

Nov. 14, 2019

PUBLIC HEARING

5:30 P.M.

Mayor Jim Wilkie opened the public hearing to the public to hear citizens comments regarding the 2020 Proposed Budget for the City of Alma.

No public attended.

Hearing no testimony for or against the 2020 Proposed Budget, Mayor Wilkie closed the hearing.

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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, Larry Grisen, Ron Geiselhart and David Earney.

Motion by Moham seconded by Farl to approve the Public Hearing minutes of Oct. 7, 2019 regarding the Conditional Use Permit submitted by Jarrad Fluekiger as presented. All members voting yes.

Motion by Farl seconded by Grisen to approve the Council Proceeding minutes of October 7, 2019 as presented. All members voting yes.

Motion by Earney seconded by Farl to approve the minutes of the October 23, 2019 Council meeting as presented. All members voting yes.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Champeny to approve the October 2019 Financial Report as presented. All members voting yes by roll call vote.

Motion by Champeny seconded by Ruff to approve the October 2019 Treasurer's Report as presented. All members voting yes.

Citizen comments. No citizens present.

FINANCE/TAX & LICENSE/ZONING COMMITTEE

Chairman Gary Ruff informed the Council that the committee had met at 8:30 a.m. this morning, November 14, 2019.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Moham to adopt the 2020 Budget for the City of Alma. All members voting yes by roll call vote.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Champeny to grant Operator Licenses to Jenna Hewitt, Desiree Koenig and Debra Danckwart. All members voting yes.

Ruff informed the Council that the committee approved the total out claim amount for the 2004 Explorer in the amount of \$3,819.50.

David Earney informed the Council that the committee donated \$60 of their personal monies to begin a savings account for Mary Johnson's memorial fund.

Motion by Earney seconded by Farl to approve the November 14, 2019 Finance/Tax & License/Zoning committee report as presented. All members voting yes.

SERVICES COMMITTEE

Chairperson Monica Moham informed the Council that the committee met November 13, 2019 and the main agenda item was animal control.

Monica stated that Amy Baker has completed and passed the Humane Officer course in Madison and that the committee went over the City of Alma's ordinance with Amy Baker regarding Animal Control.

The committee recommended appointing Amy Baker as the City of Alma's Humane Officer at the December council meeting.

Amy Baker will be providing the committee with a schedule of fees for the committee to approve.

Motion by Champeny seconded by Geiselhart to approve the November 13, 2019 Services committee report as presented. All members voting yes.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Chairman Larry Farl informed the Council that the committee met on October 10, 2019 and discussed tennis court resurfacing, however, most of the time was spent developing the 2020 budgets.

Motion by Moham seconded by Ruff to approve the October 10, 2019 Parks and Recreation committee report as presented. All members voting yes.

UTILITIES COMMITTEE

Chairman Ron Geiselhart informed the Council that the committee had met on October 17, 2019 and discussed several items.

- Dairyland Power water meter update. Linda informed the Council that the meter has been repaired and water meter readings will be done in December.
- 20,000-gallon sludge update. No resolution as to where the missing sludge has gone. Videotaping of the line from the digester to the plant is being proposed.
- Outfall construction decision. High water has delayed the repair/re-installation of the outfall pipe, Geiselhart stated.
- Lift station #3 parts on order. The quote for the impeller and valves for the other pump for lift station #3 is quoted from Xylem at \$15,109.83. Discussion was held and it is deemed an emergency to get the pump repaired.

Motion by Earney seconded by Farl to approve the quote from Xylem for the impeller and valves for Lift Station #3 in the amount of \$15,109.83. All members voting yes by roll call vote.

- Water Concerns-Well #2 repair costs and insurance claim.

Municipal Well replaced the transducers for the well which cost approximately \$2,000 and the scale for the chemical feed has been ordered from Blue Book. Once the final numbers have been obtained, insurance claim will be filed.

- Garden Valley flushing hydrant update.

Joe informed the committee that the water level has been too high to install the hydrant.

- Street concerns-Wall Street storm drains rebuild.

Foreman Joe Wick stated that he has spoken with Brad LaDuke and he hopes to get them repaired, however, if he can't no longer this year, the holes will be filled with crushed rock until in the spring.

- Iron Street wall repair. Review of estimates from Tom Schultz and Stockholm Gardens.

Mayor Wilkie informed the committee he has not received a quote from Stockholm Gardens as of this date.

- Other street concerns.

Geiselhart informed the Council that he had attending a meeting with the County regarding the City receiving some LRIP funds. (Local Road Improvement Program). The committee will work on a project to present for the funding by Dec. 1, 2019.

- Equipment concerns-plow truck discussion.

Geiselhart informed the Council that the 2011 Ford F350 was purchased from Rochester, MN.

Motion by Earney seconded by Champeny to approve the Utilities committee report for October 17, 2019 as presented. All members voting yes.

Mayor Wilkie stated he would like to appoint Peter Berkhart to the Joint Review Board to replace Lois Balk.

Discussion was held and it was determined that Berkhart could not serve on the Board due to a residency concern.

Next Council will be December 12, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Upcoming meetings:

Utilities-----Wed. – Nov. 20, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

Finance-----Thurs. – Dec. 12, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.

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