

December 6, 2012

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

Motion by Johnson seconded by Ruff to approve the November 15, 2012 Public Hearing for the 2013 budget as presented. All members voting yes.

Motion by Moham seconded by Farl to approve the November 15, 2012 Council Proceeding minutes as presented. All members voting yes.

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

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

No citizens were present for comment.

FINANCE/TAX & LICENSE COMMITTEE

Farl informed the council that the committee had met this morning and approved all vouchers, bills and receipts.

Farl stated that a request was received from Secluded Land Co. (Alma Hills Subdivision Developers) requesting a change in the R-4 zoning for nine lots to allow certain animals.

Discussion was held and it was the committee's recommendation to request Secluded Land to complete a conditional use permit for this request. Farl stated that a Conditional Use Permit, rather than a zoning change, would allow the council more flexibility in imposing conditions regarding the animals and the number of animals.

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

UTILITIES COMMITTEE

Wilkie stated that the committee met on November 29, 2012 and approved a 2 year contract with HydroDesign for the commercial cross connection control inspections.

Wilkie further informed the council that the committee spoke with Joe Wick regarding the clarifier repairs needed. The committee instructed Joe Wick to obtain estimates for the repairs and if the costs did not exceed \$5,000 to authorize the repairs.

Wilkie presented the following persons to serve on the Staircase Committee:

- Max Bachhuber, Lois Balk, Shaun Duvall, Sandra Ebert, Larry Farl, Robert Scow, Jim Wilkie, Kristine Kjos and Gary Schlosstein.

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

Wilkie informed the Council that the first meeting of the staircase committee will be December 17, 2012 at 6 p.m. at city hall.

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

SERVICES COMMITTEE

Ruff informed the Council that the committee will be meeting in December to review the recycling program.

Motion by Wilkie seconded by Farl to authorize the Services Committee to act upon the Recycling Agreement with Arcadia Recycling. All members voting yes.

LIBRARY BOARD

Farl stated that the Library Board had met and went over the end of the year report.

Upcoming meetings:

Services – December 12, 2012 at 11:00 a.m.

Utilities – December 13, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.

Stairway Committee – December 17, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

Comprehensive Planning – December 19, 2012 at 5:00 p.m.

Next council meeting will be Monday, January 7, 2013.

Mayor Comments:

City Foreman and crew are doing a good job.

Chief of Police received a \$4,000 grant – good work.

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