

April 12, 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, Corey Hanson, Gary Ruff, Monica Moham, Larry Farl, Ron Geiselhart and David Earney.
Absent: Mary Johnson.

Motion by Farl seconded by Moham to approve the March 15, 2018 Council Proceeding minutes as presented. All members voting yes.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Geiselhart to approve the minutes of the April 4, 2018 Special Council meeting as presented. All members voting yes.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Farl to approve the March 2018 Financial Report as presented. All members voting yes by roll call vote.

Motion by Moham seconded by Ruff to approve the Treasurer's Report for March 2018 as presented. All members voting yes.

Citizens comments. None present.

SERVICES COMMITTEE

Chairperson Monica Moham went over the minutes from the committee meeting held on March 28, 2018.

Moham inquired if the County/City Recycling Brochure has arrived. Clerk Linda Torgerson stated it has and copies have been made and distributed at different locations and is posted on the City's website.

The siren has been tested and is working well.

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

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

Chairman Larry Farl informed the Council that the committee had met on April 6, 2018 and discussed shoreline management at the marina and beach road area. WIFI at Rieck's Park was discussed. At this time Farl asked Corey Hanson to explain the plan for WIFI at Rieck's Park as presented in his handout.

Discussion was held, and Corey informed the Council that in order to cover the entire campground he estimates the cost of equipment and labor to be anywhere from \$5,000 to \$10,000. Farl stated that the committee will meet once the costs are in on this project. Hanson stated that the increase in the camping fee compared to last year should generate an additional \$5,000.00.

Farl informed the Council that the committee had discussed the docks at Breckow's Landing.

Foreman Burce stated that she has spoken to "Wayne the welder", and we will be put on the list for repair of the docks. Deb further stated that the docks will need to be pulled and wheels should be added to the docks.

Farl informed the Council that the Mayor had discussed at the committee meeting possible uses for the beach bathhouse.

Farl stated that Mayor Jim Wilkie informed the committee that the vacant lot across from City Hall will be used for events for the Fire In The Shire celebration.

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

UTILITIES COMMITTEE

Chairman David Earney informed the Council that the committee did not meet, however, Council Agenda #7-Well #1 Rehab is scheduled for two weeks beginning the week of April 30th.

The interior wall in the northern most bay has to be removed and equipment moved out in order to pull the well.

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

FINANCE/TAX & LICENSE/ZONING COMMITTEE

Chairman Gary Ruff informed the Council that the committee had met this morning and approved all vouchers, bills and receipts for March 2018.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Earney to approve the Operator License application submitted by Carol Schwanke. All members voting yes.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Earney to approve the Mobile Home Park application submitted by Steve Radsek. All members voting yes.

Chairman Ruff reported that he had attended the Fire Department meeting and there are communication problems with the MABAS system. He further reported that new water rescue rope is being ordered.

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

HISTORICAL PRESERVATION ADVISORY COMMISSION

Commission member David Earney informed the Council that the commission had met on March 15, 2018 regarding a building permit submitted by Castlerock Museum (Gary Schlosstein) for a sign. The committee approved the permit. The sign will be behind Castlerock Museum at 402 S. 2nd and from CTH E. The sign will be visible from STH 35, Earney stated.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Geiselhart to approve the Historical Preservation Advisory Commission report as presented. All members voting yes.

LIBRARY LIAISON

The Council was presented with Library Director's Report and the Treasurer's Report for the Alma Public Library.

Mayor Jim Wilkie thanked councilman, Corey Hanson, for his donation of labor to the Library for the installation of new computer equipment.

Motion by Moham seconded by Earney to approve the Library Director's Report and Treasurer's Report for the Alma Public Library as presented. All members voting yes.

Mayor Jim Wilkie informed the Council that the hiring of Mike Johnson for the City of Alma's Chief of Police is currently in the progress of the background checks and is moving forward.

Mayor Jim Wilkie further informed the Council that Mike Johnson has tentatively acquired a home in the City of Alma, therefore, the 15-minute response time will not be a question.

Motion by Farl seconded by Moham to convene into CLOSED SESSION under exemptions set under Wis. Stats. 19.85 (1) (g) conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advise concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation to which it is or is likely to become involved. All members voting yes.

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

Mayor Jim Wilkie thanked Corey Hanson, 2nd Ward Alderman who did not run for re-election, for his years of service to the City of Alma. Hanson commented he wished that more young people would be able to serve on the City Council and that he may return at a later time.

Full Council thanked Hanson for his service to the City of Alma and its residents.

Upcoming meetings:

April 17, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. ----- Re-organization Meeting

April 25, 2018 – 3 to 5 p.m. ----- Board of Review

May 7, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. ----- Tax & License/Zoning Committee

May 7, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. ----- Council

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