

August 6, 2015

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

6:00 P.M.

Mayor Jim Wilkie called the regular monthly meeting of the Common Council 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.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Hanson to approve the Council Proceeding minutes of July 9, 2015 as presented. All members voting yes.

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

Motion by Ruff seconded by Hanson to approve the Treasurer's Report for July, 2015 as presented. All members voting yes.

Citizens Comments:

Judge Jaime Duvall, representing the Alma Lions Club, wanted to comment on Agenda Item #12—Lockport Marine, Inc.-amendment to premise description for the Class B Beer License for one-day for Music and Arts Festival. Duvall commented that this is a more family friendly way of being able to provide beer for those attending the event.

SERVICES COMMITTEE

Tom Clauder, Office of the Commissioner of Railroads Investigator, spoke to the Council regarding Railroad Safety.

Clauder spoke of examples other communities have done to provide pedestrian crossings, permitted by the OCR and BNSF costing approximately \$225,000. Clauder informed the Council that he had viewed the fence along the railroad tracks stating that the four openings in the fence concerned him.

Police Chief Todd Ritscher commented that the openings are actually safer than having pedestrians walking from the city dock crossing to the fishing area that people are traveling to.

Clauder suggested that a possible solution would be to have pedestrians cross at Cedar Street.

Attorney Seifert stated that this is a complicated situation and should be reviewed at great length to come up with the best possible solution, if any.

Mayor Wilkie thanked Clauder for his presentation.

Chairman Monica Moham informed the council that her committee had met regarding the following:

- Cemetery Perpetual Beautification. Funds have been insufficient to provide the flowers and salaries for watering of the urns. The committee decided to have the city crew take over the watering and care of the flower urns to save money.
- The committee approved the placement of two handicap parking stalls at St. John's Church, however, no enforcement to be provided since it would be too complicated to provide the enforcement.

Tom Brakke, Fire Chief, presented to the Council that the Jaws of Life the Fire Department currently has is 16 years old and repair parts are unavailable. Brakke stated he presented to the committee a new E-hydraulic Jaws of Life that the department has tried and would like to purchase by adding the cost into the fire truck loan. The cost is \$16,500.00.

Motion by Earney seconded by Hanson to purchase the E-hydraulic Jaws of Life fire department equipment at a cost of \$16,500.00 to be funded by the fire truck loan account. All members voting yes by roll call vote.

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

UTILITIES COMMITTEE

Lisa Fleming, engineer with Ayres Associates handling the Alley Street project, brought the Council up-to-date regarding the progress with the project. Fleming apologized for the errors, on their behalf, that have occurred during the project.

Dave Earney inquired about the parking spaces he felt were lost. Fleming assured Earney that there would be the same parking as before, however, the street would be narrower.

Fleming stated that the project completion date will be August 21, 2015. Lisa presented the payment request for A-1 excavating.

Motion by Earney seconded by Farl to authorize payment to A-1 Excavating in the amount of \$323,665.95. All members voting yes by roll call vote.

Dave Brevick, Buffalo County Highway Commissioner, addressed the Council regarding the County's request to connect to the City of Alma's sewer system. Brevick informed the Council that the County has plans to renovate the Highway Shop located off of Hwy 37. Brevick stated that he has talked to the City of Alma's engineer, Shawn Welte, regarding this request.

Mayor Wilkie inquired about the annexation issue of annexing the land needed to connect to the City of Alma's sewer system and asked the County to provide a survey of the property needed.

Dave Earney asked Brevick if the County had explored other options, such as a holding tank, instead of connecting to the city's sewer. Brevick stated yes, however, this option was more desirable.

Attorney Seifert stated that annexation timetable is estimated at three months.

Brevick stated that he would ask Joe Nelson, County surveyor, to get the survey requested and will report back.

Foreman Deb Burce informed the Council that Badland Road was milled today.

Chairman Earney suggested that the committee have the CMOM on every month's agenda and handle a section of the CMOM (Capacity, Management, Operation & Maintenance). Earney stated and explained the following sections which will need to be completed by August 1, 2016:

- Setting goals
- Know your organization
- Understanding legal authority
- Operation & maintenance activity
- Design and performance standards for state and municipal
- Overflow emergency preparedness plan
- Capacity assurance
- Annual self-audit
- WI Compliance and Maintenance Program.

Motion by Earney seconded by Moham to adopt the sewer Compliance Maintenance Annual Report resolution as presented. All members voting yes.

Mayor Wilkie informed the Council that Davy Engineering is suggesting an update to the sewer user ordinance. This item will be on next month's agenda.

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

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Attorney Jon Seifert informed the Council that Attorney Adam Sticht is working on the marina structure violations with the property owners and the WI DNR.

Ballfield lighting was discussed. Mayor Wilkie will plan to attend a meeting of the Alma Little League.

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

FINANCE/TAX & LICENSE COMMITTEE

Motion by Hanson seconded by Johnson to approve the Beer License Premise Amendment for Lockport Marine, Inc. for September 6, 2015. All members voting yes.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Olson to approve Operator Licenses to Julie Goeldner and Tim Baker. All members voting yes.

Chairman Ruff informed the Council that the committee had met and approved all vouchers, bills and receipts. Ruff further informed the Council that the committee will be meeting with the employees for salary negotiations for 2016 in the next couple weeks.

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

LIBRARY LIAISON

Minutes of the Alma Public Library Board were included in the Council packets.

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

Mayor Comments: None

Upcoming meetings:

Finance-----Sept. 10, 2015 at 8 a.m.

Council-----Sept. 10, 2015 at 6 p.m.

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