

**January 9, 2020**

**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 and Ron Geiselhart. Absent: David Earney.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Geiselhart to approve the Council Proceeding minutes of December 12, 2019 as presented. All members voting yes.

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

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

Citizen comments. None.

**UTILITIES COMMITTEE**

Chairman Ron Geiselhart went over the committee minutes of Dec. 19, 2019:

- The clarifier project, according to engineer-Shawn Welte, will take 60 to 90 days to complete.
- Ron will invite the County representative for the phosphorus sharing to the next committee meeting.
- 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.
- Shawn Welte sent an update on the repairs for the wastewater treatment plant project.
- Dairyland Power's water meter is still not working. Half of the meter runs forward and the other half runs backwards.

Foreman Joe Wick informed the Council that the specialist from Ferguson Waterworks was at Dairyland Power and will be working on the water meter situation.

Mayor Wilkie informed the Council that he had spoken to Harley from Stockholm gardens regarding the repair of the retaining wall on Spring Street and the quote he had given needs to be redone. Mayor Wilkie also spoke with Tom Schultz and he will rebid the project and then the committee can decide. The project now is projected for repair between March and May.

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

**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 an Operator License application for Abby Husser. All members voting yes.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Champeny to approve the mobile home park permit application to Lorena Hungerford. All members voting yes.

Larry Grisen inquired how often the mobile park permits must be approved. Clerk Torgerson stated annually.

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

Foreman Joe Wick informed the Council that Mathy Construction has bought out Oium Blacktop, the company the City normally uses, and has spoken to a former worker of Oium Blacktop-Tim Huebner, regarding his ability to assist the City in preparing the bid specs for the 2020 road projects. Wick stated he did not know what Huebner would charge for doing this, however, he will be meeting with him next week. Utilities Chairman, Ron Geiselhart, stated that he will also meet with Tim Huebner.

Upcoming meetings:

Next Council will be February 6, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Committee meetings:

Park & Recreation-----January 15, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

Services-----January 15, 2020 at 10:30 a.m.

Utilities-----January 16, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

Tourism-----January 24, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

Finance-----February 6, 2020 at 8:30 a.m.

Monica Moham invited the Council to attend her father Sidney Moham's 95<sup>th</sup> birthday party Friday, January 17, 2020 at the North End in Cochrane beginning 5:30 p.m. with weather permitting.

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