

February 11, 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, Matt Olson and David Earney.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Hanson to approve the January 7, 2016 Council Proceeding minutes as presented. All members voting yes.

Motion by Moham seconded by Johnson to approve the Financial Report for January 2016 as presented. All members voting yes by roll call vote.

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

No citizens were present for comments.

UTILITIES COMMITTEE

Chairman David Earney introduced Lisa Fleming from Ayres Associates to go over the added expenses for the Alley Street Project.

Lisa Fleming had presented the Council with handouts to follow along with her explanations for each and every extra cost of the project and provided a worksheet stating the cost sharing of the overages between Ayres Associates and the City of Alma. Lisa drafted a change order to reflect these changes.

Lisa Fleming informed the Council that the contractor would like to get paid, therefore, a decision on approving the cost share is important. She further stated that \$5,000 would be withheld from the contractor until spring in case there are any problems that could arise.

Motion by Earney seconded by Johnson to approve the Change Order for the Alley Street Project in the amount of \$41,247.59 for a total project cost of \$437,389.59. All members voting yes by roll call vote.

Motion by Farl seconded by Moham to approve the Pay Request for A-1 Excavating in the amount of \$41,247.59. All members voting yes by roll call vote.

Lisa Fleming read a thank you to the City of Alma and its residents for the patience during the delays and rework that needed to be done.

Mayor Wilkie thanked Lisa Fleming for the work she had done coming up with the cost sharing for the overages on this project and the work she had done for the Alley Street project.

Earney informed the Council that the committee had discussed proposed street projects. One of the streets discussed was Cedar Street. Lisa from Ayres had recommended 4" of asphalt and an 8" base. The committee stated that if monies allow, Cedar Street would be a project in 2016.

Earney stated that the committee had discussed the sewer use charge ordinance and that it would be put to public hearing before the next council meeting.

Other items the committee discussed was Wall Street and the CMOM report. Chairman Earney will be assisting Cal Loewenhagen with the completion of this project and the committee will discuss components of the CMOM prior to its finalization.

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

FINANCE/TAX & LICENSE/ZONING COMMITTEE

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

Motion by Ruff seconded by Farl to approve a Class B Beer On Premise Only and Class C Wine License to Kautenuity, LLC-Michael Kauten agent. All members voting yes.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Hanson to approve an Operator License to Brenda Loesel. All members voting yes.

Ruff informed the Council that the committee met with Shawnee Estates property owner, Joshua Reed, for his input regarding the covenants at Shawnee Estates and/or other suggestions.

A lengthy discussion regarding the zoning, use of the lots and price of the lots was held by the committee, Gary Ruff stated. Mayor Wilkie will be speaking to bank president, William Bosshard, in the near future for information regarding the financing needed to a prospective buyer of a lot at Shawnee Estates.

Motion by Hanson seconded by Olson to approve the Finance/Tax & License/Zoning committee report as presented. All members voting yes.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Chairman Larry Farl informed the Council that the committee had met January 20, 2016 regarding the new harbor lease and the prospective new marina owners were present to review the proposed lease.

Attorney Adam Sticht stated that the new harbor lease will be for a term of 20 years as needed for the new owners to obtain a SBA loan. The lease is near completion.

Motion by Farl seconded by Moham to approve the harbor lease contingent on any objection to the lease by a member of the city council within the next week with finalization projected for February 22, 2016. All members voting yes.

Matt Olson informed the Council and Foreman Deb Burce that snowmobilers have been going out to the end of Buena Vista Park near the point. Deb will check into this matter.

The beach bathhouse bid was tabled until further information regarding the type of steel proposed has been obtained.

Mayor Wilkie informed the Council that he had obtained Davy Engineering to do a survey of Mossy Hollow for the proposed bike trail.

Motion by Farl seconded by Hanson to approve \$11,000 to Davy Engineering for the survey work done at Mossy Hollow. All members voting yes by roll call vote.

Mayor Wilkie informed the Council that the final paperwork for the Xcel easement in Mossy Hollow is forthcoming.

Farl informed the Council that the committee had approved a fishing tournament application for May 15, 2016 out of South Landing.

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

SERVICES COMMITTEE

Chairperson Monica Moham informed the Council that the committee had met on January 28, 2016 and discussed the following:

- Grave digging fees. Grave digging fees charged by Jerry Nelson were increased by \$100.00.
- Cemetery concerns. Flowers and watering of the flowers was discussed by the committee and will be placed on a future agenda for finalization.
- Landfill concerns. Foreman Burce informed the committee that the dumpster for items not allowed in the landfill will remain at the landfill.
- Garbage/solid waste concerns. Gary Hougom of Hilltopper Refuse and Recycling was present at the committee meeting to introduce himself and informed the committee of upcoming simplified recycling he is proposing. For the time being, recycling practices will remain as they were in the past.
- Police concerns. Monica wanted everyone to be a little more diligent of their surroundings and happening due to the changing times and individuals in Alma.
- Fire department concerns. The fire truck will be done in a couple weeks and ready for delivery.

Regarding the need for funds in the Cemetery Perpetual Beautification trust that provides flowers for the graves, Attorney Seifert stated that an increase in the cost of the contracts would be the only way to raise new revenues.

Matt Olson suggested a donation box at the cemetery.

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

LIBRARY LIAISON

Minutes were provided to the Council of the Library Board meeting.

Liaison Mary Johnson stated all is going well at the library.

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

AMBULANCE

Gary Ruff had attended the Ambulance Board meeting and provided minutes.

Ruff stated that the ambulance service will be getting a new ambulance and over \$28,000 worth of donations has been received. The cost of the new ambulance is estimated at \$166,000.00.

Mayor Wilkie had no comments.

Upcoming Meetings:

Next Council will be March 7th at 6:00 p.m. with a public hearing prior to Council at 5:30 p.m. regarding the Sewer Use Ordinance.

Finance will meet March 7th at 8:00 a.m.

Mary Johnson informed the Council that there will be a Forum for the Candidates running for city office on March 17th from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the American Legion. David Brommerich will be officiating.

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