

May 7, 2012

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

6:00 P.M.

Mayor Robert Scow called the regular monthly meeting of the Common Council of the City of Alma to order.

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Clerk Torgerson took roll call with the following members present: Mayor Robert Scow, Robert J. Oium, Gary Ruff, Monica Moham, Larry Farl, Mary Johnson, Leighton (Jim) Wilkie and David Earney.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Johnson to approve the April 12, 2012 Council Proceeding minutes as presented. All members voting yes.

Motion by Oium seconded by Ruff to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2012 Re-organization meeting as presented. All members voting yes.

Motion by Oium seconded by Moham to approve the 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.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Mayor Robert Scow informed the Council that the Planning Commission had met and approved a resolution authorizing amendment of TID No. 1 and recommended passage of the council resolution.

Motion by Oium seconded by Farl to forego the reading of Resolution 2012-02 – "Resolution approving an amendment to the project plan of Tax Incremental District No. 1, City of Alma, WI and approve the resolution as printed. All members voting yes.

Agenda Item 7: Dairyland Power Cooperative Meeting update.

Mayor Robert Scow informed that Council that he had met with Bob Carothers, Dairyland Power, and questioned Dairyland Power's involvement with frac sand. Carothers informed Scow that, out of courtesy, they did take it up with their Board, however, no interest was given and Dairyland Power will not be involved with frac sand mining.

Scow stated that discussion was held regarding Dairyland Power taking over ownership of Old STH 35, not including an amount of road needed to provide access to the City of Alma's overflow parking lot. Dairyland Power is interested, however, requested the City provide a resolution stating that Dairyland Power will not incur costs for the road closure process.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Earney to approve Resolution #12-02 supporting the road closure of Old STH 35 and confirming that Dairyland Power will not incur costs in the road closure process. All members voting yes.

Scow further informed the Council that Carothers did share the monies donated by Dairyland Power throughout the city organizations and will continue to do so. Carothers invited the entire Council for a tour and/or a meeting to be held at Dairyland Power in the near future.

UTILITIES COMMITTEE

Ruff stated that the road bids came in over expectations and recommended that all bids be denied and monies be spent for road repairs for Shawnee Bridge, Museum driveway, Nelson Road and Sunset Drive.

Motion by Earney seconded by Wilkie to deny the road bids as received. All members voting yes.

Ruff stated that Badland Road will need new culverts and milling of blacktop and possible crushed rock hauled in for the low spots.

Motion by Wilkie seconded by Ruff to re-bid, if necessary, for road repairs to Shawnee Bridge, Museum driveway, Nelson Road and Sunset Drive and Badland Road. All members voting yes.

Ruff informed the Council that the one ton truck with plow and sander has been ordered.

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

FINANCE/TAX/LICENSE/ZONING COMMITTEE

Oium informed the Council that the committee will be advertising for a qualified deputy clerk on the Wisconsin Municipal Clerk's Association website with applications due on June 29th. The committee will be seeking budget commitment to provide a deputy clerk position with benefits and up to 30 hours per week for the 2013 budget.

Motion by Moham seconded by Farl to approve the Finance/Tax/License/Zoning committee's recommendation to place into the 2013 budget a deputy clerk position, with benefits and offer 30 hours per week. All members voting yes.

Motion by Farl seconded by Oium to change city hall hours to: Monday, Wednesday & Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and closed on Tuesdays and Thursdays until additional help can be obtained for the clerk's office. Six members voting yes, one no – Johnson.

Discussion was held regarding the community gardens. Oium stated he felt the \$20 should be given back to the persons who rented the garden plots for this year.

Moham stated the cost was to cover watering and porta potty rental.

Oium stated that the committee discussed liquor licenses that are not being actively used for business and will be researching a possible ordinance not allowing the granting of a beer and liquor license if the business has no intention of opening and applying solely for the purpose of holding onto the license so that it is not available to anyone else.

Oium reported on the Wisconsin Utilities Tax Association meeting that was held in Rothschild. Oium stated no new news regarding the utility payments. Oium stated he was re-elected president of WUTA for the 16th year in a row.

Motion by Wilkie seconded by Johnson to approve the Finance/Tax/License/Zoning Committee report a presented. All members voting yes.

AMBULANCE BOARD LIAISON

Liaison Ruff provided the council with the minutes from the previous quarter of the ambulance board.

Motion by Johnson seconded by Ruff to approve the Ambulance Board liaison report as presented. All members voting yes.

HISTORICAL PRESERVATION ADVISORY COMMISSION

Motion by Wilkie seconded by Ruff to approve the Historical Preservation Advisory Commission minutes as presented. All members voting yes.

Mayoral comments:

Mayor Scow complimented the city crew on the exceptional job that they do for the City of Alma.

Motion by Farl seconded by Moham to convene into CLOSED SESSION under exemptions set under Wis. Stats. 19.85 (1) (c) considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility and 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. The Council will reconvene into open session. All members voting yes.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Oium seconded by Wilkie to reconvene into Open Session. All members voting yes.

Motion by Oium seconded by Wilkie to appoint Wayne Boese to act in place of the Board of Police and Fire Commissioners as set forth in WI Stats. §62.13 (6m)(b). All members voting yes.

Motion by Oium seconded by Moham, acting in accordance with WI Stats. §62.13 (5)(b), authorize the filing of charges against Police Chief Roger Engel for dereliction of duty and failure to appropriately document request to transfer investigatory jurisdiction to another agency. All members voting yes.

Motion by Oium seconded by Moham to authorize the Mayor to temporarily suspend Alma Police Chief Roger Engel, with pay, during the disposition of the charges filed pursuant to WI Stats. §62.13 (5)(b). All members voting yes.

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