

Mayor Jim Wilkie called the regular monthly meeting of the Common Council to order.

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

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

Motion by Ruff seconded by Johnson to approve the Council Proceeding minutes of August 7, 2014 as presented. All members voting yes.

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

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

Citizen's comments:

Orlyn Hoksch, resident, was present, however, didn't want to speak except to mention it has been 3 months since he invited the Council to come out and travel Badland Road. He thanked the Council.

UTILITIES COMMITTEE

Chairman David Earney reported that the committee had not met this month, however, there are a lot of projects in the works.

Mayor Wilkie informed Earney that he had received notice from Lisa Fleming of Ayres Associates that the soil borings report is done for Alley Street. Wilkie further stated that he had spoken to the gentleman with the RBC's and he feels that the City can buy the bearings and the city crew can do the labor. Mayor Wilkie will order the bearings.

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

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Chairperson Larry Farl stated that the committee had met on August 15, 2014 and discussed with marina operator, the structures that were to be removed as requested by the DNR. Farl further stated that the marina operator was interested in approval of winter boat storage, however, that was not on the agenda so the committee will deal with that request at their next meeting. Mayor Wilkie stated that the marina operator had offered the area just over the railroad tracks leased by them for the city to place their snow in the winter. This option will also be discussed at the next committee meeting.

Mayor Wilkie informed Farl that the people at the marina that had the illegal structures according to the DNR hired an attorney and it was found that these structures were grandfathered in and this is no longer a violation.

Matt Olson requested that the City request a letter from the DNR verifying this information since the City of Alma was on notice regarding these structures.

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

FINANCE/TAX & LICENSE/ZONING COMMITTEE

Monica Moham

Motion by Moham seconded by Farl to approve the following Operator Licenses: James Duvall, James Wilson, Tim Baker and Kathi Korum. All members voting yes.

SERVICES COMMITTEE

Motion by Ruff seconded by Earney to approve #14-02 Addendum B Resolution to Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) for Western Buffalo County Ambulance Service. All members voting yes.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Farl to approve #14-03 Addendum B Resolution to Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) for Alma Volunteer Fire Department. All members voting yes.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Farl to approve #14-04 Addendum C Resolution to MABAS Agreement for Western Buffalo Western Buffalo County Ambulance Service. All members voting yes.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Moham to approve #14-05 Addendum C Resolution to MABAS Agreement for Alma Volunteer Fire Department. All members voting yes.

Attorney Jon Seifert expressed his concerns regarding Addendum A to the MABAS Agreement. (Equal Opportunity Employment Statement). Addendum A will be reviewed and the state consulted regarding the language. Jon Seifert stated that this statement should only coincide with State Statutes.

Chairman Gary Ruff informed the Council that the Village of Cochrane has a 2004, 4-wheel drive that the Alma Volunteer Fire Department is considering purchasing for a rescue vehicle. Cochrane is replacing the 2004 and is asking \$11,000.00. The fire department has the funds for the purchase of the vehicle. Fire Chief Brakke commented that the fire department has put the purchasing of this vehicle on the back burner for the moment because their offer was not going to be considered. Brakke stated that the village looked to obtain an offer of \$20,000.00.

Mayor Wilkie inquired of Fire Chief Brakke if the pumper that doesn't work could be moved to provide space for the new police squad which is a four-wheel drive pickup truck. Brakke informed the Council that the pumper has to stay part of the fleet in order to maintain a good insurance rating. Brakke informed the Council that Joe Wick and he will be working on the pumper in the near future.

Dave Earney inquired of Brakke if the department would qualify for a grant for a vehicle. Brakke stated that the department had looked into the FEMA grants, however, the fleet is too new to qualify.

Motion by Johnson seconded by Ruff to approve the Fire Department to look at prices and specs for a new pumper and report back with this information within a year's time. All members voting yes.

Mayor Wilkie stated that the City, between the Police and Fire Departments will have to work out something to create garaging the new squad.

Brakke informed the Council that the Fire Department has had training on what to do in case of a derailment or other hazardous situation. Most important is to control the scene, evacuation if necessary and calling in other needed departments Brakke commented and then BNSF Railroad, DNR and Corps of Engineers would be taking care of the situation at hand.

Mayor Wilkie asked Fire Chief Brakke to provide an accounting of the fire department's records regularly including any and all fundraisers. Brakke stated that he would and would also be providing the City a list of any approved fire pits and rings.

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

BOARD OF APPEALS

Motion by Farl seconded by Olson to approve the Board of Appeals minutes as presented. All members voting yes.

BUFFALO RIVER/BEEF SLOUGH

Attorney Jon Seifert informed that Council that a letter was sent to Attorney Seesnop regarding the new offer from the Council and has heard no response. Jon will contact Seesnop after this meeting.

Mayor comments:

- An application for CapX2020 funds has been received regarding a bike trail. Planning stage.
- Swiss Heritage Days was a success and was enjoyed by all. Wilkie mentioned that there is a sister City connection in Switzerland and he believes the cost to be \$500 to \$800 to join.
- Budgets—committees should have their budget meetings this month

Upcoming meetings:

- Utilities - Monday, September 22 at 7 a.m.
- Parks & Rec - Friday, September 19th at 9:30 a.m.
- Services - Friday, September 26th at 10:00 a.m.

Finance will need to schedule a meeting to set wages in the near future.

Next Council meeting will be Thursday, October 9, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

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