

December 7, 2015

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 Torgerson took roll call with the following members present: Mayor Jim Wilkie, Corey Hanson, Gary Ruff, Monica Moham, Larry Farl, Mary Johnson and David Earney. Absent: Matt Olson.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Moham to approve the Nov. 12, 2015 Public Hearing minutes for the Langreck Conditional Use Permit. All members voting yes.

Motion by Earney seconded by Johnson to approve the Nov. 12, 2015 Public Hearing minutes for the Redepenny Conditional Use Permit. All members voting yes.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Farl to approve the Nov. 12, 2015 Public Hearing minutes for the 2016 Budget. All members voting yes.

On page 4 of the Council Proceeding minutes, the 2nd paragraph should read as follows: David Earney commented that he felt the citizens on the Planning Commission supported this. (words were omitted from the original minutes).

Motion by Moham seconded by Johnson to approve the November 12, 2015 Council Proceeding minutes as amended. All members voting yes.

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

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

Citizen comments:

Emily Frobrom, Goodview Bakery operator, spoke regarding the denial of the Conditional Use Permit for Amy Redepenny. Frobrom stated that she had kept track of coffee use by her customers and since she will be reducing her open hours felt a coffee shop is needed in Alma.

Nate Flatten, Junk Market operator, stated that he would like a sandwich place closer to his business for himself and his customers.

Kathy Goodman, owner of Blue Door Inn, informed the Council that Amy Redepenny had begun seeking out what she needed to do 3 years ago and had contacted the City. Goodman stated that there are other persons operating businesses without conditional use permits. Goodman encouraged the Council to develop an economic plan for the Historic District and

stated that thousands of people walk to C.T.H. E and it would be a good plan to have a business such as Redepenning had planned in that area.

Renee from the Urban Shanty spoke in favor of the proposed shop that was denied last month.

Jack Spencer, Great River Theatre, felt the City should not discourage any type of business that would like to come to the City of Alma.

Ann Matchey, owner of 3G Gallery, stated she would like to see a coffee shop/lodging business on that end of the City.

Mary Glover stated to the Council that she was surprised to hear that Amy Redepenning's Conditional Use Permit was denied and felt it would be good for the City to have this business.

Amy Redepenning, owner of 401 S. Main, stated she is only 25 yards from the business district and wants her business to be in the City of Alma.

Mayor Jim Wilkie thanked everyone for coming and stated that their comments are appreciated.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Chairman Gary Ruff informed the Council that his committee had met this morning. One of the agenda items discussed was Shawnee Estates.

Discussion was held.

Motion by Moham seconded by Farl to table the agenda item of Shawnee Estates until the next meeting all members voting yes.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Johnson to approve Operator Licenses to: Frank Lovas and Ann Camancho. All members voting yes.

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

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

UTILITIES COMMITTEE

Chairman David Earney went over his committee minutes of November 20, 2015 and December 4, 2015 with the Council.

Earney informed the Council that the Mayor and himself met with representatives from the Town of Nelson and it was concluded that the City of Alma will do the snow removal this year and the Town will do the roadside mowing. This is for this year only as a trial basis.

As far as the brush complaint, foreman Debra Burce stated that the City has begun brushing the alley in question, however, will only be brushing the 10 feet that the City owns.

Earney informed the Council that bids were opened for the skid steer purchase on Dec. 4, 2015.

Motion by Earney seconded by Hanson to approve the purchase of a Bobcat 590 with snow tires and the maintenance package from Bobcat Plus of Chippewa Falls with a purchase price of the skid steer at \$33,830 and the maintenance package of \$1,395.00. All members voting yes by roll call vote.

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

SERVICES COMMITTEE

Chairperson Monica Moham informed the Council that the committee met on November 18, 2015 and all have received copies of the minutes.

Moham stated that the committee met with Bob Sonsalla regarding the Recycling Agreement. Sonsalla had informed the committee that Four Bro's Recycling will actually be the owner of Arcadia/Alma Recycling, however, Bob will still be managing the program in the same manner as in the past.

Discussion was held.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Farl to approve the Recycling Agreement for 2016 & 2017 to Four Bro's Recycling operating as Arcadia/Alma Recycling. All members voting yes by roll call vote.

Moham reported that the train derailment was discussed. Police Chief Todd Ritscher and Mayor Wilkie attended a meeting after the derailment. Mayor Wilkie suggested that individuals write letters to BNSF regarding the speed of the trains.

Moham informed the Council that the fire truck is being assembled in South Dakota.

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

LIBRARY LIAISON

Motion by Moham seconded by Farl to approve the appointment of Sara Langhorst to the Library Board as recommended by the Library Board. All members voting yes.

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

Motion by Farl seconded by Johnson to approve the following as Election Officials for 2016 & 2017:

Sandra Ebert
Beverly Wemette
Beverly Schneider
Louise Bauer
Edith Ruff
Holly Stiehl
Barbara Godel

Alternates:

Charlene Brovold
Marcia Reiter

All members voting yes.

Mayor comments:

Mayor Wilkie had presented the Council with a zoning guide which states that in such cases such as a Conditional Use Permit application, once the Council has made a decision, the City does not have to act another Conditional Use Permit application unless the application is materially different. Attorney Seifert stated that Amy Redepenning's re-application was not materially different.

Mayor Wilkie commented that the decision regarding the Conditional Use application was not based on business opportunities, however, it was a Land Use decision.

Mayor Wilkie read a card of thanks from Gary Ruff to the Council for the flowers that were sent when he had his heart attack.

Upcoming meetings:

Finance-----Jan. 7, 2016 at 8:00 a.m.

Council-----Jan. 7, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

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