

**April 6, 2015**

**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, Gary Ruff, Monica Moham, Larry Farl, Mary Johnson and David Earney. Absent: Robert J. Oium and Matt Olson.

Motion by Moham seconded by Farl to approve the March 5, 2015 Council Proceeding minutes as corrected. All members voting yes.

Gary Ruff informed the Council that under the Services Committee section of the minutes it is written David Earney as Chairman and it should be Gary Ruff. Clerk Torgerson made the correction.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Earney to approve the Financial Report for March 2015 as presented. All members voting yes by roll call vote.

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

Citizen's comments:

Orlyn Hoksch inquired about the progress for Badland Road. Hoksch stated he had spoken with some of the County workers in regards to Badland Road and they informed him that the Town of Nelson will be doing some prep work this year. Mayor Wilkie stated to Hoksch that he will speak to the Town of Nelson Chairman and will see how the Town of Nelson and the City of Alma can work together on this project.

**UTILITIES COMMITTEE**

Chairman David Earney informed the Council that Jim Hoffman, owner and Jason Ivers, Field Engineer, from Hoffman Construction are present to update the Council on the progress of the sand hauling from the beach spoil site.

Jim Hoffman updated the Council on the project and noted the following:

- Contract with the Corps lasts through 2016, however, the hauling is 1/3 done at this point.
- 190,000 cubic yards of sand has been hauled to-date
- Corps contract has increased by 50,000 for a total of 550,000, however, not sure if the this additional sand is going to be hauled or left on the island
- Start date is anticipated for May 1<sup>st</sup>
- Hauling will be to the Town of Belvidere location so trucks will be traveling through the City

- There will be 21 weeks of hauling in 2015
- An inspection of Beach/Harbor Road will be done prior to hauling
- The agreement with the City of Alma remains the same; no amendment needed
- Hauling will be Monday through Friday—Friday hauling will end at 4 p.m.
- Foreman will be on-site for any questions or concerns
- Water truck and mechanical broom will be used
- If sand needs to be cleaned up off of the road, will work with the City in regards to the cleanup
- Corporate safety and speed limits will be observed—speeds will be monitored, Jason Ivers, stated and if anyone is out of compliance, they will be dismissed
- Trucks will be tarped

Mayor Wilkie thanked Hoffman and Ivers for their update on the project.

Chairman Earney then introduced engineer, Lisa Fleming from Ayres Associates, to speak on the Alley Street project.

Lisa informed the Council that bid opening was held on Thursday, April 2, 2016 for the Alley Street Project and two bids were received:

A-1 Excavating from Bloomer-----\$396,142.00  
 Pember from Menomonie-----\$421,030.36

Fleming stated that all bid documents from both bidders were received and reviewed by Ayres and it is suggested that the City should go with the low bidder, A-1 Excavating.

Earney inquired what the next steps of the project will be from Fleming. Lisa stated that contracts will be prepared for signing, then a pre-construction meeting will be held with the contractor and then the project can begin.

Motion by Moham seconded by Johnson to award the Alley Street Project to A-1 Excavating from Bloomer, WI in the amount of \$396,142.00. All members voting yes by roll call vote.

Fleming informed the Council that A-1 had informed her that if they were awarded the bid, they would like to meet with the mayor and city crew along with Lisa on Thursday at the project site at 8 a.m.

Fleming stated that A-1 had spoken of possible boring some of the sewer line in instead of excavating, if possible. Fleming further commented that if anything she suggests for changes in the project are for safety concerns.

Dave Earney informed the Council that he had went to Eau Claire with city crew worker, Joe Wick, looking for trucks. Dave showed the Council a picture of a used (2002) Sterling truck for \$47,900.00. Earney stated that the truck has some rust and 185,000 miles. The truck was used for snow plowing and came from Illinois. Earney commented that the truck has a 375 hp CAT

engine and an automatic transmission which is appealing because anyone can drive the automatic with ease.

Earney informed the Council that a new truck was priced at \$151,000 (which would come with the blades and plow, etc) and financing at 2.6% for 5 years resulting in \$34,000/year.

Earney stated that he will continue to negotiate the used truck price and options.

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

### **FINANCE/TAX & LICENSE/ZONING COMMITTEE**

Monica informed the Council that the committee had met this morning and took the following actions:

- Approved vouchers, bills & receipts
- No building permits or building permit violations were noted
- Discussed Resolution 15-03 Resolution opposing the elimination of Personal Property Taxes.

Motion by Earney seconded by Johnson to adopt Resolution 15-03 – Resolution opposing the elimination of Personal Property Taxes. All members voting yes.

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

### **LIBRARY LIAISON**

Mayor Wilkie commented that it is nice to receive library minutes from the library board.

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

### **TOURISM COMMISSION**

Mayor Wilkie informed the Council that the tourism commission has paid for the development of a website for the City of Alma and it will be online May 1<sup>st</sup>. Wilkie further commented that the website is spectacular and everyone should view it once it becomes available.

Motion by Farl seconded by Moham to approve the Tourism Commission report as presented. All members voting yes.

Mayor Wilkie spoke on agenda item 9—Mossy Hollow property.

Wilkie informed the Council that a survey has not been completed for the Mossy Hollow property because the survey information from Xcel Energy has not been received.

Larry Farl stated that Xcel has done brushing of the trail area and new lines attached to the poles.

Wilkie stated that there is a 10% grade restriction for the Xcel trucks for the road that is being constructed.

Wilkie stated that research is being done on how to connect to the Danzinger property.

Wilkie informed the Council that the trail designer has been to the city farm, consisting of 200 acres, and the possibilities for a mountain bike trail through this area. Wilkie informed the Council that the City is not incurring any costs for this research.

Attorney Seifert informed the Council that the temporary construction easements and/or licenses are being developed for the Alley Street project.

Upcoming meetings:

Utilities----April 27, 2015 at 8 a.m.

Next Council will be Monday, April 27, 2015 at 8:00 a.m.

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