

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, Larry Grisen, Ron Geiselhart and David Earney.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Champeny to approve the May 6, 2019 Public Hearing minutes regarding Ordinance 19-03 – One-way streets as presented. All members voting yes.

Motion by Farl seconded by Geiselhart to approve the May 6, 2019 Public Hearing minutes regarding Ordinance 19-04 – Parking as presented. All members voting yes.

Motion by Moham seconded by Grisen to approve the Council Proceeding minutes of May 6, 2019 as presented. All members voting yes.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Farl to approve the May 2019 Treasurer’s Report as presented. All members voting yes.

Citizens comments. No citizens present.

**SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Chairperson Monica Moham went over the minutes of the committee from May 29, 2019.

Monica stated that the committee discussed and/or acted upon the following:

- Cemetery benches. Monica informed the Council that the committee discussed the condition of the cement benches in the cemeteries. Joe Wick will investigate this matter and report back to the committee.
- Cemetery signage. Monica informed the Council that the committee recommended the purchase of street signs for the cemetery so that graves can be easily located and coincide with the cemetery maps. Mayor Wilkie stated he would like to talk to Foreman Joe Wick before he orders the signs.
- Update on police squad. Monica informed the Council that the new squad is in service and the former squad has been repaired and is now part of the city crew’s fleet of vehicles.
- Fire department concerns. Monica informed the Council that councilman Gary Ruff has viewed the sonar equipment that was installed on the boat.
- Humane officer update. Monica informed the Council that prospective humane officer, Amy Baker, is enrolled in the humane officer certification class for September.

- Blacktop for recycling center at landfill. Research is being done as the cost to blacktop in front of the landfill shed and cost to cement the shed floor.
- Flooding concerns.

Dave Earney stated that a detailed summary report that included what was done prior, during and after the flooding situation. Mayor Wilkie stated that Foreman Joe Wick does have pictures and day by day notes. Monica Moham stated she will put this on the next Services Committee meeting's agenda.

### **PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Chairman Larry Farl informed the council that the committee meeting that was held on May 29<sup>th</sup> basically dealt with the flooding at the park, boat landings and courtesy dock. The committee discussed the installation of the video surveillance that has been delayed due to the flooding.

Motion by Earney seconded by Geiselhart to approve the Parks and Recreation Committee report as presented.

### **UTILITIES COMMITTEE**

Chairman Ron Geiselhart presented a handout he prepared with a map of the streets that were looked at and ranked according to the priority of the need of repair. This was developed from the May 31<sup>st</sup> committee meeting where the streets were reviewed. Along with the rating system Ron also provided comments that Tim Huebner had made when he reviewed the streets.

A lengthy discussion of the roads to be fixed this year was held with the conclusion being the cost of the Badland Road repair and what monies would be left over for projects, if any.

Motion by Earney seconded by Geiselhart to authorize Mayor Wilkie to research and order emergency repair to Badland Road up to \$12,000 to make the road in safe condition. All members voting yes by roll call vote.

Motion by Grisen seconded by Moham to empower Mayor Wilkie to research and develop a plan for the upper side of Badland Road to change the flow pattern by regrading and ditching and to present the plan to Council along with any right-of-way issues that need to be addressed, if any for the necessary repairs to be done. All members voting yes by roll call vote.

Ron Geiselhart stated the priority list of roads to be:

1. Badland Road
2. Sunset Drive
3. Spring Creek Road
4. Lower Swift Street

Ron Geiselhart stated that the last three projects would need to be tabled until costs for Badland Road have been determined.

Dave Earney commented that he observed there will be no passing lane for the southbound traffic that enters school with the new one-way street. Discussion was held.

Ron Geiselhart stated that the committee discussed the wall abutting Alley Street that is failing. Mayor Wilkie stated that he has spoke with Brad LaDuke regarding some possible band aids to help this situation. Mayor Wilkie stated that this is a complicated wall with many structures in the wall.

Ron Geiselhart further stated that the committee had discussed the possible need for a rate increase for the upcoming required upgrades to the wastewater treatment plant. Mayor Wilkie commented that it came to his attention that some homes may be pumping their clear water from their sump pumps or gutters into the city's sanitary sewer system. By doing this, the peak flow increases, and this is a factor in determining what needs to be done to the plant to comply with the state regulations. Mayor Wilkie would like to send out a letter in the next sewer and water bills asking for the residents to comply with this existing state law so that the City could save money in the required upgrades. Larry Grisen suggested a letter go out to residents letting them know of the upcoming sewer rate increase, so it is not such a surprise and in increments, if possible.

David Earney inquired why Davy Engineering didn't think of what enters in the sanitary sewer system such as the water from sump pumps and drain spouts and look at the options to save the City money.

Motion by Earney seconded by Geiselhart to adopt Resolution 19-04 the Compliance Maintenance Annual Report for the Wastewater Treatment Plant. All members voting yes.

Grisen asked how the grading was done for the CMAR Resolution. Linda explained that each section has various questions that is point driven and the grade is given out by the corresponding points for each section.

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

Mayor Wilkie informed the Council that the Alma Rod & Gun Club under the leadership of Donnie Ganz repaired the courtesy/fishing dock on Beach/Harbor Road and felt a Resolution of Appreciation was in order.

Motion by Champeny seconded by Ruff to approve Resolution 19-03, Resolution of Appreciation to the Alma Rod & Gun Club. All members voting yes.

### **FINANCE/TAX & LICENSE/ZONING COMMITTEE**

Chairman Gary Ruff informed the Council that the committee had met this morning and acted upon the following:

1. Vouchers and bills. The committee reviewed and approved all vouchers, bills and receipts as presented.
2. Building permit applications. The committee approved a building permit to Victoria Schultz, 100 E. Elm, for retaining wall and drainage improvement. Mayor Wilkie stated that the city's wall is adjoining her wall and she would like it tuckpointed at the same time as her wall is being done so that the integrity of the wall is sustained.

Motion by Earney seconded by Geiselhart to approve the expenditure of tuckpointing the city's portion of the retaining wall to the Victoria Schultz retaining wall at 100 E. Cedar Street. All members voting yes.

3. Beer & Liquor Licenses for 2019 to 2020.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Moham to approve the following Class "A" licenses: Alma General Store-Wm Hedberg agent, Kwik Trip-Brenda Loesel agent and Marsha Ann Przybylla for Trax Liquor. All members voting yes.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Geiselhart to approve the following Combination Class B Licenses:

American Legion Post #224, David Danzinger, Agent, 501 N. Main St.

Alfresco Pizzeria, Julie Lindstrom, Agent, 211 N. Main St.

Gregory A. Stevens, Dam View Bar, 415 N. Main St.

JLS Hospitality, LLC-Jerri L Schreiber, Agent, 201 N. Main St.

BHLB LLC, Brian Bremer, Agent, S1582 STH 35

The Burlington Hotel LLC, Kathi Anderson, Agent, 809 N. Main St.

Bill's Talk of the Town LLC – Drew Ibach, Agent, 107 N Main St.

Empire Investments LLC – Julie Lindstrom, Agent, 215 N. Main St.

All members voting yes.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Earney to approve the Class B Winery License and Class B Beer License to Danzinger Vineyards, LLC-Penny Danzinger-agent, 2015 Grapeview Lane. All members voting yes.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Farl to approve the following Class "B" Fermented Malt Licenses-On premise only to:

Alma Rod & Gun Club, Donna Baker – Agent, 1562 CTH "I"

Pier 4 Café LLC, Aldona Marie Palmer, Agent, 600 N. Main St.

WWBIG LLC-Irene Wolf, Agent, 121 Main Street.

All members voting yes.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Champeny to approve Operator License applications 1 through 67 as presented for the 2019-2020 licensing year. All members voting yes.

Discussion was held regarding the letter that was sent to property owner Matt Featherston to get his property into compliance regarding windows, doors, etc. Attorney Seifert stated that if he has complied to the letter that was sent to him, he would now have to obtain a building permit for anything he does further.

Motion by Champeny seconded by Earney to approve the Tax/License/Zoning committee report as presented. All members voting yes.

### **LIBRARY BOARD LIAISON**

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

Mayor Wilkie had provided to the Finance committee a map and plan for wildflowers at the city farm where erosion has been a problem. The committee had reviewed the plan.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Champeny to plant oats and wildflowers on the city farm where erosion has occurred. All members voting yes.

Motion by Earney seconded by Grisen 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. The council will reconvene into open session. All members voting yes by roll call vote.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

Motion by Grisen seconded by Farl to reconvene into Open Session. All members voting yes by roll call vote.

Upcoming meetings:

Finance July 11, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.

Council July 11, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

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