

July 11, 2013

PUBLIC HEARING

5:45 P.M.

Mayor Robert Scow opened the public hearing to the public regarding proposed amendment to §72.07 (B) Angle Parking on South 2nd Street.

Mayor Scow read the amendment.

In favor of the amendment was Robert Wemette, resident.

Hearing no further testimony for or against the proposed amendment, Mayor Scow closed the public hearing.

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COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

6:00 P.M.

Mayor Robert Scow 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 Robert Scow, Robert J. Oium, Gary Ruff, Monica Moham, Larry Farl, Mary Johnson, Leighton (Jim) Wilkie and David Earney.

Motion by Oium seconded by Ruff to approve the June 6, 2013 Public Hearing minutes regarding the Marijuana Ordinance as presented. All members voting yes.

Motion by Oium seconded by Moham to approve the Council Proceeding minutes of June 6, 2013 as presented. All members voting yes.

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

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

Citizen comments:

Gary Hardtke, Lockport Marine, addressed the Council regarding what he felt was a breach in his lease agreement in Item #11 regarding the boat ramp. Hardtke stated that he had spoken with two attorneys and they agreed that the City cannot charge for boat launch at the marina landing.

City Attorney, Jon Seifert, addressed Hardtke and read Item #11 in the lease to those present. Seifert stated that his interpretation was that the Lease is between the City of

Alma and Lockport Marine and that #11 addresses Lockport that they cannot charge persons for launching their boats at the landing and that since the City owns the property it is not restricting them on whether or not the City can charge.

Hardtke stated that this was not the interpretation of his attorneys and wondered what his next course of action could be.

Attorney Seifert instructed him to contact his (Hardtke's) attorneys and read the lease agreement for further instructions.

No other citizens addressed the council.

UTILITIES COMMITTEE

Jim Wilkie informed the Council that the committee had met on July 10, 2013. One of the agenda items was the Elm Street staircase. Wilkie introduced Greg Adams, Ayres Associates, who presented the Council with a set of proposed plans, cost estimates and decision making items before the project can be let for bids.

Adams went over in detail the 75% Plan Review, item by item. Discussed were:

- Change from 11 to 20 steps per stringer
- Zig zag vs. straight staircase
- Viewing platform
- Demolition and restoration plan
- Stair tread materials
- Stair system finishes and color schemes

Motion by Oium seconded by Farl to approve the zig zag design for the stairsase at Elm Street. All members voting yes by roll call vote.

Motion by Oium seconded by Farl to move the fire hydrant for the Elm Street project. All members voting yes.

Motion by Wilkie seconded by Moham to approve the demolition and restoration proposal as presented for the Elm Street project. All members voting yes.

Motion by Farl seconded by Johnson to approve Douglas fir for the stair step material (step portion). All members voting yes.

Motion by Oium seconded by Farl to authorize the committee to make decisions on the aesthetics for the Elm Street project. All members voting yes.

Mayor Scow thanked Gary Adams for his presentation.

Motion by Farl seconded by Earney to adopt the Code of ordinance amendment to §72.07 (B) Angle parking on South 2nd Street. Six members voting yes. One no – Oium.

Wilkie informed the council that the committee had discussed the replacement of a pump for Lift Station #5.

Wilkie stated that he has been working on this problem and has spoken to Shawn Welte, Davy Engineering, regarding the City's options for replacement of the lift station pump and possible alternative styles of pumps from the existing one that can take the pressure and volume curve. Our current pump is 42% efficient, which is not that good, Wilkie stated.

He said that an engineer can do an analysis of what kind of pump we actually need at the lift station and what it would cost.

From Flygt Company, a company that does use Allis Chalmers parts estimated a cost of \$19,000.00 with a 14 week wait period.

Welte had suggested Fairbanks Morris Company to obtain some pump ready prices. Jim showed the committee a drawing of the lift station pump and explained for the pump ready type, there may have to be some fabrication done on the existing structure that holds the pump.

The committee authorized Jim Wilkie to continue his research on the pump for lift station #5.

Wilkie informed the council of the following cold mix proposals received from Scott Construction:

Alma Cemetery-----2" overlay using approximately 410 tons----\$36,248.00
Alma Cemetery-----1 ½" overlay using approximately 310 tons--\$27,407.00
Memorial Cemetery-----2" overlay using approximately 112 tons----\$ 9,902.00
Memorial Cemetery-----1 ½" overlay using approximately 88 tons----\$ 7,780.00

Motion by Wilkie seconded by Moham to authorize the cold mix bid for the Alma Cemetery with a 2" overlay in the amount of \$36,248.00. All members voting yes.

Motion by Wilkie seconded by Earney to authorize the cold mix bid for the Alma Memorial Cemetery with a 2" overlay and get comparable costs, within the next two weeks, for base work needed and decide whether or not to do the base work, however, the overlay is to be done. All members voting yes.

Motion by Wilkie seconded by Moham to approve the proposal for Beach/Harbor Road for full wedge, contour and overlay in the amount of \$22,965.23 to Scott Construction. All members voting yes.

Oium commented that once the road work is done on Memorial Cemetery road, no heavy equipment should be allowed to travel on the road.

Wilkie informed the Council that the committee also approved the removal of the non-working water fountain at Pine Street, with removal to be done when the sidewalk is repaired at that location.

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

FINANCE/TAX & LICENSE COMMITTEE

Motion by Oium seconded by Wilkie to grant a six-month Class B Beer Only license to Morgan Farl at 121 S. Main St. All members voting yes.

Motion by Oium seconded by Wilkie to grant operator licenses to: Jim Schaub and John LaRocque. All members voting yes.

Motion by Oium seconded by Wilkie to grant a change of agent for the Kwik Trip to Margie O. Haeussinger. All members voting yes.

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

SERVICES COMMITTEE

Ruff informed the Council that the committee had met and approved payment to the Cemetery Beautification Fund of \$2,500 for flowers for the cemetery.

Ruff informed the Council that the committee has been working on developing unified house numbers for emergency personnel to be able to locate addresses.

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

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

Farl informed the Council that the committee had met and discussed the boat launch charges (resident vs. non-resident).

The committee recommends having one flat fee for resident and non-residents. Discussion was held.

Motion by Oium seconded by Farl to look at amending the Boat Launch Ordinance regarding annual fees for residents and non-residents to be the same amount effective January 1, 2014. Six members voting yes. One opposed – Mary Johnson.

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

LIBRARY LIAISON

Motion by Farl seconded by Wilkie to appoint Chris Hungerford to the Alma Public Library Board. All members voting yes.

Motion by Oium seconded by Moham to convene into CLOSED SESSION under exemptions set under Wis. Stats. 19.85 (1) (g) conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advise concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation to which it is or is likely to become involved.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Oium seconded by Ruff to convene into Open Session. All members voting yes.

Mayor Scow read a thank you from Linda for the flowers, cards, thoughts and prayers after the passing of her mother.

Next Council -- August 5, 2013

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