

**July 5, 2019**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**10:00 a.m.**

Mayor Jim Wilkie opened the public hearing to the public regarding proposed ordinance #19-05 creating a new Section, Section 130.07 – Residency Restrictions for Sexual Offenders, in Title XIII – Chapter 130: General Offenses of the City of Alma Code of Ordinances.

No testimony was received for or against the proposed ordinance.

Mayor Jim Wilkie closed the hearing.

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**SPECIAL COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**

**10:15 a.m.**

Mayor Jim Wilkie called the Special Council 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, Ron Geiselhart and David Earney. Absent: Larry Grisen.

1. Ordinance #19-05 creating a new Section, Section 130.07 – Residency Restrictions for Sexual Offenders, in Title XIII – Chapter 130: General Offenses of the City of Alma Code of Ordinances.

Police Chief Mike Johnson informed the Council that this Ordinance was on his agenda to present to Council and felt there was a need to have this ordinance on file to protect the citizens of Alma.

Mayor Jim Wilkie presented the map that accompanies the ordinance, that he developed, showing the areas where a sex offender can and cannot reside. Areas such as churches, schools, daycares, parks are 1,000 feet and school bus stops at 200'. Mayor Wilkie stated that the restriction from school bus stops hasn't been adopted in other ordinances, however, he felt these are prime locations where someone could see children getting on and off the buses at specific times and develop their schedules.

Discussion was held and all councilpersons felt that the ordinance was a good idea to adopt to protect the citizens and especially the children of the City of Alma.

As far as the penalty for sex offenders to reside within the zones indicated on the map restricting the residing, the sex offender as well as the landlord is subject to the penalties.

Motion by Champeny seconded by Moham to adopt Ordinance #19-05 creating a new Section, Section 130.07 – Residency Restrictions for Sexual Offenders, in Title XIII – Chapter 130: General Offenses of the City of Alma Code of Ordinances. All members voting yes by roll call vote.

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