

June 11, 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, Corey Hanson, Gary Ruff, Monica Moham, Larry Farl, Mary Johnson, Matt Olson and David Earney.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Hanson to approve the May 4, 2015 Council Proceeding minutes as presented. All members voting yes.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Moham to approve the May 2014 Financial Report as presented. All members voting yes by roll call vote.

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

Mayor Wilkie informed the Council that the Buffalo River/Beef Slough & Elm Street Money Market accounts should be zeroed out and applied to the Buffalo River/Beef Slough loan. This matter was referred to the Finance Committee's next agenda for action.

Citizen Comments:

Kathy Goodman, Chamber, thanked the City for all the support given in promoting Alma and invited everyone to Rib night at Pier 4 at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$20.00. Goodman invited the Council to attend the next Chamber meeting at Big River Theatre on Monday, June 15th at 6:00 p.m.

Kevin Cassidy, resident, informed the Council that Stockholm and Pepin are currently seeking a "quiet zone" regarding the train noise in their communities. Cassidy stated he felt Nelson would also be seeking a "quiet zone". Cassidy stated that he felt now would be the time to request a "quiet zone" for the City of Alma as well and suggested a task force be formed to handle the quiet zone request. Cassidy mentioned Steve Sedlmayr, Bob Scow and Carl Duley as possible task force members.

Ann Matchey, Chamber member, informed the Council that the Chamber is trying to get the City of Alma designated as a bird city and would like to meet with the Park & Recreation committee to get this project going.

Gina Thomlinsen, General Manager of Cochrane Cooperative Telephone, informed the Council that CCT had begun work in May to provide the Buffalo Courthouse with fiber optic lines. The Courthouse had a deadline of July 1 to have the line in place and working. Gina explained that things to not normally happen this fast, however, with the deadline pending, they will meet this deadline. Gina explained that most of the line is going underground, however, there are a couple

places where it had to be placed on poles. Gina stated that if the City receives complaints of any kind regarding the work being done to give them her number and they will resolve any and all issues that may arise.

Mayor Wilkie informed the Council that Lisa from Ayres had contacted him regarding placing conduit on Alley/Elm Street and he approved the laying of the conduit.

Mayor Wilkie thanked Gina for her attendance and information.

FINANCE/TAX & LICENSE/ZONING COMMITTEE

Chairman Gary Ruff informed the Council that the committee had met this morning and discussed licenses:

Motion by Ruff seconded by Earney to approve the following:

COMBINATION CLASS A BEER & LIQUOR LICENSES TO:

Waliki USA, LLC – William Allen Hedberg, 100 N. Main St.

Kwik Trip, Inc., Margie Haeussinger, agent, 601 N. Main St.

All members voting yes.

Motion by Farl seconded by Earney to approve the following:

COMBINATION CLASS "B":

American Legion Post #224, Paul Schultz, Agent, 501 N Main St

Julie Ann Fagerland, Julie's Fin & Feather, 211 N Main St

Gregory A. Stevens, Dam View Bar, 415 N Main St

JLS Hospitality, LLC-Jerri L. Schreiber, agent 201 N Main St.

Tansy's on Main, LLC-Steven Hornberg, agent, 115 N. Main St.

Michael D. Henderson, Henderson's Silver Moon, S1582 STH 35

The Burlington Hotel, LLC, Kathi Korum, agent, 809 N Main St

The Red Ram, LLC-Lee Fluekiger, agent, 207 N. Main St

Bill's Talk of the Town, LLC – Drew Ibach, agent, 107 N. Main Street

All members voting yes.

Motion by Hanson seconded by Johnson to approve the following:

“Class B” Winery License & Class “B” Beer:

Danzinger Vineyards, LLC – David Danzinger, agent, S2015 Grapeview Lane

Motion by Moham seconded by Farl to approve the following:

CLASS "B" FERMENTED MALT LICENSE-ON PREMISE ONLY:

Alma Rod & Gun Club, Darrold Abts-agent, 1562 CTH "I"

P & M Malrick Corp. – Paul Malrick, agent, Pier 4 Café & Smokehouse, 600 N Main St

Big River Theatre, LLC-Jack Spencer, agent, Big River Theatre - 121 S. Main Street

Motion by Farl seconded by Moham to approve the following:

CLASS "A" BEER ONLY:

Lockport Marine, Inc.- Shawn Auman, agent, 125 Beach Harbor Rd.

All members voting yes.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Johnson to approve the following Operator License applications as presented:

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| 1 | STEPHANIE REINHARDT | W2081 Mike Varenick Road, Alma, WI 54610 |
| 2 | COLLEEN V DAHL
KATHLEEN E | S1120 State Road 37, Alma, WI 54610 |
| 3 | LOEWENHAGEN | S1389 Pleasant View Rod, Alma, WI 54610 |
| 4 | LAURA A THEIS | 508 Boyd Street, Pepin, WI 54759 |
| 5 | SHARON M RIECK | 1632 State Road 35, Alma, WI 54610 |
| 6 | PENNY L HELLER | S1555 County Road I, Lot 1, Alma, WI 54610 |
| 7 | ALEXIS E SEVERSON | W722 State Hwy 121, Mondovi, WI 54755 |
| 38 | CAMPBELL, NICOLE A. | 903 Stonebridge Road, Mosinee, WI 54455 |
| 39 | TORGERSON, MARGIE O. | 911 South 2nd Street, Alma, WI 54610 |
| 42 | MUENCH, MYKAYLA N. | W874 Kane Drive, Cochrane, WI 54622 |
| 47 | SHARAYA M. REED | S1518 Shawnee Drive, Alma, WI 54610 |
| 49 | VALARIE S. DEHNKE
SARA SCHARMER | 402 3rd Ave. East, Durand, WI 54736 |
| 50 | LANGHORST | 412 Vista Drive, Alma, WI 54610 |
| 52 | DANIEL J. BURCE | 710 North 2nd Street, Alma, WI 54610 |
| 53 | JACOB A. HUGHES | 1005 N. Oak Street, Lake City, MN 55041 |
| 54 | KARI J. WILDE | 99 Wisconsin Avenue, Cochrane, WI 54622 |
| 55 | SUSAN A. MEYER | 40 E. 6TH Street, Buffalo City, WI 54622 |
| 58 | AMBER D. HOMME | W1056 County Road D, Alma, WI 54610 |

ALMA HOTEL

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| 57 | TABITHA BLANK | 217 S. Main Street, Apt. 2, Alma, WI 54610 |
| 59 | STEPHANIE M. GRANER | 105 Orange Street, Alma, WI 54610 |
| 65 | ADAM KOHLS | 1870 Mcdougall Avenue, Wabasha, MN 55981 |
| 66 | RICK A. DASCHER | 307 South Main Street, Cochrane, WI 54622 |

RED RAM SALOON

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| 8 | FLUEKIGER, LEE | 803 North Main Street, Alma, WI 54610 |
| 37 | SCOTT, JAMES J. | 611 E. 10th Street, Wabasha, MN 55981 |
| 41 | HANSON, MARION E. | P.O. BOX 35, Nelson, WI 54756 |

DANZINGER VINEYARDS

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| 9 | LYNN M. BENNETT | 52A Links Lane, Apt. 105, Winona, MN 55987 |
| 10 | DANZINGER, CINDY L. | W1528 County Road E, Alma, WI 54610 |
| 60 | PENNY L. DANZINGER | S2026 Grapeview Lane, Alma, WI 54610 |
| 62 | SARAH L. DANZINGER | W1503 County Road E, Alma, WI 54610 |
| 63 | MELANIE M. MC QUISTON | S1196 MC Quiston Road, Alma, WI 54610 |
| | CRYSTAL BAUER- | |
| 64 | WIECZOREK | S1582 County Road N, Alma, WI 54610 |
| 20 | DAVID J DANZINGER | W1528 County Road E, Alma, WI 54610 |

ALMA AMERICAN LEGION

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| 11 | DAVID J BAUTCH | 807 South Main Street, Alma, WI 54610 |
| | | W 1003 Oak Valley Road, Fountain City, WI 54629 |
| 12 | CHARLES H. MICHAELS | |
| 13 | VERNON J. LANGHORST | S1297 Deer Creek Road, Nelson, WI 54756 |

ALMA ROD & GUN CLUB

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| 14 | LEE W. SALISBURY | 310 South Main Street, Alma, WI 54610 |
| 16 | GREGORY S. GREEN | S1452 CTH I, Alma, WI 54610 |
| 17 | DONALD JAY GANZ | S1522 County Road I, Alma, WI 54610 |
| 18 | SCOTT E. BAKER | 135 Vista Drive, Alma, WI 54610 |
| 19 | CAROLYN C. THOMSEN | S1847 County Road XX, Alma, WI 54610 |
| 21 | THOMAS H. SCHULTZ | P.O. Box 174, Alma, WI 54610 |
| 23 | WAYNE L. GROTJAHN | 102B North 2nd Street, Alma, WI 54610 |
| 24 | RUFF, JAMES B. | S1618 State Hwy 37, Alma, WI 54610 |
| 45 | RIECK, MARVIN L. | 338 Vista Drive, Alma, WI 54610 |
| 67 | ROBERT STEWART | 297 Sunset Drive, Alma, WI 54610 |

HENDERSON'S SILVER MOON

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| 43 | MUFFENBIER, LORI L. | 144 1/2 2ND Street, Wabasha, MN 55981 |
| 44 | HENDERSON, MICHAEL D. | S1582 State Road 35, Alma, WI 54610 |

DAM VIEW BAR

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| 25 | JANINE E. STEVENS | P.O. Box 263, Alma, WI 54610 |
| 26 | SANDRA A. HANSON | 303 2nd Street, Alma, WI 54610 |

INDIVIDUAL NON-DESIGNATED

27	LESLIE A. LOEWENHAGEN	S17945 County Road U, Cochrane, WI 54622
28	CORY T. HANSON	316 Vista Drive, Alma, WI 54610
29	KATI E. HANSON MACKENZIE C.	316 Vista Drive, Alma, WI 54610
30	LOEWENHAGEN	S1389 Pleasant View Road, Alma, WI 54610
31	JAMES J. DUVALL	1245 Riverview Drive, Alma, WI 54610
32	DONNA M. BAKER	W1833 County Road S, Alma, WI 54610
33	KATHI A. KORUM	809 North Main Street, Alma, WI 54610
34	GARY G . RUFF	704 North 2nd Street, Alma, WI 54610
35	JACQUELINE M. BROWNELL	S1914 State Road 88, Alma, WI 54610
36	RICKY J HAGER	314 South 2nd Street, Alma, WI 54610
40	ANTHONY D KORUM	809 North Main Street, Alma, WI 54610 115 E. Cleveland St, P.O. Box 8, Nelson, WI 54756
46	NATHAN POLTISKE	
48	BONNADINE M. OTTUM	104 North 2nd Street, Alma, WI 54610
51	BAILEY JO FAGERLAND	P.O. Box 139, 305 N. Main St. , Nelson, WI 54756
56	BONNIE L. OTTUM	110 South Main Street, Apt. #5, Alma, WI 54610
61	DARLENE PICKERING	503 South Main Street, Alma, WI 54610
22	DAVID BAUM	701 South 2nd Street, Alma, WI 54610
15	JUDITH ANN C. GOELDNER	1160 Riverview Drive, Alma, WI 54610

All members voting yes.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Earney to approve conducting a Re-Valuation with Eric Kleven, assessor, in 2016. All members voting yes.

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

Motion by Hanson seconded by Moham to approve the Finance/Tax & License/Zoning & Board of Review report as presented. All members voting yes.

UTILITIES COMMITTEE

Chairman David Earney informed the Council that the committee met this morning and discussed the following:

- Seal coating projects for Vista Drive, Windsong Terrace, River Street and Cty E (2nd St.) Bids will be let for these projects and to be awarded at the next Council meeting.
- Blacktopping projects – South Landing’s Boat Launch ramp-bid to be let for this Project and awarded at the next council meeting
- Sink hole at Deb Burce residence-Brad La Duke presented an estimate and was approved
- Sunken culvert on Sunset Drive
- Badlands road project – County estimate
- Water concerns: Phosphorus Study Plan (\$5500 estimate from Davy)
- Water Rate Increase and DNR letter

- Replacement truck status-truck is here and being operated
- Speed sign on Vista Drive-speed sign will be turned over to the Village of Nelson for their use

Motion by Earney seconded by Olson to approve the Proposal from Davy Engineering for the Phosphorus Study, next phase, in the amount of \$5,500.00. All members voting yes.

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

SERVICES COMMITTEE

Chairperson Monica Moham informed the Council that the committee had met on June 8, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.

Monica stated that Police Chief Todd Ritscher gave an update on the Police Department and how things are going.

Chief Ritscher stated that everything is going well. Weekends are busy in Alma and he has issued some speeding tickets and handled other situations as they occurred.

Monica informed the Council that the committee will be placing the River Street two-way traffic issue and speed for River Street and any other applicable matters regarding this situation on the next committee agenda.

Monica reported that Fire Chief Brakke said that the fire truck purchase is proceeding as planned.

Gary Ruff informed the committee that the Sheriff's Department is developing a system where firemen with smart phones will receive their page for a fire call on their phones as well as their pagers.

Monica stated that foreman Burce informed the committee that the crew is mowing the cemeteries weekly since the grass is growing so fast. Deb further informed the committee that the group from Riverfront started watering the flowers in the cemetery today.

Monica informed the Council that Deb Burce and the city crew did a wonderful job beautifying the area around the Flag Pole at the Memorial Cemetery with bark and flowers and planter boxes.

Monica stated that Mary Johnson is researching the construction of a possible mausoleum.

The landfill is on the final phase and that Cedar Corporation is designing this for the City. Cedar Corp has done the survey and will be getting back to the City on what is required for the next steps, Monica stated.

The Solid Waste contract be placed on the next agenda.

The committee will be placing on the next agenda the ambulance and police future garage.

Dave Earney complimented the Services Committee in requesting police reports on a regular basis as was done in the past.

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

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

Chairman Larry Farl informed the Council that the committee had met on June 10, 2015 and one of the items discussed was the marina structure violations.

Farl informed the Council that he had met with Dave Pericak, DNR, who wrote the letter of violation over a year ago and informed him that the structures are not grandfathered in and have to be removed.

Adam Sticht, attorney, stated that he also talked to Dave Pericak and Bob Jumbeck, game warden. Adam said that he needs the names of the slip owners that have these structures and a letter will be sent to them asking for their removal.

Farl informed the Council that the committee granted Enhance Alma permission to build tiers on Orange Street similar to Pine Street.

Mayor Wilkie stated that there has been a generous donation for trail work from the old dugway to Mossy Hollow. Jim presented a map of the trail area. Wilkie stated that a designer will evaluate ways of getting from the old dugway to the Xcel road.

Motion by Hanson seconded by Earney to approve the trail work to be done on the old dugway and Mossy Hollow with the donated money. All members voting yes.

Farl informed the Council that Bobbi Sedlmayr, beach manager, gave her report and it was decided that the slide should be sold and the money put toward new lifeguard stands.

Farl reported that the Little League has made a request from Dairyland Power Cooperative to repair/replace the ballfield fence and it sounds like the request is going to be approved.

Farl announced that the tourism committee's created website, www.explorealma.com is up and running and if anyone has any comments and/or corrections to please contact Gail Pommerening at Art & Soul and she will see that Sarah Gailey gets the changes that are needed.

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

Motion by Farl seconded by Hanson 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. All members voting yes.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Farl seconded by Moham to reconvene into Open Session. All members voting yes.

Mayor comments:

Mayor Wilkie informed the Council that he has placed a petition to save the Alma Clinic in the local newspapers not using city funds.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Finance-----July 9, 2015 at 8 a.m.

Utilities-----July 9, 2015 at 9 a.m. (bids for the street work will be opened at this time)

Council-----July 9, 2015 at 6 p.m.

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