

July 9, 2015

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

6:00 p.m.

Mayor 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, Mary Johnson and David Earney. Absent: Larry Farl and Matt Olson.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Johnson to approve the Council Proceeding minutes of June 11, 2015 as presented. All members voting yes.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Moham to approve the Financial Report for June 2015 as presented. All members voting yes by roll call vote.

Motion by Earney seconded by Hanson to approve the Treasurer's Report for June 2015 as presented. All members voting yes.

No citizens' comments were received.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

Mayor Wilkie asked the Council turn to their Treasurer's Report and look at the balances for the Money Market Accounts for Buffalo River/Beef Slough and the Elm Street Project. Mayor Wilkie stated that since both of these projects are obsolete, the Money Market accounts should be closed and the monies put toward the Buffalo River/Beef Slough loan. Ruff stated that the committee made a motion to recommend Council approval for this action.

Motion by Moham seconded by Earney to authorize Linda to closed the Money Market accounts for Buffalo River/Beef Slough and Elm Street and apply these monies to the Buffalo River/Beef Slough loan. All members voting yes.

Ruff informed the Council that the committee had approved a building permit to Tom Elliott for a moveable utility shed. The committee put various conditions on this building permit.

The Council discussed the application for Beer License Premise Amendment for Lockport Marine, Inc. for Sunday, September 6, 2015 for Music & Arts Festival.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Johnson to approve the request for the Beer License Premise Amendment for Lockport Marine, Inc. Two members voting aye (Johnson and Earney) and three members nay, (Hanson, Ruff, Moham). Motion failed.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Hanson to approve Operator License to: Nicole J. Killian, Karli E. Harris and Christopher D. Pickering. All members voting yes.

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

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Mayor Wilkie informed the Council that the City has received a proposed Easement Agreement from Xcel Energy regarding the road that is to be constructed in Mossy Hollow and will double as a trail. Attorney Jon Seifert reviewed the easement and suggested that the City be able to use motorized vehicles to regular, normal maintenance on the trail as needed and suggested horses be able to use this trail. These amendments will be made, Mayor Wilkie stated.

Dawn Schultz with Xcel Energy was present to answer any questions that the Council may have.

Dawn informed the Council that this is a new road to service the Xcel lines that travel through Mossy Hollow. Dave Earney inquired if Xcel would do maintenance on the road. Dawn stated that other than periodic snow clearing, she did not think there would be regular maintenance on the road, however, the City will not have to maintain the structure of the road.

Motion by Earney seconded by Hanson to approve, with changes mentioned, the Easement Agreement with Xcel Energy for necessary poles, wires, guys, supports etc. along with a 12' x 2600' gravel road in the Mossy Hollow property and authorize the Mayor to sign the revised easement. All members voting yes.

Dawn informed the Council that they will be replacing poles and the City, if they wish, can claim them. Foreman Burce will handle this situation.

Mayor Wilkie informed the Council that the easement not only serves for a trail, but more importantly for a source of electricity. Mayor Wilkie stated that the 2nd Street substation is going to be closed down and the Mossy Hollow area will be the provider of electricity for Alma in its absence.

Mayor Wilkie thanked Dawn for her attendance.

Mayor Wilkie invited the Council to look at the mile of trail that was done by a trail designer with funds from an anonymous donor near the old dugway of E. Access can be obtained from Mossy Hollow or behind the Wastewater Treatment Plant area.

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

UTILITIES COMMITTEE

Chairman David Earney stated that the committee had not met, however, bids for the street work projects were opened yesterday with the following results:

Crack Filling

	<u>Windsong Terrace</u>	<u>Secrist Road</u>		
Fahrner Asphalt Sealers Scott Construction	--	-	-	
	\$ 1,879.00	\$ 2,900.00	\$ 3,303.00	\$ 7,581.00

**No total pounds listed for Fahrner bid so used 7,950.76 pounds same as Scott Construction*

Seal Coating

	<u>Windsong Terrace</u>	<u>Secrist Road</u>	<u>Vista Drive</u>	<u>River Street</u>	<u>Sweeping</u>	Totals
Fahrner Asphalt Sealers Scott Construction					\$	
	\$ 3,897.00	\$ 2,142.00	\$ 19,210.00	\$ 5,949.00	2,284.00	\$ 33,482.00
					\$	
	\$ 4,367.00	\$ 1,850.00	\$ 15,351.00	\$ 6,962.00	1,873.00	30,403.00

Scott Construction Alter

	<u>Windsong Terrace</u>	<u>Secrist Road</u>	<u>Vista Drive</u>	<u>River Street</u>	<u>Sweeping</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Crack Filling	\$ 1,879.00	\$ 6,446.00	\$ 3,303.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,628.00
Seal Coating	\$ 4,367.00	\$ -	\$ 15,351.00	\$ 13,337.00	<u>1,873.00</u>	<u>\$ 34,928.00</u>
	\$ 6,246.00	\$ 6,446.00	\$ 18,654.00	\$ 13,337.00	1,873.00	<u>\$ 46,556.00</u>

**This bid does not include seal coating for Secrist Road, but uses a crack fill banding option and River Street is to have no crack filling, but will have a double seal coat.*

Fahrner			
Total	<i>*Bid for crack filling does not have a estimated pounds</i>	\$	53,358.90
Scott			
Construction			
Total	<i>*Crack fill material is rubberized with fiber material</i>	\$	46,066.00
Scott			
Alternate			
Total			46,556.00

Chase from Scott Construction was present and went over the proposals from his company.

Motion by Earney seconded by Hanson to award the 2015 street work bids to Scott Construction and to go with the alternate plan for a total of \$46,556.00. All members voting yes by roll call vote.

Earney commented that he did want Scott Construction to do at least one sweeping, no later than September.

Mayor Wilkie informed the Council that the Alley Street project is coming along. The concrete work will be done next week and then the roadwork.

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

TOURISM COMMISSION

Mayor Wilkie informed the Council that they have minutes from the last meeting and that the new Alma website: <http://www.explorealma.com> is up and running and everyone should look at it and give feedback back to the commission.

Motion by Earney seconded by Moham to approve the Tourism Commission report as presented. All members voting yes.

SERVICES COMMITTEE

Monica Moham, chairperson, informed the Council that the committee had not met, however, Fire Chief Tom Brakke informed her that the fire truck chassis is done.

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

Mayor comments:

Mayor Wilkie read a letter of thanks for Police Chief, Todd Ritscher, from the family of Shawn Kienholz. Kienholz was killed in a crash by the Alma Car Wash. The family appreciated Todd's professionalism and kindness towards them during their difficult time.

Mayor Wilkie announced that Todd had another difficult situation on Tuesday, July 7th when an 18 year old girl had been struck by a train.

Mayor Wilkie and the City Council thanked Todd for his professionalism and handling of these difficult situations.

Mayor Wilkie informed the Council that railroad safety will be tightening up on the pedestrians crossing the railroad tracks by Burlington Northern Sante Fe Railroad personnel. Wilkie further commented that the possibility of having the train horn noise quieted will be a hard sell since this last accident. Wilkie stated that his heart goes out to the family of the girl who was struck by the train.

Mayor Wilkie informed the Council that the petition to save the Alma Clinic has been well received. Currently there are 365 signatures. Wilkie stated that he will allow receipt of petition papers for an additional couple of weeks and then will present it to Mayo Clinic.

Mayor Wilkie informed the Council that committees should start looking at budgets. Wilkie informed the Council that he had attended a budget workshop and will get the information out to everyone.

Upcoming meetings:

Next Council meeting will be Thursday, August 6, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

Finance will be August 6, 2015 at 8:00 a.m.

Mary Johnson announced that the Farmer's Market is doing well across from City Hall on Fridays.

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