

**September 10, 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.

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 August 6, 2015 Council Proceeding minutes as presented. All members voting yes.

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

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

Citizen comments:

Bob Wemette, citizen, stated that he would like advice on how to get the trees and brush cut in the City alley below his residence. Mayor Wilkie referred this matter to the Services Committee for action.

**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 the committee met regarding wages for 2016.

Motion by Johnson seconded by Farl to approve the 2016 wages and benefits for the City employees. All members voting yes by roll call vote.

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

**SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Chairperson Monica Moham stated that the committee had met on September 1, 2015 and discussed cemetery concerns, landfill concerns and fire department and police department concerns.

Motion by Hanson seconded by Ruff 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 met on August 24, 2015 and discussed the marina issues.

Discussion was held regarding the DNR violation regarding the contamination from Northport Marine's tanks.

Mayor Wilkie will contact Davy Engineering to obtain a cost estimate for an Environmental Consultant to satisfying the DNR request for clearance of the contamination.

Mayor Wilkie informed the Council that Michaels Construction is currently doing the construction of the road/trail in Mossy Hollow. The clearing process is going on this week.

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

## **UTILITIES COMMITTEE**

Chairman Dave Earney informed the Council that he did not have a meeting, however, included in the Council packets is a proposal from Davy Engineering for updating the sewer ordinance.

Motion by Earney seconded by Hanson to approve expending \$1500 for the update to the sewer ordinance. All voting yes by roll call vote.

Earney continued with the proposal from Davy Engineering to research and update the sewer user charge system at a cost from \$3500 to \$6500.00.

Motion by Earney seconded by Hanson to approve the expenditure of \$3500 to \$6500 for Davy Engineering to research and update the sewer user charge system. All members voting NO by roll call vote.

Mayor Wilkie updated the Council on the Alley Street project. Wilkie stated that the sewer and street work is done, however, the striping of the parking stalls, staining of the retaining wall and some landscaping still need to be done.

Mayor Wilkie presented the Council agenda item #8: Report from Buffalo County regarding the desired sewer extension. Mayor Wilkie informed the Council that he had spoken with Dave Brevick and included in the Council packet is the survey done by the County survey with the legal description of the proposed annexation property. Discussion was held.

Motion by Moham seconded by Hanson to proceed with the annexation process and utility easement for the Buffalo County Highway shop to obtain sewer utility services from the City of Alma. All members voting yes.

Attorney Adam Sticht, present, will review the materials obtained from Buffalo County and will instruct Attorney Seifert to proceed.

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

Mayor Wilkie informed the Council that he does not have a detailed report regarding the Clinic petition final results, however, can inform them that approximately 642 signatures to save the Alma Clinic were obtained and that he has spoken with the director from Lake City who informed him that the Alma Clinic will remain open one day a week as it currently is being operated.

Mayor Wilkie thanked Faith from the Buffalo County Journal/Cochrane Recorder for distributing 1200 copies of the petition in the local papers.

Next Council will be Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

Finance Committee will meet on Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m.

Parks & Recreation Committee will meet on Monday, September 14, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

Utilities Committee will meet on Monday, September 28, 2015 at 8:30 a.m.

Motion by Farl seconded by Hanson 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. All members voting yes.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Farl seconded by Earney to reconvene into OPEN session. All members voting yes.

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