

August 6, 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, Richard Champeny, Gary Ruff, Monica Moham, Larry Farl, Mary Johnson, Ron Geiselhart and David Earney.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Moham to approve the July 12, 2018 Council Proceeding minutes as presented. All members voting yes.

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

Motion by Ruff seconded by Earney to approve the July 2018 Treasurer's Report as presented. All members voting yes.

Citizen comments. None.

PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Chairman Larry Farl informed the Council that the committee met on July 12, 2018. Farl informed the Council that the committee discussed and/or acted upon the following:

- Beach use policy--\$500 deposit (\$300 returned if cleaned up), \$1,000,000 of liability insurance for the event, provide garbage removal or dumpster and submit parking plan. After discussion, Farl announced that the committee will be working on the Beach use policy for presentation at the next Council meeting.
- Internet at Rieck's Lake Park-available by shelters.
- Observation Deck repairs-wind damage done on June 17, 2018. The work is now completed.
- Playground equipment repair/replacement—wind damage on June 17, 2018. Merry-go-round has been removed due to damage.
- Donation box at Buena Vista Park—stolen. Will be replaced.
- Donations for Buena Vista Park Policy—Develop a policy where benches are not donated, however, monies used to improve the park with a possible plaque recognition.
- Old boat landing at Beach Harbor Road just off of Hwy 35—Farl has not informed Brian Brecka that the committee stated that in order for improvements to be done, the City would have to impose a landing fee at this location. Councilman, Rick Champeny, informed Farl that research needs to be done at this landing because in previous years it has been repaired, filled in with rock and/or concrete and the material disappears.
- Tree clearing at the overlook at Buena Vista Park. Mayor Wilkie informed the Council that he has contacted Dan Vanover regarding this matter, however, has not heard from him.

Motion by Geiselhart seconded by Earney to approve the Parks and Recreation 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 and bills.

Ruff stated that the committee preliminarily approved a building permit pending approval of the Board of Appeals.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Champeny to approve the following Operator Licenses: Scott Baker, Tim Baker, James Ruff and Douglas Czaplewski. All members voting yes.

Ruff informed the Council that there were no new reports on Shawnee Estates.

Mayor Wilkie commented on Shawnee Estates-solar farm inquiry, Agenda Item #6. Wilkie informed the Council that he had contacted realtor Jarrad Fluekiger regarding this matter and Fluekiger would not offer any proposals without an exclusive listing of the Shawnee Estate property.

Motion by Champeny seconded by Farl to approve the Finance/Tax & License/Zoning Committee. All members voting yes.

SERVICES COMMITTEE

Chairperson Monica Moham informed the Council that the committee had met Friday, August 3rd.

Moham reported the following:

- Police Chief Mike Johnson has done a good job with the parked vehicle problems.
- Police squad is now marked.
- Moham passed around a handout of the Police Department activities for the month.
- Moham will be contacting Vanover regarding branches at the cemetery that need to be trimmed for safety purposes. Rick Champeny gave a couple names of other tree trimmer/remover companies in case Vanover is unable to do the work.
- Moham will be contacting Vicky Schultz regarding the school possibly putting up an aluminum can container at the landfill for school fundraisers.

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

UTILITIES COMMITTEE

Chairman Ron Geiselhart informed the Council that the committee had met on July 20, 2018 at noon.

The committee had discussed the following:

- **Cedar Street/Second St/portion of Swift resurfacing projects.**

Geiselhart stated the committee discussed re-routing traffic options during the construction. Joe is to notify Chris Martin at Xcel when Swift is going to be done.

- **Signs for Badland Road update.**

Geiselhart stated Joe informed the committee that the City of Alma and Town of Alma limit signs have been installed on Badland Road.

- **Hickory Street pot holes.**

Geiselhart commented that Joe informed the committee that he was unaware of the City's portion of Hickory Street, however, will be putting this on the work list.

- **Block corners update.**

Mayor Wilkie informed the Council that he received a proposal from Burt Surveying in the amount of \$15,000 and currently there is \$17,000 in the Block Corner Outlay Fund. This item is not on the agenda, therefore, this item will have to be acted upon at the next Council meeting.

- **Blocked storm sewer by railroad.**

Geiselhart stated that Joe informed the committee that in the last heavy rainfall, Main Street flooded at 807 South Main area due to the storm drain being plugged. The drain was plugged by the railroad who had done rock work by the tracks. Mayor Jim Wilkie informed the committee that he had contacted BNSF, Amy McBeth, who works in public relations and they are aware of the problem.

GIS mapping of the storm drains and water turn offs was discussed.

Geiselhart informed the Council that himself, Mayor Wilkie and Cal Loewenhagen will be travelling to Onalaska on Wednesday to view their GIS system.

Geiselhart stated that the city crew will be spraying portions of Riverview Drive to kill the Sumac brush. Residents will be notified, and signs erected when this work is done.

- **Concerns of Hwy 35 and Kwik Trip driveways.**

Ron stated that the committee will be working on an ordinance amendment for the parking in front of the Kwik Trip store. The committee suggests allowing only motorcycle parking in the parking stalls in front of Kwik Trip. The committee will work on the amendment and then send to the City Attorney for review, recommendation and final draft and present at the next Council meeting.

- **Reservoir inspection update.**

Geiselhart stated Cal informed the committee that the reservoir inspection is complete, and he is awaiting the official report from the company.

- **Discharge pipe by South Landing update.**

No new developments on this issue.

- **Lift Station – floats update.**

Geiselhart stated that the stainless-steel floats have arrived, however, they have not been installed. Dan the electrician will be installing the floats.

- **Phosphorus Pollutant Minimization Plan update.**

Mayor Wilkie stated that the plan has been submitted. No word has been heard regarding this matter.

- **Property Maintenance issues update.**

Geiselhart stated he is seeing some compliance to the letters that were mailed. Chief Johnson has issued a citation to one of the property owners.

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

LIBRARY LIAISON

Larry Farl, alternate for Gary Ruff, informed the Council that the Library Board met on July 30th. One of the major items of discussion was providing Saturday hours to the public. The Library Board will need to discuss the needs and possibilities and will report back.

Motion by Moham seconded by Geiselhart to approve the Library Board Liaison report as presented. All members voting yes.

Upcoming meetings:

August 10, 2018 at 9 a.m. ----- Tourism
August 10, 2018 at 10 a.m. ----- Parks and Recreation
August 20, 2018 at Noon ----- Utilities
Sept. 6, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. ----- Finance
Sept. 6, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. ----- Council

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