

**May 5, 2014**

**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, Robert J. Oium, Gary Ruff, Monica Moham, Larry Farl, Mary Johnson, Matt Olson and David Earney.

Motion by Oium seconded by Johnson to approve the Council Proceedings minutes of the April 7, 2014 council meeting as presented. All members voting yes.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Moham to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2014 Re-organization meeting as presented. All members voting yes.

Motion by Oium seconded by Farl to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2014 Special Council meeting. All members voting yes.

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

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

Citizen comments:

Rob Talbot, Talbot Funeral Home, expressed his dissatisfaction with the approach he had received from the Mayor regarding charging him for any repairs for the winter burials.

Mayor Wilkie apologized to Rob Talbot and explained that the City had received complaints regarding sunken graves at the cemetery that were done by Matt Freeland, grave digger for Talbot Funeral Homes. Wilkie further gave condolences to Talbot who had just lost his mother.

Matt Freeland, grave digger, stated that winter graves do sink and he comes back, weather permitting in the spring, and fixes the graves. Freeland stated that the City of Alma is the only cemetery that has these types of complaints with his work.

Orlyn Hoksch, resident, inquired about the progress for road repairs on Badlands Road and requested that blacktop be placed in the chuck holes. Foreman Burce will handle this when time permits.

**FINANCE/TAX/LICENSE AND ZONING COMMITTEE**

Oium informed the Council that the committee had met and approved all vouchers, bills and receipts.

Motion by Earney seconded by Moham to approve a Combination Class B Beer & Liquor License-RBO Services, Inc.-Rebecca King-Oium, agent for 201 North Main Street (Alma Hotel). Six members voting yes. 1 abstain (Oium)

Motion by Oium seconded by Earney to approve an Operator License to Lee Fluekiger. All members voting yes.

Mayor Wilkie presented a procedure for requests from the City for the CapX2020 funds.

Motion by Oium seconded by Johnson to approve the Procedure for choosing projects to be funded with the Capx2020 Transmission Line one-time environmental impact fee. All members voting yes.

Mayor Wilkie informed the Council that the city needs to consider the disposition of valuable rock, primarily from the rock retaining walls. Wilkie stated that the rocks do have a value and should be kept for future projects.

Motion by Oium seconded by Farl to stockpile any rocks from retaining walls or other city projects to be used by the City for future projects. All members voting yes.

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

Mayor Wilkie explained the recommended appointment of Kevin Cassidy to the Buffalo County Steering Committee for the Buffalo County Comprehensive plan.

Motion by Farl seconded by Moham to approve Kevin Cassidy to the Buffalo County Steering Committee for the Buffalo County Comprehensive plan. All members voting yes.

### **UTILITIES COMMITTEE**

Chairman Dave Earney reported that his committee had met on May 2, 2014 and went over several items. One of the items was the bid opening for the Well#2 project. Bid opening will be held at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 12, 2014.

Earney stated that Shawn Welte of Davy Engineering went over the reservoir repair options and stated that repair work should take approximately 3 to 4 days. Welte reviewed the low water pressure situation on Sunset Drive and this will take more research.

The committee also addressed Alley Street concerns and the Elm Street Project.

Motion by Earney seconded by Oium to approve the \$6,000 proposal from Ayres Associates for the study on Alley Street to include a survey. All members voting yes.

Earney stated the bids for the Elm Street stairway project will be opened on May 15, 2014.

Earney informed the Council that the committee had met with Mike Wilcox of Hoffman Construction and decided to amend the previous agreement with them which would now allow them a price of 7.5 cents per cubic yard and hold them responsible for repairing or replacing Beach Harbor Road during the hauling of the sand. Mayor Wilkie stated that he did receive confirmation that Hoffman Construction has agreed to the agreement as proposed by the committee.

Road projects for 2014 were discussed by the committee Earney stated.

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

### **PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Chairman Larry Farl reported that the committee met on April 11, 2014 and discussed the summer beach program, little league program, boat landings and the museum.

A generous donation for tuck pointing at the Alma Museum, 505 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, was accepted by the committee.

Farl announced that city-wide cleanup day is scheduled for Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup>. Anyone interested should be at City Hall at 8:30 a.m.

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

Load limit authority for flood imperiled roads was discussed. It was determined with the proper signage the City has authority to do so.

Discussion regarding establishing a maintenance committee was held. Mayor Wilkie stated that this committee would meet at no charge and go over the city's physical assets and determine what is needed in maintenance for these assets. Wilkie stated that maintenance is needed for the city's physical assets because the city cannot afford to replace them. Wilkie further stated that if the city's assets fail due to lack of maintenance, then this can be prevented by such a formation of a committee for this purpose. The committee would recommend the maintenance, determine the time things are to be done, generate manual schedules and evaluate costs.

Discussion was held regarding this matter.

The Council tabled the maintenance committee agenda item until further information is obtained.

Attorney Jon Seifert presented a handout of the Open Meetings Law and stated that the council should review this material and if there are any questions regarding the Open Meetings Law, they can ask him at one of the next meetings scheduled.

Upcoming meetings:

Council is June 12, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

Finance—May 12, 2014 at 9 a.m.

Board of Review---May 14, 2014 Noon to 2 p.m.

Bid Opening – Elm Street Project May 15, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.

Utilities – May 16, 2014 at 7:00 a.m.

Services – May 16, 2014 at 9:30 a.m.

Mayor Wilkie read a thank you letter to the crew and foreman received by Lois Balk representing the Chamber Beautification Committee.

Mayor Wilkie read a thank you letter from Shawn Duvall to the

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