

MINUTE RECORD FOR CITY OF ALMA
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
July 20, 2020

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Alma, Nebraska was held at City Hall on Monday, the 20th of July, 2020, at 5:30 p.m.

Present were Council Members: Jon Davis, Tom Moulton, Randy Stahlecker, Chris Tripe and Mayor Hal Haeker. Administrator Doug Wilson, Treasurer Lorri Bantam, Superintendent Russ Pfeil, Clerk Jessica Miller, City Attorney Doug Walker 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 July 20, 2020, at 5:30 p.m. and the following business was transacted:

Roll call: Jon Davis-absent (arrived late), 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 and Tripe. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to approve the minutes of the July 6, 2020, regular council meeting. Motion made by Stahlecker, second by Moulton to approve the July 6, 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, Moulton and Tripe. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss the claims and invoices for period July 7, 2020 through July 20, 2020 for a total of \$114,178.06. There was a large repair at the golf course, the city wells also need repaired and a cost share payment for the sidewalk program. Motion by Stahlecker, second by Tripe to approve the claims and invoices for period July 7, 2020 through July 20, 2020 for a total of \$114,178.06. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Stahlecker, Tripe and Moulton. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Jon Davis entered at this time.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss the Treasurer's report. The supplies that qualified be turned in for COVID-19 expense reimbursement were filed with the State. We should get a reimbursement for those expenses. The budget workshop is scheduled for Wednesday, July 22nd at 1:00 pm. Treasurer Bantam asked the council members to please attend as the Auditor would be here to discuss the Budget for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. 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 wages and benefits for 2020-2021 fiscal year. The total budget will only go up \$670.48 for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. The new clerk's wages are lower than before and we eliminated the compost site attendant which both saves money on the budget for next year. Full time employees are anticipated to receive a 3% raise for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. Motion by Stahlecker, second by Moulton to accept the wages and benefits for 2020-2021 fiscal year. There being no 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/approve request for 1% increase in restricted funds for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. Approving the request gives the City the authority to increase expenditures of restricted funds by 1% over last year's amount. Motion by Davis, second by Tripe to approve request for 1% increase in restricted funds for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. 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 for an application of variance for Casey Sikes at 5:43pm. The Board of Zoning Adjustment reviewed the regulations and recommended that the maximum square foot he could have on his lot was 1800. The Zoning Adjustment Board approved Sikes to line up his building with his house, allow him to build his garage/shop up to 1800 square foot, and not be allowed to have commercial storage out of this building as it is in the Residential Zoning district. Motion by Moulton, second by Stahlecker to close the public hearing at 5:49 p.m. Motion by Moulton, second by Stahlecker to approve the application for variance with the recommendations of the Board of Zoning Adjustments. There being no discussion on the motion made, the following voted yes: Moulton, Stahlecker, Davis, and Tripe.

Mayor opened the public hearing for an application of variance for Bill Hogeland at 5:49 p.m. The Board of Zoning Adjustment discussed this application and recommends council approval. Both Bill Hogeland and his neighbor Sally Hays attended the Zoning Adjustment meeting earlier on the 20th. Sally Hays gave her blessing stating that she was perfectly ok with Mr. Hogeland building his deck close to the property line. Motion by Moulton, second by Davis to close the public hearing at 5:53 p.m. Councilman Tripe stated that he was ok with this permit application because it faces the neighbors' garage and not their living quarters. Hogeland's deck will be 2 feet from the fence that separates the two lots. Motion by Moulton, second by Tripe to approve the application of variance to Bill Hogeland. 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 Administrator Wilson for his Administrator's report. The Sanitation Superintendent job was posted in the Harlan County Journal and the Kearney Hub. We have received 5 applications so far. Administrator Wilson has been working on the website doing updates and cleaning it up. It appears that we have a pretty good following of people that have signed up for our City Alerts. The Goodwill Trailer was delivered last week and is full! It appears that the citizens utilize the trailer every quarter when it arrives. Items were placed on the ground this last week but were moved inside before shutting the door. The City Auditorium public input meeting is scheduled for July 28th, 2020 at 6 p.m. at the Alma City Auditorium. Refreshments will be served. No decisions will be made at this meeting. We are seeking input from the community on the plans that Miller & Associates along with Wilkins Architecture have put together for renovations to our wonderful old building. The City of Alma's used oil collection will be by appointed only by calling the city on call phone 920-1047. Last week pool manager Jessi Howsden called and said due to the lack of guards and with school starting they would have to close the week of August 10th. Council instructed Administrator Wilson to speak with Jessi and try to keep the pool open until Labor Day.

Motion by Moulton, second by Tripe to adjourn the meeting at 6:01 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 6:01 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

