

November 14, 2013

PUBLIC HEARING

5:30 P.M.

Mayor Robert Scow opened the public hearing to the public regarding the proposed 2014 budget for the City of Alma.

Mayor Scow stated that the proposed budget summary was published two weeks prior to this evening and that all proper notices were given.

No citizens attended the public hearing; therefore, no testimony from the public for or against the proposed 2014 budget for the City of Alma was received.

Mayor Scow closed the public hearing.

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

FINANCE/TAX & LICENSE COMMITTEE

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

Farl further informed the Council that the committee recommended adoption of the proposed 2014 budget for the City of Alma.

Motion Johnson seconded by Moham to approve the budget as presented for 2014 for the City of Alma. All members voting yes by roll call vote.

Moham complimented the Council on the good job they had done with the budget.

Mayor Scow commented that all committees did an outstanding job with their budgets.

Wilkie informed the Council that on the summarized budget there was a computer error on pg. 7 listing FEMA flood expenses instead of Street Resurfacing. All made that correction.

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

UTILITIES COMMITTEE

Chairman Jim Wilkie informed the Council that Gary Ruff and himself attended a meeting of the Organizational and Selection Committee of the 2014-2015 Municipal Street Improvement Program for

Buffalo County at the Buffalo County Highway Department Office, 407 South 2nd St-Buffalo County Courthouse-2nd Floor at 10:00 a.m.

The meeting was chaired by David Brevick, Buffalo County Highway Commissioner.

Gary Ruff presented Alma's project proposal for resurfacing River Street, which was approved and will receive funding from MSIP of \$7,023.92 upon completion in 2014.

Wilkie informed the Council that the committee had not met; however, he did want the Council to be aware of the following:

- Badlands Road has a collapsed culvert near the stop sign at CTH I. This matter will be fixed in the spring.
- Cold mix patching will be done on Badlands Road in the worst areas yet this year.
- Reservoir is back in service, however, it continues to leak. The City sealed the drain and it's a mystery why it is leaking. Collins Plumbing televised 101' of the pipe to the reservoir and found a displacement in the pipe well beyond the reservoir wall. Winona Mechanical, Davy Engineering are working on this as well as coordinating with Charlie Cameron, WI DNR.
- Riverview Drive—Wilkie spoke with Dave Brevick, Highway Commissioner regarding the states timetable of the retaining wall. Brevick encouraged the City to continue contacting the WI DOT regarding this. Wilkie inquired of Brevick if the City continues to fill dirt at the washout area and a significant rain occurs causing the dirt to end up in the state highway's grader ditch, is there liability on the City's end. Brevick stated that it is the State's responsibility to keep the ditch clean.
- Davy Engineering has spent time with City in preparing the required Phosphorus Maintenance Program as cost effective for the City as possible. The report should be completed in a couple weeks.
- The pump for Lift Station #5 will be shipped November 28, 2013 to the installer with completion approximately one week later. The electrical is scheduled to be done prior to the pump installation; hopefully, in December.
- Preliminary plans for the pump house will be submitted to the DNR. Davy Engineer, Shawn Welte, spoke with the Railroad Roadmaster and received approval to erect a snow fence by the pump house which will save the cost of a flagman from the railroad while the work is being done.

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

SERVICES COMMITTEE

Chairman Gary Ruff reported that the Ambulance Board had met. Ruff stated that the Ambulance Service is still having problems covering the hours of 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Ruff informed the Council that he attended the Fire Meeting on November 6th and the firemen are having trouble with the radios.

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

Agenda Item 7: Mobile Home Park Permit-Steve Radsek.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Moham to approve a mobile home park permit to Steve Radsek at \$1555 CTH I. All members voting yes.

HISTORICAL PRESERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Earney reported that the committee had met and approved a building application for Matt Featherston.

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

All Council had received a letter from Nadine Leo regarding the retaining wall behind her property at 125 N. Main Street. This matter will be handled by the Utilities Committee.

Attorney Jon Seifert reported on the following:

- Buffalo River/Beef Slough Dredging Project—A summons and complaint are being prepared to present to Vierbicher's attorney.
- Alma Apartments Limited Partnership has filed a Summons and Complaint against the City of Alma for the 2012 tax year claiming the assessment exceeds the fair market value. This will be handled in the same manner as their previous claims.
- Arbitration regarding Lockport Marine's claim of violation of the harbor lease regarding the City's charging boat launch fees at the marina landing. Seifert will be presenting a public policy argument regarding this matter and arbitration will take place in December.

Mayor comments:

Mayor Scow spoke with Foreman Burce regarding being ready for winter.

Mayor Scow again complimented the Council for their excellent work with the budget for 2014.

Upcoming meetings:

Next Council meeting will be Thursday, December 5, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

Parks & Recreation will meet Wednesday, November 20, 2013 at 11:00 a.m.

Utilities will meeting Tuesday, December 3, 2013 at 9 a.m.

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