

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

Motion by Ruff seconded by Johnson to approve the January 9, 2017 Council Proceeding minutes as presented. All members voting yes.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Farl to approve the Financial Report for January 2017 as presented. All members voting yes by roll call vote.

Motion by Moham seconded by Ruff to approve the Treasurer's Report for January 2017 as presented. All members voting yes.

Citizen comments: None.

### **UTILITIES COMMITTEE**

Chairman David Earney reported that the committee met on February 3<sup>rd</sup> and discussed several items.

One of the items was the proposed sewer rate increase, Earney commented. The Council received the information from the auditors and proposed different rate increase schedules for review.

Discussion was held.

Motion by Earney seconded by Ruff to increase the sewer rate 23.7% and to review the revenues versus expenditures in one year. Four members voting yes, two no (Olson and Moham) by roll call vote.

David Earney informed the Council that the committee had discussed that the City is applying for a much needed water rate increase with the Public Service Commission.

Other items discussed by the committee:

- Phosphorus Study-Shawn Welte, Davy Engineering.
- Water loss issues-Cal continues to work with Rural Water Assn. regarding this matter.
- Property maintenance letters – Three were mailed.

Motion by Moham seconded by Johnson to approve the Utilities Committee report. All members voting yes.

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

Chairman Gary Ruff informed the Council that the committee had met this morning the following members present: Gary Ruff, David Earney and Mary Johnson.

Also present: Warren Rivette, Ambulance Board member, Mayor Jim Wilkie and Clerk Linda Torgerson.

The committee did the following:

- The committee reviewed and approved all vouchers bills and receipts.
- There were no building permits.
- There were no building permit violations.
- Library lighting proposal-The committee approved the proposal from Twin Bluff Electric in the amount of \$2,139.00.
- Ambulance garage-The committee along with Warren Rivette, Ambulance Board member, discussed the remodeling of the building to fit garage doors needed for the ambulance.
- Policy for selling city property. The committee raised the existing policy limit of selling property from \$500 to \$1,000.00.

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

Motion by Ruff seconded by Earney to approve the Mobile Home Park permit to Jerome and Lorena Hungerford. All members voting yes.

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Dave Earney was concerned of the “unknowns” to the property.

Lisa Fleming, Ayres Associates, was present to answer any questions relating to the WEDC grant.

Mayor Wilkie spoke with the committee regarding the engineering proposal for the Countryside property. Mayor Wilkie cautions the council on deciding an engineer for the project based on costs. Mayor Wilkie stated that Ayres Associates and Cedar Corporation have presented proposals. Discussion was held. Mayor Wilkie inquired if Phase I (the research of the property phase) could end the grant entirely. Lisa Fleming stated that it could. Wilkie stated that this has to be known before the City would pursue obtaining the property.

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Upcoming meetings:

Parks and Recreation-----February 22, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

Tourism-----February 24, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

Finance-----March 9, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.

Council-----March 9, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

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