

August 4, 2016

PUBLIC HEARING

5:45 p.m.

Mayor Jim Wilkie opened the Public Hearing to the public regarding Ordinance #166—Annexing Territory to the City of Alma. (Buffalo County Highway Shop land).

No public attended.

No testimony was received for or against Ordinance #166.

Mayor Wilkie closed the public hearing.

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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, Matt Olson and David Earney. Absent: Corey Hanson.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Johnson to approve the Council Proceeding minutes of July 7, 2016 as presented. All members voting yes.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Farl to approve the July 2016 Financial Report as presented. All members voting yes by roll call vote.

Motion by Moham seconded by Earney to approve the July 2016 Treasurer's Report as presented. All members voting yes.

Citizens comments. No citizens present.

UTILITIES COMMITTEE

Chairman Dave Earney went over the committee's minutes of July 20, 2016.

One of the items the committee recommended for approval of the Council was the annexation ordinance.

Jim presented an email from the Company that inspected the wall on north 2nd Street. He informed the committee that the engineering firm dropped the ball on this project and it may not get done this year.

Motion by Earney seconded by Olson to adopt Ordinance #166-Annexing Territory to the City of Alma (Buffalo County Highway Shop land). All members voting yes.

Chairman Earney went over the DNR letter of non-compliance regarding the water department inspection.

Mayor Wilkie commented on the water losses and that steps are being taken to isolate the problem. A member of the Wisconsin Rural Water Association will be here August 18th to assist the City in researching the water loss.

Mayor Wilkie informed the Council that the Utilities Committee approved a claim submitted by Vonda Wurzberger at 901 S. 2nd Street because of a water valve problem that occurred on two different occasions.

Wilkie further stated that if a complaint is filed with a member of the city crew regarding work that they have done, the city clerk should be notified.

Chairman Earney stated that the CMOM was discussed and Shawn Welte, Davy Engineering, will be preparing the final draft of the CMOM with information obtained from Cal Loewenhagen- Sewer Operator.

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

SERVICES COMMITTEE

Chairperson Mary Johnson went over the committee meeting minutes of July 27, 2016. Johnson stated that the majority of the meeting dealt with Act 156-Residency Restrictions for Sexually Violent Persons. Attorney Adam Sticht was at the meeting to answer questions relating to the sex offenders currently residing within the city limits of Alma.

Attorney Jon Seifert commented that in regards to the sex offenders placed in the City of Alma, the Department of Corrections has in place their restrictions.

Other items discussed by the committee were the following:

- Garbage concerns. Gary Hougom, Hilltopper Recycling updated the committee on the current recycling program and garbage services his company has available.
- Cemetery concerns. Lengthy discussion was held regarding the Veteran's flags at the cemetery for the graves. Mayor Wilkie stated that he has an idea regarding the flags for the cemeteries for the Veterans' graves. Wilkie suggested that the City continue to pay for the flags, with donations, and then invite members of the American Legion to place whatever flags they wish to. Wilkie stated this way both the City and the American Legion gets what they want. Monica stated that the Legion should pay for the flags.

Motion by Farl seconded by Ruff for the City of Alma to pay for the flags for Veterans in the City of Alma Cemeteries and placement and ask the Alma American Legion Pose #224 for other civic assistance as they wish to give. All members voting yes.

David Earney complimented the City Crew on the work and ongoing work they have done at the Alma Cemetery after the wind damage.

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

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Chairman Larry Farl informed the Council that the committee had not met, however, he wished to comment that all the parks look great.

Motion by Olson seconded by Johnson 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 had met this morning.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Earney to approve the following Operator License applications:

Daniel Burce
Lisa DeVogt
Anna Camacho
Megan Johnson
Noel Dubuque

All members voting yes.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Moham to approve the Change of Agent application for the Kwik Trip changing the current agent, Margie Torgerson, to Brenda Loesel, manager. All members voting yes.

Ruff informed the Council that a building permit for a new home was approved with the understanding that the State of WI permit was obtained to John Hadley, owner of lot #19 in the Alma Hills subdivision. Ruff further reported that the committee approved a building permit to Dan Kordiak for signage and the changing of a window to a door at 215 North Main Street pending approval of the Historical Preservation Commission.

Ruff informed the Council that the committee spent a lot of time discussing the Property Insurance report.

The committee, Mayor and Cal Loewenhagen went over the loss control recommendations from EMC, the City's Liability Insurance Company. Mayor Wilkie will be working with the city crew regarding the recommendations from EMC Insurance Co. to bring the City in compliance with the liability concerns at the city garage and the museum.

Ruff stated that the committee then approved all vouchers, bills and receipts as presented.

Motion by Earney seconded by Johnson to approve the Finance/Tax & License/Zoning committee report as presented. All members voting yes.

TOURISM COMMISSION

Minutes from the Commission were included in the Council packets.

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

AMBULANCE LIAISON

Minutes of the previous quarterly meeting of the Ambulance Board were presented to the Council by liaison, Gary Ruff.

Ruff stated that the new ambulance will arrive either August 22nd or September 15th. He further stated that Jim Lodermeier from the Ambulance crew is leaving and moving to Wabasha. The Ambulance Service is seeking squad members to provide coverage.

Motion by Farl seconded by Earney to approve the Ambulance Liaison report as presented. All members voting yes.

Motion by Earney seconded by Farl to go 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. All members voting yes.

CLOSED SESSION

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

Motion by Earney seconded by Johnson to approve the proposal from Ayres Associates for the WEDC grant application in the amount of \$6,300.00. All members voting yes by roll call vote.

Mayor Comments:

Mayor Jim Wilkie read a thank you letter from Dave Earney for the flowers sent by the City in memory of his brother.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Services-----Friday, August 19th at 8:00 a.m.

Parks & Recreation----Thursday, August 25th at 9:00 a.m.

Finance-----Thursday, September 8th at 8:30 a.m.

Council-----Thursday, September 8th at 6:00 p.m.

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

