

May 4, 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: Gary Ruff, Monica Moham, Corey Hanson, Larry Farl and Mary Johnson. Absent: Matt Olson and David Earney.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Johnson to approve the April 6, 2015 Council Proceeding minutes as presented. All members voting yes.

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

Motion by Ruff seconded by Hanson to approve the April 2015 Treasurer's Report as presented. All members voting yes.

Citizen Comments:

Dorothy Peterson, Alma Historical Society Member, informed the Council that the Historical Society will be presenting the 1st Annual Preservation award to Janis (late Gerald) Schreiber for their preservation of the Laue House. Tom Elliott will give a history of the Laue House and the Schreiber's will be acknowledged on Saturday, May 9th at 2 p.m. at the Alma America Legion Hall. Peterson encouraged council members to attend.

Mayor Wilkie thanked Dorothy Peterson for her attendance and information.

Mark Noll and David Ness were present from the Alma Rod & Gun Club.

Mark Noll informed the Council that the Alma Rod & Gun Club will be celebrating their 80th year in 2016 and wanted the event to be a community event. Noll asked that anyone with information or ideas should get in touch with either himself, Dave Ness or a Club member. Noll gave a brief history of the beginning of the Alma Rod & Gun Club.

Mayor Wilkie thanked Mark and Dave for their attendance and information.

UTILITIES COMMITTEE

In the absence of Dave Earney, committee member Corey Hanson, gave the report.

Motion by Hanson seconded by Farl to purchase the 2002 Sterling LT9513 truck from Mid-State Truck Service, Inc. in the amount of \$51,000 as recommended by the committee. All members voting yes by roll call vote.

Hanson informed the Council that the committee approved road projects. Dave Earney will be speaking with representatives from the Town of Nelson regarding Badland Road and to coordinate road improvement plans.

Motion by Hanson 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 May 1st and discussed the following:

- Possibility of Riverfront workers watering the cemetery flowers. Monica will talk to Katie Hanson and get more information on this matter.
- Siren needs to be repaired at the beach
- New truck is proceeding being ordered according to Chief Brakke and things are on schedule
- The Ambulance Board will be purchasing a new ambulance in approximately one year from July and a new garage is needed to house the ambulance and to provide required showers for the EMT's.

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

FINANCE/TAX & LICENSE/ZONING COMMITTEE

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

Mayor Wilkie inquired if in a hypothetical situation that services provided to the City could be paid by an exchange of city property in lieu of payment. Discussion was held and Corey Hanson recommended that whomever is providing the service submit a bill to the City (for the amount of the property) and then the City pay them and then they can buy the property from the City. This matter will be discussed with legal counsel and Mayor Wilkie will report back to the Council.

Motion by Moham seconded by Farl to approve the Mobile Home Park permit to Keith Properties, LLC (Douglas Olson fishing Camp). All members voting yes.

Mayor Wilkie gave an update on the Mossy Hollow trail project involving Xcel Energy. Mayor Wilkie informed the Council that there is a process Xcel has to go through to get the project approved. Wilkie stated that it will be at least Sept. or Oct. before the Xcel road through Mossy Hollow is built. Wilkie will keep the Council informed of this matter.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Farl to approve the following Operator License applications as presented: Michael Kauten, Stephanie Graner, Lori Muffenbier, Angela Webber, Leslie Loewenhagen, Marion Hanson and Heather Kolishek. All members voting yes.

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

AMBULANCE BOARD LIAISON

Gary Ruff informed the Council that the Ambulance Service will be purchasing a new cot, however, will wait until the new ambulance is ordered so they have the correct measurements for the cot. The cost of the new cot is estimated at \$40,000.00.

Motion by Moham seconded by Hanson to approve the Ambulance Board Liaison report as presented. All members voting yes.

Mayor Comments:

Mayor Wilkie informed the Council that the City website developed by the Tourism committee should be up and running in a couple weeks and encouraged everyone to view the wonderful website.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Park & Recreation-----Monday, May 11th at 4:00 p.m.

Council -- Thursday, June 11th at 6:00 p.m.

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