

April 14, 2016

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

6:00 P.M.

Mayor Jim Wilkie called the regular monthly meeting of the Common Council of the City of Alma to order.

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Clerk Linda Torgerson took roll call with the following members present: Mayor Jim Wilkie, Corey Hanson, Gary Ruff, Larry Farl, Mary Johnson and David Earney. Absent: Monica Moham and Matt Olson.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Farl to approve the Public Hearing minutes of March 10, 2016 for the revised Sewer Ordinance as presented. All members voting yes.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Farl to approve the Council Proceeding minutes of March 10, 2016 as presented. All members voting yes.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Farl to approve the Financial Report as presented. All members voting yes by roll call vote.

Motion by Hanson seconded by Ruff to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. All members voting yes.

Citizen comments: None present.

UTILITIES COMMITTEE

Chairman David Earney informed the Council that the committee had met on March 30, 2016 and discussed the following:

1. Blind intersections—Windsong Terrace and CTH I was discussed. Police Chief Todd Ritscher spoke with Bob Platteter, Buffalo County Highway Commissioner, regarding this matter. Chairman Earney stated that he has spoken with him as well and are discussing signage.
2. Skid steer – options.
3. Badland Road resurfacing
4. CMOM
5. Engineering agreement with Davy Engineering.

Shawn Welte of Davy Engineering addressed the Council regarding the details to the engineering agreement to do the final phase of the Facility Plan required by the DNR. Engineering costs to do the final phase is \$20,000.00.

Welte went into the many alternatives for the phosphorus limit requirements and stated to the Council he will look into a variance from the DNR that would allow more time to satisfy the requirements.

Discussion was held.

Motion by Earney seconded by Hanson to authorize the Mayor to sign the engineering agreement with Davy Engineering in the amount of \$20,000.00 to complete the final phase of the facility plan. All members voting yes by roll call vote.

Gina Tomlinson from Cochrane Cooperative Telephone Company addressed the City Council to inform them that they are in the City of Alma again and are working on providing service to the Buffalo County Highway Shop. Gina stated that if any complaints are received by the City, they are to be forwarded to her. Gina further stated that they will be advertising their service to residents and will hold an invitation meeting in May.

Motion by Hanson seconded by Farl to approve the Utilities Committee report as presented. All members voting yes.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Chairman Larry Farl informed the Council that the committee had met yesterday, April 13, 2016, Farl stated that the Harbor Lease was finalized with Dennis & Joan Benish and that the committee recommended approval of reinstating the boat launch fee at the marina landing.

Motion by Farl seconded by Ruff to approve the Park & Recreation committee's recommendation to reinstate the boat launch fee at the Alma Marina landing, effective May 1, 2016 and advertise this notice. All members voting yes.

Farl further commented that the beach program is in question due to the lack of lifeguards, however, beach manager, Bobbi Sedlmayr, is working on having lifeguards at the beach on weekends.

Motion by Johnson seconded by Farl to approve the recommendation of lifeguards only on the weekends at the beach and to install the proper signage for notification to the public. All members voting yes.

Other items discussed by the committee were:

1. Mossy Hollow – trail update;
2. Buena Vista Park work update;
3. Little League program and lighting.

Motion by Earney seconded by Hanson to approve the Parks & Recreation committee report as presented. All members voting yes.

FINANCE/TAX & LICENSE/ZONING COMMITTEE

Chairman Gary Ruff informed the Council that the committee met this morning and acted upon the following:

1. Buffalo County Annexation Petition – recommended for Council approval.

2. Building permit application submitted by Mike Lightfoot.
3. Combination Class B Beer Liquor License-Emporium, LLC-Julie Lindstrom, agent. for 215 North Main Street.
4. Re-valuation – committee agreed to continue with the scheduled re-valuation of properties.
5. Community Gardens-Mary Johnson is going to be plotting out the garden spaces, foreman Burce talked to Marcel Kulas regarding the tilling and Mary will be talking to Marcel in the near future.
6. Farm Rent bid. The committee accepted the bid from Kevin Rybarczak for \$1300 with \$700 paid in advance.
7. The committee went into closed session to discuss real estate.
8. The committee approved making the deputy clerk’s position full-time.
9. Recommend approval of an operator license to Loren Mueller.
10. Approved all vouchers, bills and receipts.

The Council reviewed the Annexation petition from Buffalo County and requested that a map accompany the petition and that the County work directly with Shawn Welte, Davy Engineering, regarding the sewer extension.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Johnson to approve the Class B Beer & Liquor License application submitted by Emporium, LLC-Julie Lindstrom for 215 North Main Street. All members voting yes.

Dan Kordiak, owner of Emporium, LLC informed the Council that a Chef has been hired and progress is going very well.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Farl to approve an operator license to Loren Mueller. All members voting yes.

Motion by Farl seconded by Hanson to approve the Finance/Tax & License/Zoning Committee report as presented. All members voting yes.

SERVICES COMMITTEE

Committee member, Gary Ruff, informed the Council that the fire truck is coming this Saturday and that members of the fire department will be leaving to South Dakota to pick it up and bring it back to Alma.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Johnson to approve the Cemetery Ordinance Amendment, Chapter 91.02 as presented. All members voting yes.

Motion by Hanson seconded by Farl to approve the Services Committee report as presented. All members voting yes.

Mayor Wilkie informed the Council that the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad has reimbursed the Alma Volunteer Fire Department for their services during the train derailment.

Corey Hanson would like to see the other City departments submit bills to the railroad for reimbursement. Mayor Wilkie informed Hanson that the City will keep billing the railroad.

LIBRARY BOARD LIAISON

Mary Johnson informed the Council that the Library is experience funding difficulties in regard to programming with the 4-H group. Mary asked that letters be written to support the funding of the 4-H programming.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Farl to approve the Library Board Liaison report as presented. All members voting yes.

Motion by Farl seconded by Ruff to CONVENE INTO **CLOSED SESSION** UNDER EXEMPTIONS SET UNDER WI. STATS. 19.85 e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. The committee will reconvene into Open Session. All members voting yes.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Ruff seconded by Farl to reconvene into Open Session. All members voting yes.

Upcoming meetings:

Re-organization Meeting -- April 19, 2016 at 5 p.m.

Finance --- Thursday, May 5, 2016 at 8:30 a.m.

Council --- Thursday May 5, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Wilkie thanked the Council from the bike trail committee for its contribution toward the feasibility study. Mayor Wilkie presented the final product to the Council and invited them to review the bike trail study.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Farl to adjourn. All members voting yes.