

October 6, 2016

PUBLIC HEARING

5:30 P.M.

Mayor Jim Wilkie opened the public hearing to the public regarding the naming of the Alma Beach as the Lois Balk Beach honoring her for her time and dedication in obtaining improvement grants, working with the Alma School youth in enhancement of the Alma Beach and continued organization of the May Cleanup Day which involves the Alma Beach.

Mayor Wilkie asked for comments in favor:

Bobbi Sedlmayr, Beach Manager, gave the history behind the Alma Beach, where it was when she started and the improvements that have been made there over the years because of the efforts of Lois Balk.

Bev Ambuehl, Enhance Alma member, stated that Lois Balk has given tirelessly of her efforts in improving Alma for the past 60 years and is deserving of naming the Alma Beach the Lois Balk Beach.

Marge Peterson, Wings Over Alma, expressed her support of the naming of the Alma Beach to the Lois Balk Beach because of all that Lois has done in improving the City of Alma.

Mayor Wilkie asked for comments against:

Charlene Brovold, resident, stated that she felt it would be hard to decide who would get things named after them for their work done for the City of Alma.

Heidi Stewart, resident and granddaughter of Charlene Brovold, stated that she is strongly opposed to the idea of naming places and/or things publicly owned after someone and that a policy should be in place so it can be consistent in what qualifies someone to have something put named after them. A fair and consistent process and/or policy should be in place, Stewart commented.

Hearing no further testimony for or against the naming of the Alma Beach to the Lois Balk Beach, Mayor Wilkie closed the hearing.

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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, Mary Johnson, Matt Olson and David Earney.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Johnson to approve the September 8, 2016 Council Proceeding 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 Hanson seconded by Olson to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. All members voting yes.

Citizen comments: None.

FINANCE/TAX & LICENSE/ZONING COMMITTEE

Motion by Ruff seconded by Farl to approve Operator Licenses to: Gary Evanson and Meckella Anderson. All members voting yes.

Nathan Franklin, Dairyland Power Governmental Relations, addressed the Council regarding the Memorandum of Understanding presented by Dairyland Power to the City of Alma regarding the demolition permit fee for the decommissioning of Plant One. Franklin stated that the exact cost of the demolition is not known at this time due to the cost difference of the various options. Franklin stated that Dairyland would like to pay ½ of the demolition permit fee now and the last half once the figures are in on the final costs.

Motion by Hanson seconded by Moham to extend the timeline for Dairyland Power to pay the demolition permit fee until the project has been completed; per the Memorandum of Understanding. All members voting yes by roll call vote.

Motion by Earney seconded by Farl to approve the Memorandum of Understanding submitted from Dairyland Power regarding the demolition permit fee for the decommissioning of Plant One. All members voting yes.

Franklin stated that Dairyland Power Cooperative has planned the following:

- 1) Remediation of coal site
- 2) Hazard material removal
- 3) Demolition to begin next year
- 4) Stack may remain until 2018
- 5) Truck traffic will increase (15/day) most going south
- 6) Work is sub-contracted within a 100 mile radius
- 7) Clean brick will be pulverized and stored onsite for driving surfaces
- 8) Clean fill basement
- 9) Metals (copper and stainless steel) will be scrapped and sold
- 10) Heavy steel beams will be cut in 2' sections and stored onsite and then sold.
- 11) Future use. Will deal with the decommissioning first, however, plan on maintaining the property because of the transmission lines.
- 12) Homeland Security is involved with the property

Chairman Gary Ruff informed the Council that the committee had met on September 14, 2016 regarding wages for 2017 for the employees.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Johnson to approve the 2017 Wages as presented. All members voting yes by roll call vote.

Motion by Hanson seconded by Moham to adopt Resolution #16-02 Rescinding the covenants at Shawnee Estates. All members voting yes.

Susan Miller, property owner, addressed the Council regarding the property at 1111 South 2nd Street. Miller indicated she would buy the property if a Conditional Use Permit was possible. The Mayor stated that the Council couldn't make a decision at this time and that she would need to apply for the CUP. Miller informed the Council of her tentative plans for the property. Miller will be submitting a CUP application at next month's meeting.

Council received a Perpetual Easement application submitted by Clive Pace for the garage on Swift Street. The garage has been there for many years and the City had previously had an agreement with a previous owner.

Motion by Hanson seconded by Johnson to approve the Perpetual Easement to Clive Pace for the garage on Swift Street. All members voting yes.

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

UTILITIES COMMITTEE

Chairman Dave Earney stated that the committee had met Sept. 30 to develop the budget for 2017. Earney further stated that the committee would be meeting tomorrow.

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

SERVICES COMMITTEE

Chairperson Mary Johnson stated that copies of the September 28, 2016 committee meeting minutes were in the Council packets and inquired if anyone had any questions. Johnson stated that the reason for the meeting was primarily the landfill storm water discharge permit and that Scott McCurdy of Cedar Corporation, who was present at the meeting, will be preparing the storm water discharge permit application.

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

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Chairman Larry Farl informed the Council that the committee had met on September 28, 2016 and the following items were discussed:

- 1) Harbor bank area washout concerns.
- 2) Beach/Harbor Road embankment concerns
- 3) Boat tournament organization (will be placed on a future agenda)
- 4) Beach concerns-Beach manager, Bobbi Sedlmayr, requested the same funding for 2017
- 5) Park concerns-Roofs at Rieck's Lake Park shelters. Deb will be contacting Randy Secrist.

- 6) Trails-Mayor Wilkie stated that the City is responsible for maintaining the walking portion of the xcel road for Mossy Hollow.
- 7) Budgets for 2017.

Farl stated that the City will be working with the owners of the marina, who were present at the meeting, regarding the washouts and coordination of the harbor banks with the road washout areas.

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

LIBRARY LIAISON

Mary Johnson, liaison for the Alma Public Library Board, informed the Council that the Library Board did not follow the proper procedure for recommending an appointment to the Library Board, however, did recommend the appointment of Shelly Cherry.

Discussion was held.

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

AMBULANCE

Gary Ruff, Ambulance, reported that the new ambulance does not fit well in the current garage and that a new building is needed.

Mayor Wilkie addressed the Council regarding agenda Item 9-Resolution naming the Alma Beach the Lois Balk Beach. He withdrew this resolution and apologized on record for presenting this item.

Mayor Wilkie stated that the WEDC grant has been presented for funding. Ayres Associates has prepared the grant application.

No Mayor comments.

Upcoming meetings:

Utilities-----October 7, 2016 at 8:30 a.m.

Finance-----Nov. 17, 2016 at 8:30 a.m.

Council -----Nov. 17, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. with public hearings prior

Board of Review-----Nov. 18, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

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