

August 7, 2017

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

6:00 p.m.

Council President Gary Ruff 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 with the following members present: Gary Ruff, Monica Moham, Larry Farl, Mary Johnson, Ron Geiselhart and David Earney. Absent: Mayor Jim Wilkie and Corey Hanson.

Motion by Farl seconded by Earney to approve the Public Hearing minutes of July 6, 2017 as presented. All members voting yes.

Motion by Earney seconded by Geiselhart to approve the Council Proceeding minutes of July 6, 2017 as presented. All members voting yes.

Motion by Moham seconded by Johnson to approve the July 2017 Financial Report as presented. All members voting yes by roll call vote.

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

FINANCE/TAX & LICENSE/ZONING COMMITTEE

Chairman Gary Ruff informed the Council that the committee met and approved all vouchers, bills and receipts.

Motion by Farl seconded by Earney to approve Operator Licenses to: Hunter Schultz, Darlene Pickering and Jelani Smit. All members voting yes.

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

UTILITIES COMMITTEE

Chairman David Earney reported that the committee met on July 12th at 4 p.m. Items discussed:

1. High School Road. Between the School Board and the City of Alma the width and length of High School Road needs to be determined for future road repairs. Once a map and/or description has been made of that portion of High School road owned by the City of Alma, it will be added to the deed.
2. Water leak at 403 S. Main. Research is being done to determine the location of the water leak at this residence.
3. Annual DNR inspection report. Reservoir inspection is to be done by Lane Tank in the amount of \$2,700.00. The committee approved this expense.
4. Water department vehicle. The committee approved expending up to \$6,500 for a water department vehicle.

5. Replacement of the blowers at the Wastewater Treatment Plant will cost \$9,500.00. Cal is scheduling this repair.
6. Cedar Street. Bids were opened at noon on Friday, August 4th. Only one bid was received. Oium Blacktop bid was \$74,812.00.

Dave Earney informed the Council that the City incurred a great expense on Badland Road due to the flood that occurred on July 19th. Estimates for Badland Road is \$60,000 or more. Discussion was held.

Motion by Earney seconded by Moham to table the Cedar Street project until next year or the year after. All members voting yes.

Motion by Earney seconded by Farl to adopt Resolution #17-05, Resolution reducing the tax equivalent payable to the City of Alma by the City of Alma Water Utility. All members voting yes by roll call vote.

7. Roadside mower. The committee was presented a cost of a used roadside mower in the amount of \$10,500.00 with trade. Since that time Joe Wick solicited the cost of a new roadside mower and Lindstrom equipment submitted a proposal for \$14,175.00 (without trade). The new mower would come with warranty.

Discussion was held.

Motion by Moham seconded by Farl to approve the quote for a roadside mower from Lindstrom Equipment in the amount of \$14,175.00 or lower if trade-in is possible. All members voting yes by roll call vote.

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

SERVICES COMMITTEE

Chairperson Monica Moham informed the Council that the committee had met on August 3, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.

The following items were discussed:

1. Recycling concerns. Deb and Linda reported all is going well after the meeting with Hilltopper Recycling.
2. Siren meeting report. Monica informed the Council that the meeting at the courthouse was very informative and that Diane Mikelson let them tour the dispatch area at the Sheriff's Office to get an understanding of what the dispatchers do and how the siren testing would be done. The siren will be tested on the first Tuesday of every month (March through Nov.) between 1:00 and 1:30 p.m. The siren was tested on August 1st and it worked and all went well with the testing.

Monica inquired of Jon Seifert regarding the proposed location of the siren on 2nd Street next to his office. Discussion was held. Jon will draft an agreement between himself and the City and will present at the next council meeting for action.

3. Cemetery concerns. Monica informed the Council that the Eagle Scout project with the cemetery flower urn stands is near completion and that all is going well.
4. Police concerns. Mayor Wilkie had informed the committee that Kevin Glander will begin his duties as Chief of Police on Tuesday, September 5th.

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

AMBULANCE LIAISON

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

TOURISM COMMISSION

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

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Finance/Tax & License/Zoning-----Thursday, September 14, 2017-----8:30 a.m.
Council-----Thursday, September 14, 2017-----6:00 p.m.

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