

October 5, 2015

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.

Deputy Clerk Terry Peterson took roll call with the following members present: Mayor Jim Wilkie, Corey Hanson, Gary Ruff, Monica Moham, Larry Farl, Matt Olson and David Earney. Absent: Mary Johnson

Motion by Ruff seconded by Olson to approve the September 10th 2015 Council Proceeding minutes as presented. All members voting yes.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Moham to approve the September 2015 Financial Report as presented. All members voting yes by roll call vote.

Motion by Hanson seconded by Farl to approve the Treasurer's Report for September 2015 as presented. All members voting yes.

Citizen comments: None

FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

Ruff informed the Council that a meeting was scheduled with Insurance Agent Jerry Dunbar regarding 2016 Health Insurance coverage for City of Alma employees would be held Wednesday, October 7th at 2:00 p.m. Ruff suggested the Council give the Finance Committee the approval to proceed with Insurance Coverage for the employees depending on the outcome of the information received from the Insurance Agent. Motion by Earney seconded by Farl. All members voting yes by roll call vote.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Farl to approve a 2015-2016 Operators License application for Brooke Burnett. All members voting yes.

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

SERVICES COMMITTEE

Chairperson Monica Moham stated that mowing still continues and discussed the cost of real flowers used at the cemetery. Beautification will have less monies for real flowers. Discussion regarding landfill dumpster costs were running too high and was recommendation that a

quarterly dumping schedule for plastics would help reduce dumpster costs. No police concerns. Motion by Farl seconded by Olson to approve. All members voting yes.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Farl mentioned the harbor lease and that they are requesting a 20 year term. Discussion followed on stipulations needed in lease agreement such as launch fees and rent amount, DNR enforcement, etc. Gary Hardtke informed Farl he has already received earnest money regarding the sale of the Marina.

Discussion was held regarding the DNR violation of the contamination from Northport Marine's tanks. DNR needs to close the file. This has been going on since 1999. Council reviewed the costs of the clean-up from Braun Intertec. Test costs would run approximately \$5,000.00.

Costs to close the fold where the gas pump was will run \$1,000.00. This is to run the test and leave as is. The DNR said if the City is working on it, make sure there are no leaks if we are getting a new person at the Marina, the new owner wants to make sure there are no problems. If tests results are bad, the City of Alma will be responsible for clean-up.

It was discussed to have the city Attorney send letter to Gary Hardtke of the Northport Marine to cover half the costs for the DNR violation clean-up. Motion by Hanson seconded by Moham. All members voting yes.

Mayor Wilkie informed the Council that it would be a good idea for everyone to walk the trail of Mossy Hollow. Once the leaves are gone it will be reviewed to connect the trails. A couple of property owners would be contacted regarding 100 foot walk completion. The clearing process has been completed.

Beach Concerns: No action taken on beach roof.

Motion by Hanson seconded by Ruff to approve the Parks and Recreation Committee report as presented. All members voting yes.

UTILITIES COMMITTEE

Review on budget regarding Alley Street. Discussion of V-Plow to go down Alley Street and see how it goes.

Discussion of bids on diesel tank removal at the Wastewater Treatment Plant were reviewed. First bid reviewed came in at the amount of \$17,140.23. Discussion on an underground tank be replaced with a 500 gallon tank placed above ground.

Motion by Earney seconded by Olson to get another bid and discuss at another meeting.

Council agenda item #8: Update on Annexation of Town of Alma property for Highway Shop. There is approximately .8 acres of agriculture land. Taxes of 5-years reviewed. City Attorney Adam Sticht, reported that taxes are around \$100.00. The land owner is in favor of the annexation. The City Attorney informed the council that Dave Brevick and Robin Secrist are still in negotiations. If all goes o.k., the County Board will need to approve as well on October 28th. It is projected that the annexation be done by the end of the year. No plan to do any work this fall. Sewer line set for spring of 2016. No action is required from the City at the present time. It was also noted that an easement may be required from property owner. The easement requirements will be the County's responsibility.

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

Agenda Item #6 – Motion made by Farl for Mayor Wilkie to sign the Proclamation for Alma Garden Club. Seconded by Ruff, all members voting yes.

Agenda Item #12 – Mayor Jim Wilkie informed the council that no accumulation on the exact number of Clinic Petitions received was available. Once a total is gathered, it will be given for publication.

Agenda Item #13 – No Mayor concerns.

Library Board Concerns were discussed regarding overall operations of funds between the Library and the City of Alma. Attorney John Seifert recommended an informational meeting with the Library Board be held to review the proper procedures for running meetings and review the open by- laws. Task was given to Attorney Adam Sticht to schedule and conduct this meeting. Motion by Hanson, seconded by Ruff to approved Library Board Reports as submitted.

Next Council will be Thursday, November 12th at 6:00 p.m.

Finance Committee will meet on Thursday, November 12th at 8:00 a.m.

Parks & Recreation & Utilities Committee will meet at further notice. Not dates set at present time.

Motion by Hanson seconded by Ruff to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m. All members voting yes.