

January 5, 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 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: Robert J. Oium.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Johnson to approve the December 4, 2014 Council Proceeding minutes as presented. All members voting yes.

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

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

Mayor Wilkie made note to the Council that the Buffalo River/Beef Slough Loan had a paydown of \$59,000 from the CAPX2020 monies as approved and the City received the settlement check from Vierbicher in the amount of \$60,000.00.

New owners of the theater, Jack Spencer and Suzette, introduced themselves to the Council. They did not wish to make any other comment.

UTILITIES COMMITTEE

Chairman David Earney informed the Council that the committee had met this morning at 9:15 a.m. Earney stated that the main purpose of the meeting was to establish a schedule for the 2015 projects.

Earney discussed the following:

- Well #2 project update. Due to weather, work will begin again on this project.
- Other water concerns. Prevention for water freezing at residents and water lines and increased pressure for Sunset Drive was discussed.
- Alley Street project. Mayor Wilkie read an email he received from Lisa Fleming, from Ayres Associates stating that they have not completed the work that is needed to bid out this project. Mayor Wilkie will be contacting Lisa directly.
- Agreement with Hoffman Construction for Beach/Harbor Road update. Earney informed the Council that a revision to the agreement needs to be made to extend the agreement through 2015. Mayor Wilkie informed the Council that the City received today a check for \$13,000.00+ for the hauling of sand on Beach/Harbor Road last year.

- 2015 Street resurfacing projects. Chairman Earney informed the Council that Cedar Street is on the list for resurfacing, however, after with speaking with Deb Burce, foreman, an investigation of how to resurface Cedar Street due to concrete below the surface for a storm sewer needs to be investigated. The committee made a motion to seek out engineering proposals for this information that is needed.

Other 2015 resurfacing projects included:

- South Landing ramp and possibly parking lot (contact with Dairyland Power will be made prior to fixing of the parking lot area)
- Seal coat Vista Drive
- Seal coat River Street
- City Hall parking lot

Earney stated that the cost of blacktopping for 2015 may be down because of the lowered gas prices and hopefully more projects can be done.

Mayor Wilkie made a correction to the Utilities minutes on page 1, 2nd to last paragraph, replacing lift station pump with pressure booster pump. Clerk Linda Torgerson stated she will make the correction to the minutes.

Motion by Moham seconded by Earney to approve the Utilities Committee report with the change to the minutes as noted. All members voting yes.

FINANCE/TAX & LICENSE/ZONING COMMITTEE

Chairperson Monica Moham informed the Council that the committee had met this morning at 11 a.m.

The committee approved the request from Clerk Linda Torgerson regarding increasing the wages for the election officials from the minimum wage per hour to the average in the area of \$9/hour.

No building permits were applied for and no building permit violations were noted, stated Moham.

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

There were no Operator License applications for action.

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

Dave Earney presented Council Agenda #8—Alma Area Schools Energy Conservation Measure Study. Earney spoke to the Council regarding the two alternatives for a heating system at the Alma Area Schools (LP boiler and Geothermal). He encouraged the Council to attend the

meeting at the school on Thursday, January 8, 2015 at 7 p.m. for an informational meeting regarding the proposed heating systems and repairs needed for the school. Earney stated that he felt a referendum will be needed for the school in April.

Mayor Wilkie thanked Earney for this report and also encouraged those from the Council, if possible, to attend the meeting at the school on Thursday evening.

Mayor Wilkie informed the Council that he will be speaking with Ayres regarding their delay of the Alley Street project.

Upcoming meetings:

Parks and Recreation will meet Friday, January 16, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.

Finance will meet on Thursday, February 5, 2015 at 11:00 a.m.

Next Council will be Thursday, February 5, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

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