

May 5, 2016

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 and Matt Olson.

Absent: Corey Hanson and David Earney.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Johnson to approve the April 14, 2016 Council Proceeding minutes as presented. All members voting yes.

Motion by Moham seconded by Ruff to approve the April 19, 2016 Re-organization minutes as presented. All members voting yes.

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

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

No citizen comments.

UTILITIES COMMITTEE

Mayor Wilkie informed the Council that he had walked the Alley Street project with Lisa Fleming, Ayres engineer and cleared the final payment to the contractor.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Moham to authorize Dave Earney, Utilities Committee chairman, to appear at the Town of Nelson meeting regarding the paving of Badland Road and to accept the same contractor up to the Oium Blacktop quote. All members voting yes by roll call vote.

FINANCE/TAX & LICENSE/ZONING COMMITTEE

Chairman Ruff informed the Council that the committee had met this morning and acted upon the following:

- Vouchers/bills.

The committee reviewed and approved all vouchers, bills and receipts that were presented.

- Real Estate. No action taken.
- Building permit applications. No building permits pending.
- Copier purchase.

Motion by Earney seconded by Johnson to approve the copier bid from Marco in the amount stated above. All members voting yes.

- Shawnee Estates/covenants. No update.

- Mobile Home Park Permit application – Jerome Hungerford.

Ruff stated that the committee made a motion recommending approval.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Johnson to approve the mobile home park permit to Jerome and Lorena Hungerford. All members voting yes.

- Mobile Home Taxes.

Linda will be talking to Attorney Seifert regarding delinquent mobile home taxes.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Olson to approve the Petition for Annexation from Buffalo County with the condition of the County working with the City's engineer regarding connecting into the City's sewer system. All members voting yes by roll call vote.

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

WUTA

Gary Ruff informed the Council that he had attended the WUTA meeting in Madison and discussed how the utility aid will be affected if and when Plant One is tore down. Mayor Wilkie stated that so long as the property is kept as a utility, Dairyland Power could not be taxed.

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

AMBULANCE LIAISON

Gary Ruff informed the Council that he had attended the Ambulance Board meeting. It was reported that the new ambulance will be arriving in August or September. Ruff stated that a new cot for the ambulance is being built.

Both Gary Ruff and Monica Moham, commented on the professionalism of the Ambulance Service in reference to their personal experiences with the Ambulance Service.

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

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

Chairman Larry Farl informed the Council that his committee met May 4, 2016 and discussed the following:

- Park system. Discussed dog clean up stations. Vacant lot usage owned by the City were addressed.
- Beach Road Repairs. This matter was referred to the Utilities Committee for action.
- Resolution to illegal structures at the marina. Joe Wick from the City crew along with the cooperation of the new marina owners removed all the illegal structures. The DNR has closed their file on this matter.

- Lifeguard situation. Beach manager, Bobbi Sedlmayr, is working on obtaining lifeguards for the weekends.
- Ballfield lighting update. Tim Ruff informed Linda that the Little League would no longer be pursuing the ballfield lighting and will remove the lights from the City property as soon as possible.
- Chamber of Commerce.
- River Road/Bike Trail. Mayor Wilkie updated the committee regarding the trail system progress.
- Any other items. Mayor Wilkie informed the committee that estimates to fix the courtesy dock and south landing dock are being obtained from Wayne the welder.

Mayor Wilkie stated to the Council that the new marina owners will be presenting a plan for improvements to the areas at the marina such as sidewalks, picnic areas, rip rapping, etc.

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

Motion by Farl seconded by Moham to convene into CLOSED SESSION under exemptions set under Wis. Stats. (1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. All members voting yes.

CLOSED SESSION

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

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Next Council will be Monday, June 6th at 6:00 p.m.

Committee Meetings:

Finance-----June 6th @ 8:30 a.m.

Motion by Olson seconded by Johnson to adjourn. All members voting yes.

