

MINUTE RECORD FOR CITY OF ALMA  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
June 1, 2020

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Alma, Nebraska was held at City Hall on Monday, the 1st of June, 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), Clerk Jessica Miller, Dave Schofield, Pool manager Jessi Howsden, Pool assistant managers Hunter Dahlgren, Rhonda Hogeland and Tyrell Howsden 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 June 1, 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 Stahlecker 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, Stahlecker, Tripe and Davis. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2020, regular council meeting. Motion made by Tripe, second by Moulton to approve the May 18, 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: Tripe, Moulton, Stahlecker and Davis. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss the claims and invoices for period May 19, 2020 through June 1, 2020 for a total of \$177,841.26. Motion by Moulton, second by Stahlecker to approve the claims and invoices for period May 19, 2020 through June 1, 2020 for a total of \$177,841.26. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Moulton, 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, Moulton and Davis. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss/approve zoning permit fees for buildings. Dave Schofield was in attendance to discuss with the council. Dave does not reside within city limits but lives within the 1-mile jurisdiction of the city limits. He is in the process of putting up commercial storage units and feels that the permit fees were excessive for a structure that is empty with no city services. Councilman Tripe would like to look into putting a cap on the permit fees depending on what other towns do. Dave would like to see the permit fees with a set limit instead of price per square foot. Administrator Wilson is going to look into what surrounding towns do and put together some more information for the council to review at a later meeting. Our current rates are \$.08 per square foot up to 10,000 sq ft then \$.06 per square foot after 10,000. The council will revisit this topic after compiling more information.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss/approve the plat map for the area in the new subdivision, a tract of land located in the N ½ of the NE ¼ section 32, T2N, R18W of the 6<sup>th</sup> PM in Harlan County. The 3<sup>rd</sup> revised copy of the plat map has a 10-foot easement added onto the east side of the storage section. Motion by Davis, second by Stahlecker to approve the plat map for the area in the new subdivision, a tract of land located in the N ½ of the NE ¼ section 32, T2N, R18W of the 6<sup>th</sup> PM in Harlan County. There being no discussion on the motion made, the following voted yes: Davis, Stahlecker, Tripe and Moulton. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss/approve barricading James street from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> for graduation parties from 3-6 on June 6, 2020. Motion by Moulton, second by Davis to approve barricading James street from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> for graduation parties from 3-6 on June 6, 2020. There being no discussion on the motion made, the following voted yes: Moulton, Davis, Tripe and Stahlecker. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss/approve the participation agreement regarding the use of municipality property for youth baseball and softball. Councilman Davis stated he did not think it was necessary to require another document to be signed along with the South Central Baseball Program waiver for COVID-19. Motion by Moulton, second by Tripe to approve participation agreement regarding the use of municipality property for youth baseball and softball. There being no discussion on the motion made, the following voted yes: Stahlecker, Moulton, and Tripe. Voting no: Davis. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss/approve license and management agreement for the use of municipal property for youth baseball and softball programs. Doug Walker encouraged the council to sign the license agreement for extra coverage on the City. The council members did not feel that it was necessary. Motion by Davis, second by Tripe to drop the license and management agreement for the use of municipal property for youth baseball and softball programs and not use it. There being no discussion on the motion made, the following voted yes: Davis, Tripe, Stahlecker and Moulton. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss/approve Resolution 26-2020 regarding the use of municipality facilities. Resolution 26-2020 would cover all recreation facilities and community buildings. Motion by Stahlecker, second by Tripe to approve Resolution 26-2020 regarding the use of municipality facilities. There being no discussion upon the motion made, the following voted yes: Stahlecker, Tripe, Moulton and Davis. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss/approve opening the swimming pool. When discussing an opening date, Mr. Wilson stated that the backflow was broken and would be worked on in the next couple of days. Once fixed the pool staff would need at least 1 additional day to finish filling the pool and do the rest of the cleaning to be able to open. Pool manager Jessi Howsden stated that due to the uncertainties of the pool opening that we lost several staff members to other jobs. Manager Howsden presented her plan to the council. Motion by Moulton, second by Tripe to approve the following regarding the swimming pool. It would open as soon as the backflow was fixed to the first 50 people. Only opening to Harlan County residents, anyone with a 68920 Zip code, those who purchased a pass in 2019 or anyone who paid for a Banner to be placed at the pool for the 2020 season. No daily passes would be available. For the 2020 season all passes will be lowered to \$40.00. Everyone is required to sign the city COVID-19 waiver form. Concessions will not be sold until the new state directed health measures are released. After receiving the new guidelines from the state specific to concessions, the pool will be able to follow those and be allowed to sell snacks without further council approval. No slide, boards or toys will be allowed at this time. There will be 2 shifts and cleaning done in between. First shift will be from 1-2:50, second shift 3-4:50. Adult swim will be from 5-6 and night swim from 6-8. All kids will be required to exit the pool after each shift. 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 hiring Carlee Stuhmer for a lifeguard position during the 2020 season. Motion by Tripe, second by Stahlecker to approve hiring Carlee Stuhmer and allow her to start as soon as she is trained. There being no discussion on the motion made, the following voted yes: Tripe, Stahlecker, Moulton and Davis. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss/approve opening the community buildings for the month of June. The city's COVID-19 signed waivers will be required and directed health measures will be given to anyone wanting to rent the community buildings. Whoever rents the buildings is in charge of following the state directed health measures. Motion by Stahlecker, second by Moulton to approve opening the community buildings as of June 2, 2020. There being no discussion upon the motion made, the following voted yes: Stahlecker, Moulton, Tripe and Davis. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss/approve research funds with the possibility of finding and working with a provider for broadband and voice(telephonic) improvements and expansion in Alma. Motion by Stahlecker, second by Davis to approve Doug researching funds with the possibility of finding and working with a provider

for broadband and voice(telephonic) improvements and expansion in Alma. There being no discussion upon the motion made, the following voted yes: Stahlecker, Davis, Moulton and Tripe. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss DED 6-month extension to November 8, 2020 for the Community Development Block Grant Housing Rehabilitation Program. Clerk Miller discussed with the council that we requested a 12-month extension but are being granted 6-months to allow the homeowners that are currently in the program to finish their projects. The city is going to open up the application process with the following guidelines, that complete applications are reviewed by CDS, income eligibility determined, house inspected, and applicant completing any paperwork that demonstrates their acceptance of the program funds. If all of that is done the DED would possibly grant an additional 6-month extension to complete those rehabilitation projects which would end May 8, 2021.

Mayor opened the floor to Administrator Wilson for his administrator's report. There are a couple reoccurring properties in town that we have had to start mowing. He will be getting liens ready for those properties to put on the next meeting. He had a complaint of a downtown business that is smelling horribly of cat urine. Mr. Wilson sent a letter to the owner making them aware of the problem. He is also working with the baseball association to get the required paperwork for them to continue with summer sports while dealing with COVID-19.

Motion by Moulton, second by Tripe to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 p.m. 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. Meeting was adjourned at 7:07 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

