

December 12, 2019

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

6:00 P.M.

Council President Gary Ruff 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: Council President Gary Ruff, Monica Moham, Larry Farl, Larry Grisen, Ron Geiselhart and David Earney.
Absent: Mayor Jim Wilkie and Richard Champeny.

Motion by Earney seconded by Farl to approve the Public Hearing minutes of November 14, 2019 for the 2020 budget as presented. All members voting yes.

Motion by Earney seconded by Moham to approve the Council Proceeding minutes of November 14, 2019 as presented. All members voting yes.

Motion by Farl seconded by Geiselhart to approve the November 2019 Financial Report as presented. All members voting yes by roll call vote.

Motion by Farl seconded by Moham to approve the November 2019 Treasurer's Report as presented. All members voting yes.

Citizen comments. None.

SERVICES COMMITTEE

Motion by Moham seconded by Earney to approve the fire department expenditure for a new 2019 model 90 hp boat motor from Great River Harbor in the amount of \$7,600 which included the trade-in of the 50 hp motor. All members voting yes by roll call vote.

Monica Moham stated that the committee had approved the expenditure of up to \$8,000 for the motor, however, it had to be approved at the December Council meeting.

Fire Chief Tom Brakke informed the Council that the fire department needed a new motor because the current 50 hp motor did not allow the needed 2 to 3 firemen on the boat for rescue purposes. Brakke stated that the current motor was under powered for what the fire department needs. The trade-in for the 50 hp was \$1,600. This amount came off the purchase price of \$9,200 resulting in \$7,600 for the purchase of the motor. Brakke further commented that there are rebates for purchasing this motor before the end of the year.

Motion by Moham seconded by Geiselhart to approve the appointment of Amy Baker as the City of Alma's Humane Officer. All members voting yes.

Motion by Farl seconded by Grisen to approve the Services Committee report as presented.

FINANCE/TAX & LICENSE/COMMITTEE

Chairman Gary Ruff informed the Council that the committee had met this morning and approved all vouchers bills and receipts.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Geiselhart to approve Operator License applications for Codie Erickson and Maria Szenczi. All members voting yes.

Gary Ruff informed the Council that the Joint Review Board for TIF 1 held their annual meeting on December 3, 2019 and adopted the annual resolution.

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

UTILITIES COMMITTEE

Chairman Ron Geiselhart went over the committee minutes of November 20, 2019:

- The committee approved \$1,500 to Davy Engineering for preparing the annual phosphorus progress report.
- \$2,000 was approved for an exhaust fan at the headworks building.
- Rob Stohr, resident on Lake Street, had a drainage complaint onto his property. The committee suggested a curb and then required him to install drain tiles and maintain the improvements since they are on his property. Geiselhart commented that he had spoken with Rob Stohr and he needs to think about this proposal and will get back to the committee.
- Six street projects were proposed for 2020.
- Spooner (formerly Spring Creek) Road will be a project that will be partially reimbursed with DOT funds in the amount of \$7,000.00.
- The new address signs will be done in the spring of 2020.
- Cal will be submitting the bills for the lightning damage claim for the water department.

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

Motion by Farl seconded by Geiselhart to approve the Election Officials for 2020-2021: Sandra Ebert, Edith Ruff, Bev Schneider, Louise Bauer and Holly Stiehl with alternates Patricia Taubel and Barb Godel. All members voting yes.

Motion by Moham seconded by Earney to approve Resolution 19-05: 2020 Census Partnership Resolution as presented. All members voting yes.

Upcoming meetings:

Next Council will be January 9, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Committee meetings:

Utilities-----December 19, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

Finance-----January 9, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.

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