

September 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 and Mary Johnson. Absent: Ron Geiselhart and David Earney.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Farl to approve the Council Proceeding minutes of August 6, 2018 as presented. All members voting yes.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Champeny to approve the August 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 August 2018 as presented. All members voting yes.

Citizen Comments:

Rita Magno, Alma Public Librarian, invited the Council to the Library Program, "Science is Fun in the Lab of Shakhashiri". The program will be held on Friday, September 14, 2018 at 12:15 & 1:00 p.m. at the Alma Area Schools. Rita stated that this is a learning program and is jointly funded with the P.I.E. organization for the school. The community is invited to attend.

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 August 2018.

Ruff informed the Council that the Shawnee Estates solar farm agenda item did not go anywhere, therefore, Council agenda item 8 will not need to be acted upon.

The committee also recommended approval of the Operator License applications.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Champeny to approve Operator Licenses to: Beatrice Gleiter, Tammy Braaten, Michael Feuling and Larry Grisen. All members voting yes.

Ruff informed the Council that the committee will be looking into the request by Buffalo County to change out the existing fire numbers to new flag type numbers for those in the rural areas of the City.

Ruff informed the Council that budgets will need to be done this month.

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

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Chairman Larry Farl informed the Council that the committee met on August 10, 2018.

The committee approved the following beach event use policy:

- Provide dumpster or garbage removal
- Deposit \$500 for each event, if no additional charges on behalf of the City Crew, \$300 will be returned.
- Parking must be approved by the City.
- \$1,000,000 worth of liability insurance

Farl stated that the committee had met at Rieck's Lake Park to go over the playground equipment needs, shelter needs and bathroom repairs.

Farl stated that the committee is still working on the Buena Vista Park donation policy.

Farl informed the Council that trees by the overlook have been cut. Joe Wick, Acting Foreman, stated that Mann tree service removed the trees.

Mayor Wilkie informed the Council that he has asked that the birch tree at the point of Buena Vista be cut down due to the liability of the children climbing in the tree with a possible 8-foot drop should they fall. Mayor Wilkie stated that he has contacted Stockholm Gardens to plant some native grasses at Buena Vista Park.

Mayor Wilkie informed the Council that he had spoken to the operator of the marina and was told that the culvert has been fixed and that John LaRoque, employee of the marina, was able to locate the culvert to assist in the project.

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

SERVICES COMMITTEE

Chairperson Monica Moham informed the Council that the committee had not met, however, there are two agenda items that need to be acted upon.

Motion by Moham seconded by Farl to approve the Mutual Aid Agreement with the Mondovi Police Department for the Flood Run on September 15, 2018. All members voting yes.

Motion by Moham seconded by Ruff to approve the Reporting Management Software (RMS) software change for the Alma Police Department. All members voting yes.

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

UTILITIES COMMITTEE

Committee member Gary Ruff informed the Council that the committee had met on August 20th and discussed the following:

- Hickory Street update.
- Burt Surveying Response.
- Storm drain cleaning update at 807 S. Main.
- Report on informational meeting concerning GIS mapping;
- Proposal to eliminate car parking on Main Street in front of Kwik Trip.
- Buffalo County Safety Commission meeting report.
- Reservoir inspection update.
- Citizen inquiry: No parking on the bluff side of 2nd St. on the Block north of Laue St.
- Oium proposal for line painting crosswalks.
- Proposal for installation of electrical upgrade for Lift Stations.
- Shouldering for High School Road.
- Discuss equipment.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Champeny to approve the proposal for block corner surveys to Johnson & Scofield, Inc. in the amount of \$8,980.00 as presented. All members voting yes.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Moham to approve the proposal from Twin Bluff Electric for the electrical upgrade of the Lift Stations in the amount of \$5,988.00. All members voting yes.

Motion by Champeny seconded by Johnson to place the proposed parking ordinances for public hearings at the October 18, 2018 Council meeting. All members voting yes.

Joe Wick, acting foreman, informed the Council that the BNSF railroad has not responded to the request to clean out the storm drain across from 807 S. Main.

Mayor Wilkie informed the Council that he had attended a GIS workshop with Cal Loewenhagen, sewer and water operator. Cal is obtaining quotes to present at a future meeting for the GIS mapping that would prove of great benefit to the City.

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

BOARD OF APPEALS

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

Mayor Wilkie presented two proclamations for the capture of a fugitive in the City of Alma. One was for law enforcement agencies and the other for citizen, Lucas Loewenhagen.

Motion by Champeny seconded by Ruff to approve both Proclamations for the Fugitive Capture in the City of Alma on August 16, 2018. All members voting yes.

Upcoming meetings:

Finance-----Sept. 12, 2018-----9 a.m.

Services-----Sept. 12, 2018-----11 a.m.

Utilities-----Sept. 12, 2018-----12 noon

Public Hearing-----Oct. 18, 2018-----5:30 p.m.

Public Hearing-----Oct. 18, 2018-----5:45 p.m.

Council-----Oct. 18, 2018-----6:00 p.m.

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