

**October 5, 2017**

**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, Corey Hanson, Gary Ruff, Monica Moham, Larry Farl, Ron Geiselhart and David Earney.  
Absent: Mary Johnson.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Geiselhart to approve the September 14, 2017 Council Proceeding minutes as presented. All members voting yes.

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

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

**UTILITIES COMMITTEE**

Chairman David Earney went over the committee minutes of September 25, 2017.

Earney stated that the committee discussed and acted upon the following:

- 1) Sidewalk/wall concerns at 300 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> St – Richard Tumaniec. Richard will meet with Brad LaDuke, contractor for the City, and discuss options for the repairs. Tumaniec will be responsible for ½ of the cost of the sidewalk repairs.
- 2) The Mayor presented a letter requesting 2-hour parking spaces in front of Castlerock Museum submitted by Gary Schlosstein. The committee requested this come before the full Council for action.
- 3) The committee prepared the proposed 2018 budgets.

Discussion was held regarding the 2-hour parking request in front of Castlerock Museum. Some of the Council felt that the crosswalk to the museum that was installed takes away parking spaces already and that there is simply no room in this already congested area. Mayor Wilkie stated that dates and times could be placed on the parking restrictions.

Motion by Earney seconded by Farl to create an ordinance for 2-hour parking in front of the Castlerock Museum for Fridays and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Two members voting yes. (Farl & Earney) Four voting no. (Hanson, Ruff, Moham, Geiselhart). Motion failed.

Earney informed the Council that the PSC will be conducting a public hearing via telephone from City Hall on November 7, 2017 at 10 a.m. regarding the Water Rate Increase Application.

Motion by Moham seconded by Farl 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 October 2<sup>nd</sup> and prepared the 2018 budgets,

Moham stated that the committee will be meeting in October to develop a trespass ordinance.

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

**PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Chairperson Larry Farl informed the Council that the Parks & Recreation committee met on September 20, 2017 and prepared the 2018 budgets.

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

**FINANCE/TAX & LICENSE/ZONING COMMITTEE**

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

Motion by Ruff seconded by Earney to approve the following Salary Schedule for the City of Alma employees:

**CITY OF ALMA  
2018 WAGE AND SALARY SUMMARY**

<b>Kevin J. Glander</b>	<b>Linda Torgerson</b>	<b>Terry L. Peterson</b>
Police Chief-\$54,522.40	City Clerk-Treas.	Deputy Clerk
Plus comp or OT & Mtg. pay	Incl. Sewer Utility	\$17.50
\$39.32/hour OT rate	\$54,668.72	(.75/hr increase)
	Plus comp and mtg. pay	
	(.75/hr increase)	

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<b>Debra Buxce</b>	<b>Calvin Loewenhagen</b>
Foreman-City Crew	City Crew + W/S
\$21.03 per hr Plus OT/Mtg. pay	\$21.39 Per Hr/Plus OT/Meeting pay
Plus w/s training incentive per	Plus \$.25/hour Paid from w/s
class completed ( .75/hr increase)	training incentive ( .75/hr increase)

<b>Joe Wick</b>	<b>Dale Rieck</b>
City Crew	Landfill Attendant
\$19.86 per hr Plus OT/Mtg. pay	\$14.55 Per Hr
Plus w/s training incentive per	(.75/hr increase)
Class completed	(10 hours-Landfill Open)
(.75/hr increase)	

**FOR ALL ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES:**

The City will pay 100% of health insurance premiums for all employees under contract. New employees will be responsible for 20% of the health insurance premium.

The City will pay 100% of life insurance premiums. (Basic coverage only).

The City will pay 80% of loss of time insurance premiums.

The City will pay 100% family dental insurance.

The City will pay employer required contribution of retirement benefits.

\*\*\*\*\*OTHER SALARIES AND WAGES\*\*\*\*\*

PART TIME CREW--DOQ	\$ 12.75 PER HOUR	(.75/hr increase for continued part-time workers).
PART TIME POLICE	\$	Per current rate of Sheriff's deputy
ELECTION OFFICIAL	\$ 10.50	(.75/hr increase)
MAYOR	\$ 1,650.00	PER YEAR PLUS
	\$ 40.00	PER COMMITTEE MEETING
ALDERPERSONS	\$ 55.00	PER COUNCIL MEETING PLUS
	\$ 40.00	PER COMMITTEE MEETINGS
CITY ATTORNEY	\$	ANNUAL RETAINER (To be paid Semi-Annually)
MILEAGE	\$	(FEDERAL STANDARD)

(9/19/2017)

All members voting yes by roll call vote.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Geiselhart to approve an Operator License to Tim Baker. All members voting yes.

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

### **LIBRARY LIAISON**

Motion by Ruff seconded by Farl to approve the appointment of Andrea Goeldner to the Alma Public Library Board to replace Maran Bacon. All members voting yes.

Motion by Hanson seconded by Ruff to approve the Library Liaison report as presented. All members voting yes.

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Fire Department liaison, Gary Ruff, stated that the fire department is working on issues with the MABAS system. The Fire Department responded to an explosion at Dairyland Power at which time the MABAS system was used. The Fire Department will be meeting with Dairyland Power to familiarize themselves with the layout and places firemen are allowed/not allowed to go within the plant during a fire situation.

Motion by Moham seconded by Farl to approve the Fire Department liaison report as presented. All members voting yes.

Police Chief Kevin Glander reported to the Council that everything is going fine, however, would like them to develop a trespass ordinance so that he is able to enforce trespassing on the railroad property, school, etc. Glander stated that the Village of Pepin has adopted a trespass ordinance that has assisted the local law enforcement in issuing a city citation rather than a criminal offense citation for trespassing.

Attorney Jon Seifert stated he is familiar with the Village of Pepin's trespass ordinance and feels it would work well within the City of Alma.

Motion by Earney seconded by Ruff to develop a trespass ordinance using the Village of Pepin's trespass ordinance as a guide and place on a public hearing before the Council meeting pending review by the City attorney. All members voting yes.

Mayor Wilkie informed the Council that he has been attending meeting with the Corps of Engineers regarding the 40-year plan for dredging. The dredged material proposed is not to be deposited here, however, the use of Beach Harbor Road will be heavily utilized. The City of Alma during the previous dredging project dealt directly with the contractor hauling the sand from the spoil site and they paid by the cubic yards hauled. This time, however, all dealing will be directly with the Corps of Engineers. Mayor Wilkie will keep the Council informed on this matter.

Upcoming meetings:

Parks & Recreation—October 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.  
Joint Review Board---October 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.  
Utilities-----October 18<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 p.m.  
PSC hearing-----November 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.  
Finance-----November 9<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m.  
Public Hearing -----November 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. for the 2018 budget  
Council-----November 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

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