

**March 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 Earney to approve the March 5, 2015 Council Proceeding minutes as presented. All members voting yes.

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

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

No citizens were present for comment.

**SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Chairman Gary Ruff informed the Council that the committee had met on February 23, 2015.

Ruff stated that one of the agenda items for the committee meeting and Council is the fire truck purchase. Ruff turned this item over to Fire Chief Tom Brakke.

Brakke went over with the Council the specs and proposals received for the new fire truck:

Body:

- Rosenbauer-----\$174,969.00
- Darley-----No bid with the qualifying specs were received
- Stainless-----\$198,122.00

Chassis:

- Peterbilt-----\$ 92,900.00
- International-----\$104,000.00
- Kenworth-----\$ 96,600.00

Brakke did informed the Council that he had received a phone call from John Thompson stating that sometimes there is a problem fitting the body onto a Peterbilt. Brakke informed the Council that Ben Schams, fireman, had spoken to Peterbilt and they said there would not be a problem.

Mayor Wilkie suggested getting letters from both Rosenbauer and Peterbilt stating that the two will fit together to accommodate the desired pump and roll option. A lengthy discussion was held.

Motion by Earney seconded by Farl to authorize the Alma Volunteer Fire Department to order the fire truck body from Rosenbauer in the amount of \$174,969 and the fire truck chassis from Peterbilt in the amount of \$92,900.00 with up to \$5,000 of incidentals pending the receipt of a letter from both Rosenbauer and Peterbilt agreeing that the pump and roll option will fit; if not, then the chassis will be authorized from Kenworth at a price of \$96,600.00. All members voting yes by roll call vote.

Earney inquired if there would have been any grant monies for the purchase of the new fire truck. Fire Chief Brakke stated that the Fire Department does not qualify because the fleet is too new.

Mayor Wilkie thanked Fire Chief Tom Brakke for his attendance and presentation.

Chairman Earney stated that the committee had reviewed and approved the following:

- Addendum B & C of the MABAS Agreement for the fire department and the ambulance service
- Revised rates for the landfill
- Revised rates for cremation burials

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

## **PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Chairman Larry Farl informed the Council that his committee had met on February 27, 2015 and acted upon:

- Little League request for CapX2020 funds for lighting. Farl reported that no one was present from the Little League at the committee meeting, however, he did speak with Tim Ruff – manager of the Little League who stated that they are just looking for the funding for the poles for the lights. Farl informed him that the committee will be writing them a letter requesting future ongoing expenses and other information needed before committing these funds.
- Marine dock structure violations. Farl stated that the committee is waiting to hear a final determination from the WI DNR and will be searching for the Chapter 30 permits to see if additional structures were permitted.
- Buena Vista Park improvement update-Stockholm Gardens has come up with a remedy for the erosion at the park. The remedy will be fully or partially funded by a generous donation of \$3800 from a family in memory of a loved one and a plaque will be incorporated in the design.
- Farl requested that Mayor Wilkie speak on behalf of the Mossy Hollow Trail. Wilkie informed the Council that Xcel Energy will be surveying the area where their lines are in Mossy Hollow. Wilkie stated that a survey of Mossy Hollow will be detained until we

get the survey information from Xcel Energy. Mayor Wilkie encouraged the Council to hike Mossy Hollow this time of year because the view is fantastic.

Mayor Wilkie informed the Council that the Resolution regarding the bike trail included in their packets should have been adopted when the Council approved spending the \$10,000 of CapX2020 for the Buffalo County Recreational Regional Trails Plan.

Motion by Johnson seconded by Farl to approve Resolution #435 – A Resolution Proclaiming Support for the Buffalo County Recreational Regional Trails Plan. All members voting yes.

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

### **UTILITIES COMMITTEE**

Dave Earney informed the Council that the committee met on February 27, 2015.

Earney informed the Council that the committee met on the following:

- Well #2 project update. Dave Earney informed the Council that the Well #2 project is near completion pending some water sampling that needs to be done. Foreman Burce informed the Council that Well #2 was up and running, however, the chemical feed is not working and the company needs to come back.
- DNR letter.

Earney reported that the committee reviewed the Water Inspection letter from the DNR. Many of the items noted were either completed or in progress.

Clerk Torgerson informed the Council that the City will be applying for a water rate increase this year and will begin the application within the next month or so with the auditors.

- Alley Street project

Earney stated that the committee approved the actual engineer's estimate for the Alley Street Project at \$432,000 instead of the misquoted \$250,000 by the engineer the month before. Mayor Wilkie did write a letter to the editor after the article in the paper stated the \$250,000 estimate.

Mayor Wilkie informed the Council that he did send the property owners finishing options for the wall and they chose the rustic option. Wilkie will be informing Ayres of their decision.

Earney informed the Council that Mayor Wilkie asked the committee to consider the possibility of adding into the project the laying of 4" conduit for future use and the committee approved this addition to the plans.

- Upcoming possible truck purchase.

Earney stated that Joe Wick, city crew, had informed the committee that the Mack would not pass DOT regulations and when Joe talked to Mid-State International they will give the city \$5,000 for the Mack on a trade-in.

Earney further informed the Council that Joe further commented that the trade-in would not include the tires on the Mack nor the plow.

Joe informed the committee that even though the proposed truck is an older model, he is still able to do maintenance on the truck versus a newer model that he would not be able to maintain.

The committee asked that Linda contact the County Highway Department and find out the cost for plowing and salt/sanding Buena Vista Road, as an example, and report back to the committee.

Mayor Wilkie informed the Council that the City had purchased the Mack approximately 10 years ago for a cost of \$30,000. Therefore, the City expended only \$3,000 per year of use of the Mack and this is the reason for exploring a used truck.

Gary Ruff suggested to Earney that he explore the Madison area for tandem trucks as well as Eau Claire.

Earney informed the Council that he will be going with Joe Wick and researching and/or negotiating the truck purchase and will report back to committee and council.

- Lowered speed zone from CTH I north to the end of school zone.

Earney informed the Council that the committee had made a motion to recommend to the Council a reduce speed limit zone from the Hwy 35 bridge north to the end of the school zone for safety. Discussion was held.

Motion by Farl seconded by Moham to send a letter to the WI DOT requesting a reduced speed limit from 55 mph to 45 mph from the Hwy 35 Bridge north to Lake Street. All members voting yes.

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

### **FINANCE/TAX & LICENSE COMMITTEE**

Monica Moham, Acting Chairperson, reported that the committee had met this morning. One of the items discussed was the resolution that opposes county-wide assessing. The committee recommended to the Council adoption of this resolution.

Linda informed the Council that, as the resolution states, the cost for assessing would be much greater than the City currently has and would not have a voice in who is hired as the assessor.

Attorney Jon Seifert informed the Council that he has been involved with other municipalities adopting a similar resolution. Seifert stated that some of the reasoning behind the opposition to county assessing is with the ability for taxpayers to express their grievances at local meetings and at the local level.

Seifert further commented that the WI DOR encourages county assessing because currently they have to handle disagreements with local assessors.

Motion by Farl seconded by Johnson to approve Resolution #436—Opposing the implementation of County Assessment in Wisconsin. All members voting yes.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Johnson to approve the Mobile Home Park permit application submitted by Steve Radsek. All members voting yes.

Motion by Farl seconded by Olson to approve a Class B Beer On Premise Only license to Big River Theatre, LLC-Jack Spencer, agent for 121 South Main Street. All members voting yes.

Moham informed the Council that a building permit application from Jerri Schreiber was received and Linda will be handling the building permit application according to the committee's instructions.

Moham stated that the final agenda item was reviewing and approving all vouchers, bills and receipts.

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

Mayor comments:

Mayor Wilkie read a thank you note from the family of Leo Butler for the flowers and letter in Leo's remembrance.

Next Council meeting will be Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>.

No upcoming committee meetings were reported. Earney stated that the committee will meet when the bids for the Alley Street project are due.

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