

April 17, 2017

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, Monica Moham, Larry Farl, Mary Johnson, Matt Olson and David Earney.

A moment of silence was held in memory of Police Chief Todd Ritscher.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Johnson to approve the March 9, 2017 Council Proceeding minutes as presented. All members voting yes.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Olson to approve the March 2017 Financial Report as corrected with the numbering for the checks for the Sewer Fund. All members voting yes by roll call vote.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Olson to approve the Treasurer's Report for March 2017 as presented. All members voting yes.

No citizens present for comments.

UTILITIES COMMITTEE

Chairman Dave Earney informed the Council that the committee met on March 24, 2017.

Earney stated that the meeting mainly concentrated on the DNR compliance review violations.

Earney further commented that the road work for 2017 was discussed along with the line painting for the parking areas and other locations throughout the City.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Farl to approve the Utilities 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. The first item was the vouchers and bills. Included in the minutes are the corrections made to the Sewer Fund checks that were miss-numbered by the software program. Linda has made the following correction:

Check # on Report	VENDOR NAME	Check Amount	Correct Check #	VENDOR NAME	Correct Check Amount
6359	Aquafix	\$241.80	6359	City of Alma General Fund	\$1,390.56
6360	City of Alma General Fund	\$1,390.56	6360	HydroCorp	\$ 125.00
6361	Collins Plumbing	\$ 607.79	6361	Collins Plumbing	\$ 607.79
6362	HydroCorp	\$ 125.00	6362	Aquafix	\$ 241.80
6363	Twin Bluff Electric	\$1,704.90	6363	Xcel Energy	\$2,542.98
6364	Xcel Energy	\$2,542.98	6364	Twin Bluff Electric	\$1,704.90

Mayor Wilkie updated the Council regarding the Countryside Coop. property. Mayor Wilkie informed the Council that there is an annual \$2,000 rent charge for this property by BNSF Railway. Part of some of the property is on the BNSF's land. Mayor Wilkie will be checking with Attorney Bruce Brovold regarding this matter and getting clarification if this annual rent charge will pass on from owner to owner. Corey Hanson suggested the Mayor speak with the railroad contacts also.

Mayor Wilkie further stated that the Engineering Contract should not be decided until more information is gathered.

Motion by Olson seconded by Johnson to table awarding the Engineering Contract for the Countryside Coop. project. All members voting yes.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Olson to approve Operator Licenses to: Marie Kauten, Scott Risch and Theresa Schuring. All members voting yes.

Ruff stated that the committee recommended approval of the Engagement Letter for Ehler's Associates (the City of Alma's Tax Increment Finance District Advisors) for all (3) services offered for the City's compliance with the new TID regulations. 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.

Motion by Moham seconded by Hanson to approve Resolution # **17-03** Resolution Adopting the Buffalo County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan for 2016-2020. All members voting yes.

LIBRARY LAISON

Mary Johnson, Liaison, informed the Council that she did not attend the meeting, however, there are prepared minutes from the Library Board Secretary.

Motion by Farl seconded by Moham to approve the Library Board minutes as presented. All members voting yes.

Mayor Comments:

Mayor Jim Wilkie stated to the Council that he had enjoyed working with the late Police Chief Todd Ritscher. Mayor Wilkie read a letter of condolence from the Training and Standards Bureau. This is the Bureau that deals with the certification and re-certification of police officers.

Mayor Wilkie commented that 24 officers were present for Todd's funeral and it was very well attended.

Mayor Wilkie further commented that advertising for the Chief of Police position should begin as soon as possible.

Corey Hanson commented that the City should look at the need for a Chief of Police and at least study the situation and be placed on a future agenda.

Mayor Wilkie will be in contact with Sheriff Schmidtknecht regarding this matter.

Upcoming meetings:

April 18, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. – Reorganization

May 3, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. – Parks & Recreation

May 4, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. –Utilities

May 5, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. – Services

May 8, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. –Finance/Tax & License/Zoning

May 8, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. –Council

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