

April 7, 2014

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

6:00 p.m.

Mayor Robert Scow 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 Robert Scow, Robert J. Oium, Gary Ruff, Monica Moham, Larry Farl, Mary Johnson, Jim Wilkie and David Earney.

Motion by Farl seconded by Ruff to approve the March 6, 2014 Council Proceeding minutes as presented. All members voting yes.

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

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

No citizens were present.

UTILITIES COMMITTEE

Chairman Jim Wilkie informed the Council that the committee had met on March 28th and one of the items discussed was the wall behind 125 N. Main Street along Alley Street.

Chris McMahon, Ayres Associates, presented their proposal to do a study on the aforementioned wall. The cost of the study would be \$18,500.00.

McMahon stated that the following items would be covered under the contract:

- Field survey – to recommend design
- Soil borings – geotechnical information (2 borings to be done)
- Wall types and drawings
- Meet with contractors and present ideas.

Motion by Wilkie seconded by Earney to request that Ayres Associates scales back at the wall investigation to include a survey and a couple borings with a limited selection of alternatives. All members voting yes.

Discussion was held.

Wilkie informed the Council that the committee had also discussed the following:

- Annual Water Inspection report from the DNR
- Lift station #5's condition. This lift station has a lot of corrosion and engineer, Shawn Welte, feels it should be replaced
- Reservoir and well house projects

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

FINANCE/TAX & LICENSE COMMITTEE

Oium announced that the committee met this morning and approved all vouchers, bills and receipts.

Council agenda item #9 – Class B Beer & Liquor License needs to be tabled until the correct paperwork is submitted.

Motion by Oium seconded by Earney to approve Crystal Wieczorek as the agent for the Red Ram Saloon, LLC. All members voting yes.

WUTA

Robert J. Oium informed the Council that plant one at Dairyland Power is scheduled to be shut down by June. Oium stated that this will directly affect the monies the City of Alma receives in utility tax payments from the state. WUTA is lobbying this issue and he will have more to report back in a couple weeks.

Motion by Wilkie seconded by Ruff to approve the Finance/Tax & License and WUTA report as presented. All members voting yes.

SERVICES COMMITTEE

Ruff reported that the fire department is trying to get a better handle on the recording of water used when flushing hydrants.

LIBRARY LIAISON

Farl stated that everything with the library is running smoothly, however, Marcia Reiter has resigned from the Library Board.

CEMETERY PERPETUAL BEAUTIFICATION

All council received a copy of the annual report submitted by Elizabeth Feuling.

BUFFALO RIVER/BEEF SLOUGH

Attorney Jon Seifert informed the Council that he drafted a summons and complaint and is waiting to hear back.

Upcoming meetings:

Park & Rec-----April 11th at 10:00 a.m.

Re-organization-----April 15th at 5:00 p.m.

Monica Moham thanked Mayor Scow for his years of service. All council concurred.

Mayor Scow asked that the written complaint policy continue in the future.

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