

**December 8, 2016**

**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, Corey Hanson, Gary Ruff, Monica Moham, Larry Farl, Mary Johnson and David Earney.  
Absent: Matt Olson.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Farl to approve the Public Hearing minutes of Nov. 17, 2016 for the Susan Miller Conditional Use Permit application as presented. All members voting yes.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Hanson to approve the Public Hearing minutes of Nov. 17, 2016 for the 2017 Budget as presented. All members voting yes.

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

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

**CITIZENS COMMENTS:**

Kathy Goodman, Alma Area Chamber of Commerce, addressed the Council that she is working on having the City of Alma designated as a bird city. Certain criteria has to be met Goodman stated and the City must be the applicant. One of the things mentioned was a bird festival to be held in May.

Ann Matchey, Chamber member, supported Goodman's statements and encouraged the City to consider this application.

Mayor Wilkie thanked Goodman and Matchey for their attendance and information.

**FINANCE/TAX & LICENSE/ZONING COMMITTEE**

Chairman Gary Ruff informed the Council that the committee had met this morning.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Johnson to approve the Assessor's Contract for 2017 for \$6,500.00. All members voting yes by roll call vote.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Earney to approve the WJ Bauman Associates auditing agreement for 2017 for \$33,450.00 by roll call vote.

2017 is the year for a full audit for the City of Alma. A full audit is performed every four years.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Earney to approve an Operator License to Melody Griffith. All members voting yes.

Mayor Jim Wilkie announced that he will be buying four or five lots at Shawnee Estates as an investment.

Ruff informed the Council that the committee reviewed and approved all vouchers and bills for November. The committee did deny a bill from December from the Buffalo County Highway department for sealcoating Secrist Lane and a load of salt not authorized by the City.

Motion by Hanson seconded by Moham to approve the Finance/Tax & License/Zoning Committee report. All members voting yes.

**UTILITIES COMMITTEE**

Chairman Dave Earney informed the council that the committee had not met.

Earney informed the council that the mayor and Joe Wick did select a pickup truck.

Mayor Wilkie informed the Council that he had picked the truck up in Fort Atkinson and drove the vehicle back to Alma.

Earney thanked the city crew for all their work and commented on the good job they do.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Farl to approve the Utilities Committee report. All members voting yes.

**BOARD OF APPEALS**

Motion by Ruff seconded by Earney to approve the appointment of Larry Grisen to the Board of Appeals. All members voting yes.

Upcoming meetings:

- Tourism-----Dec. 16 at 9:00 a.m.
- Parks & Recreation-----Dec. 16 at 10:00 a.m.
- Utilities-----Dec. 19 at 9:00 a.m.
- Services-----Jan. 4 at 10:00 a.m.
- Finance-----Jan. 9 at 8:30 a.m.
- Council-----Jan. 9 at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Comments:

Merry Christmas!

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

