

March 8, 2018

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

Motion by Ruff seconded by Johnson to approve the February 15, 2018 Council Proceeding minutes as presented. All members voting yes.

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

Motion by Farl seconded by Ruff to approve the February 2015 Treasurer's Report as presented. All members voting yes.

Citizen comments. None

FINANCE/TAX & LICENSE/ZONING COMMITTEE

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

Motion by Ruff seconded by Earney to approve Operator Licenses to: Elizabeth Lay and Stephanie Asfahl. All members voting yes.

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

Mayor Jim Wilkie informed the Council that FEMA may approve up to 2 ½ times the cost of repair of Shawnee Bridge, (\$10,000 to \$25,000), however, archaeological research will need to be done regarding disturbing the wetland area. Mayor Wilkie stated that it needs to be known how much it will cost the City in order to receive the \$25,000.

UTILITIES COMMITTEE

Chairperson Earney informed the Council that the committee had not met, however, before them was the pulling of Well#1 proposals. Earney stated that last month the Council approved going with McCarthy at a cost of \$15,000 to \$21,000 which did not include the cost of televising. The cost of televising through McCarthy will be an additional \$6,800.00. Discussion was held.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Earney to rescind the motion from Feb. 15, 2018 awarding the proposal for pulling Well #1 to McCarthy who proposed a cost of \$15,000 to \$21,000. All members voting yes by roll call vote.

Motion by Moham seconded by Farl to approve the proposal for the pulling of Well #1 to Municipal Well & Pump in the amount of \$10,890 plus \$1,800 for televising the well. All members voting yes by roll call vote.

Earney stated that he is working on the blacktop bid for High School road in conjunction with the school parking lot.

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

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Chairperson Larry Farl stated that the committee had not met, however, he has contacted the Railroad regarding the approaches at the crossing at Beach/Harbor Road. The Railroad informed him that the approaches will be repaired.

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

Mayor Wilkie informed the Council that two Alma Volunteer Firemen rescued two boaters approximately 100' from shore that had fallen into the river. Mayor Wilkie presented a Proclamation that he would like presented to the firemen.

Motion by Farl seconded by Ruff to approve the Proclamation to the firemen who rescued the boaters from the river. All members voting yes.

Mayor Wilkie informed the Council that a presentation was held at the Fire Dept. last Tuesday evening. The family of the boater, members of the fire department, Buffalo Co. Sheriff and himself attended the presentation.

Motion by Farl seconded by Ruff 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 Ruff seconded by Farl to reconvene into Open Session. All members voting yes.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Farl to proceed with Mike Johnson for the Chief of Police position and continue the hiring process. Five members voting yes, 1 abstain. (Earney) by roll call vote.

Mayor Wilkie will make contact with Mike Johnson, discuss benefit package and residency and will call a special meeting once negotiations have proved successful.

Upcoming meetings:

Finance-----Thursday, April 12, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.

Council-----Thursday, April 12, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

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