

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. *Richard Champeny, Monica Moham, Larry Farl and David Earney appeared by Zoom.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Moham to approve the March 5, 2020 Council Proceeding minutes as presented. All members voting yes.

Motion by Earney seconded by Ruff to approve the March 2020 Financial Report as presented. All members voting yes by roll call vote.

Motion by Moham seconded by Ruff to approve the March 2020 Treasurer's Report as presented. All members voting yes.

Citizen comments: None.

UTILITIES COMMITTEE

Chairman Ron Geiselhart went over the committee minutes of March 12, 2020. Geiselhart reported that the committee discussed the following:

- Lift Stations #2 & #5 update. A quote will be forthcoming for coating the lift stations. Ron stated that he has contacted A-1 Excavating regarding the installation of the sewer line to Lift Station #2.
- Lift Station #3 follow up. All the paperwork for the pump has been sent in.
- A 30-day extension for the DNR to review the upgrade for the sewer treatment plant was approved.
- The committee tabled the discussion for the Vicki Schultz cost sharing wall until her project costs were available.
- The culverts on Spooner Road will be installed prior to the street resurfacing by Reglin & Hesch construction.
- Street sweeping will not be done by the Village of Nelson by Village Board action. Foreman Joe Wick stated that the street sweeping will be contracted this year.
- Dairyland water meter is still not working and both Dairyland Power and the city's meter company are working on a solution for the problem.
- Street work bids will be awarded April 9, 2020.

Mayor Jim Wilkie informed the Council that the wall behind 107 N. Main, the Bill Haggerty property, has collapsed and jeopardized Alley Street. The wall, or combination of walls, is

approximately 20 to 25' in height. Mayor Wilkie stated that he had contacted Johnson surveyors to survey the wall to determine the ownership of the wall. The cost for the survey is \$1,250.00.

Mayor Wilkie informed the Council that he had contacted Shawn Welte from Davy Engineer for a recommendation for a structural engineer to give advice what needs to be done regarding the wall in order to save Alley Street.

Motion by Earney seconded by Champeny to authorize the Mayor to proceed with the hiring of Johnson Surveying to survey the property lines behind 107 N Main and to consult with Davy Engineering as to a recommendation, not to exceed \$10,000.00. All members voting yes.

Motion by Geiselhart seconded by Earney to award the street resurfacing bid for Spooner Road to Monarch Paving in the amount of \$30,997.25. All members voting yes by roll call vote.

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

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Chairman Larry Farl informed the Council that the committee had met on March 13, 2020. The committee was unable to meet later to view the parks due to the Governor's direction and the COVID-19 guidelines.

Farl stated that the city parks are closed to comply with the COVID-19 rules. Joe Wick foreman stated that the Buena Vista Hiking Trail is closed.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Geiselhart to approve the Parks and Recreation Committee report as presented. All members voting yes.

SERVICES COMMITTEE

Chairperson Monica Moham informed the Council that the committee met on March 13, 2020 and reviewed the police complaint policy. The committee reviewed the policy along with the city attorney. The committee recommends approval of the policy.

Police Chief Johnson stated that this is one of the policies, along with the other policies adopted over the last year, that needed to be implemented.

Motion by Moham seconded by Ruff to adopt the Police Complaint Policy. All members voting yes.

Mayor Wilkie questioned how the council was adapting to half attending and half attending by zoom to comply with the social distancing requirement.

All Council stated they were satisfied with the current arrangements for meetings.

Attorney Seifert commented that the zoom meetings are compliant so long as on the agenda there is time for citizen comments. The City of Alma Council meetings always has this as one of their agenda items.

Mayor Wilkie and Council commented that the April Election went well with the safety precautions that were taken.

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

FINANCE/TAX & LICENSE/ZONING COMMITTEE

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

Motion by Ruff seconded by Earney to approve the Mobile Home Park permit application to Keith Mississippi Properties – Mark Olson. All members voting yes.

Mayor Wilkie informed the Council that there is a problem with some of the beer and alcohol license holders conducting private parties and other activities.

Police Chief Johnson stated that he has made 3 in person contacts with the business.

Discussion was held. All council agreed it is important to work with the business and the city does respect how they have been impacted during the stay at home order and social distancing order.

Motion by Champeny seconded by Moham to send a letter to all business owners holding a beer and/or alcohol license informing them that if they violate the stay at home order and social distancing order, their upcoming license may be in jeopardy. All members voting yes.

Mayor Wilkie presented Agenda Item 10: WRS claim of unfunded liability update.

Mayor Wilkie informed the Council that he had met with bank president, Bill Bosshard, regarding obtaining a loan to pay off the WRS unfunded liability claim.

Mayor Wilkie presented two amortization schedules. One for a 5-year loan and one for a 10-year loan. Both loans were for 3.25%. Discussion was held.

Motion by Earney seconded by Ruff to obtain a 10-year loan at 3.25% from the Bank of Alma to pay off the WRS unfunded liability claim. Six members voting yes, 1 abstain (Grisen) by roll call vote.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Geiselhart to approve the Finance/Tax & License/Zoning Committee report as presented. All members voting yes.

Upcoming meetings:

April 21st at 5:00 p.m. ----- Re-organization

May 7th at 8:30 a.m.----- Finance/Tax & License/Zoning

May 7th at 6:00 p.m. ----- Council

Mayor Jim Wilkie thanked Ron Geiselhart, First Ward Alderman who did not seek re-election for another term, for his time and talents to the City of Alma.

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