

January 7, 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, Matt Olson and David Earney. Absent: Mary Johnson.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Hanson to approve the Council Proceeding minutes of December 7, 2015 as presented. All members voting yes.

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

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

Citizen comments:

Joshua Reed, property owner at Shawnee Estates, stated that he loved living at Shawnee Estates and will be addressing the agenda item concerning Shawnee Estates.

Lily Olson, daughter of Matt Olson, was present. Mayor Wilkie and Council thanked her for her presence.

FINANCE/TAX & LICENSE/ZONING COMMITTEE

Chairman Gary Ruff informed the Council that the committee had met at 8:00 a.m. this morning and reviewed and approved all vouchers, bills and receipts.

Ruff further commented that the committee received information regarding the Alma Hills covenants, Shawnee Estates covenants and the city's zoning code. The committee reviewed some of the material and tabled any action until further study is done.

Mayor Wilkie asked that all council members review the zoning code and the covenants before the next meeting. Mayor Wilkie suggested that language should be added to the zoning code concerning conditional use permit applications in the area of re-applications not substantially or materially different, not having to be acted upon by the Council.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Earney to approve an Operator License to Joe Seely. All members voting yes.

Josh Reed addressed the Council regarding Shawnee Estates and his interest in wanted to purchase additional property from the City. Mr. Reed was invited by the Finance Committee to

attend the next meeting to gather his input regarding Shawnee Estates. Mr. Reed will attend the next committee meeting.

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

Larry Farl, chairman of the Parks and Recreation committee, inquired from Attorney Adam Sticht on the status of the Harbor Lease.

Adam Sticht stated he has a draft copy of the Harbor Lease for review. Sticht informed the Council that in regard to the structure violations at the marina, he did have to resend Gary Hardtke's letter to his residence.

As far as the contamination issue, Mayor Wilkie, stated that he felt that this is not an issue at this time, however, if Gary Hardtke would agree to pay 1/2 of the soil work required, the process would go a lot faster.

David Earney wanted to thank Deb Burce and the city crew for doing such a good job on snow removal.

Mayor comments:

Mayor Wilkie commented that the city crew has done an excellent job of snow removal.

Mayor Wilkie informed the Council and thanked Police Chief Todd Ritscher, present, for rescuing and saving someone's life who had a four-wheeler accident along the hillside.

Corey encouraged the city to submit a bill to the railroad for costs incurred during the train derailment.

Upcoming meetings:

Next Council date: Thursday, February 11, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

Committee meetings:

Parks and Recreation-----Wed., January 20, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.
Services-----Thurs. January 28, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.
Utilities-----Mon. February 8, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.
Finance-----Thurs. February 11, 2016 at 8:00 a.m.

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