as normal starting with approving the lifeguards. Motion by Tripe, second by Stahlecker to approve the lifeguards. There being no discussion on the motion made, the following voted yes: Tripe, Stahlecker, Davis and Moulton. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss/approve library opening date/staffing and board meetings. Library director Keri Anderson would like to have a library board meeting to discuss opening dates and bring back suggestions to the May 18th city council meeting. Motion by Moulton, second by Tripe to allow the library board to have a regular scheduled meeting this week. There being no discussion on the motion made, the following voted yes: Moulton, Tripe, Stahlecker and Davis. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss/approve installing a new streetlight by the school crosswalk going to the football field. NPPD will install and provide the light and other materials. It is be installed on the northeast corner of the school lot. Motion by Moulton, second by Stahlecker to approve installing a new streetlight by

the school crosswalk going to the football field There being no discussion on the motion made, the following voted yes: Moulton, Stahlecker, Tripe and Davis. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss/approve progress estimate #5 in the amount of #3,966.80 to Olsson for work done on project #3-31-0004-008. Motion by Stahlecker, second by Tripe to approve progress estimate #5 in the amount of #3,966.80 to Olsson for work done on project #3-31-0004-008. There being no discussion upon the motion made, the following voted yes: Stahlecker, Tripe, Moulton and Davis. Voting no: None. Discussion tabled, Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss/approve CDS inspections and beyond invoice for \$113.23. Motion by Tripe, second by Moulton to approve CDS inspections and beyond invoice for \$113.23. There being no discussion on the motion made, the following voted yes: Tripe, Moulton, Stahlecker and Davis. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss/approve claim to homeowner of CDBG Housing Rehabilitation project ALMA-HR-07 for materials in the amount of \$727.28. Motion by Stahlecker, second by Moulton to approve claim to homeowner of CDBG Housing Rehabilitation project ALMA-HR-07 for materials in the amount of \$727.28 There being no discussion upon the motion made, the following voted yes: Stahlecker, Moulton, Davis and Tripe. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss/approve claim to Joe Camera for CDBG housing rehabilitation project ALMA-HR-06 in the amount of \$405.00. Motion by Davis, second by Moulton to approve claim to Joe Camera for CDBG housing rehabilitation project ALMA-HR-06 in the amount of \$405.00. There being no discussion upon the motion made, the following voted yes: Davis, Moulton, Stahlecker and Tripe. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to Administrator Wilson for his administrator's report. Doug advised that we will need to discuss the opening of our community buildings for the month June at the next meeting. Some ball programs will be allowed with social distancing being followed. Mr. Wilson contacted the Chamber about the 4th of July celebrations in Alma. We are waiting to hear more on if we will be able to have our regular celebration. Corp of Engineers are not opening their campgrounds until the beginning of June. The City RV Park will open on May 15th. Figgins Construction was in town doing some armor coating to a couple roads. Administrator Wilson mentioned that last year we had a wet season so water usage was lower then compared to this year so far. The government program for the Airport Taxi-way might be 100% funded instead of 90% government 10% city. In addition, the city applied for a \$20,000 grant for day to day expenses and operations.

Motion by Tripe, second by Stahlecker to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 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 7:13 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

