

July 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, Larry Jepsen, and David Earney. (Wilkie, Earney, Ruff, Jepsen and Grisen appearing in person. Moham, Champeny and Farl appeared by Zoom). Attorney Jon Seifert appeared by zoom.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Jepsen to accept the June 11, 2020 Council Proceeding minutes as corrected. All members voting yes.

The correction to the minutes was to add Larry Grisen as being present.

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

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

Citizen comments. None.

FINANCE/TAX & LICENSE/ZONING 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 Earney to approve a Mobile Home Park permit to Steve Radsek. All members voting yes.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Grisen to approve Operator Licenses to Marcia Elliott and Dirk Marvin. All members voting yes.

Gary Ruff informed the Council that the Red Ram did not meet the June 30th deadline to have bills, taxes, etc. paid and therefore, does not have a Combination Class B Beer & Liquor license.

Discussion was held. Attorney Seifert commented that the Council has the right to review and approve the licenses on the qualifying of the applicant. Items to be considered is paying bills timely such as their taxes, water, and sewer bills, etc. Seifert stated that the Council controls the license criteria.

Motion by Farl seconded by Moham to announce the availability of a Combination Class B Beer & Liquor License using Facebook and to determine the first qualifying applicant to the City of Alma's criteria for obtaining a license after review of the Tax & License committee and recommendation to the Council. All members voting yes.

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

Mayor Wilkie presented a proposed schedule for the prices of the lots at Shawnee Estates. The Council reviewed the schedule.

Larry Grisen stated that the City has not sold the lots in 24 years with the current prices and was wondering if the goal is to sell the lots why would the City be increasing the lots.

Mayor Wilkie stated that the lot prices have not changed since 2006 and the cost of inflation has not been considered. Discussion was held. The lot prices will be on next month's agenda for action.

UTILITIES COMMITTEE

Chairman David Earney went over the committee minutes of July 2, 2020.

First item discussed Earney stated was the Clarifier Project.

Motion by Earney seconded by Ruff to approve Davy Engineering for preparing bid specs for the clarifier project and putting the project out for bids. All members voting yes.

Second item of discussion was the sewer outfall pipe update.

Cal discussed with the committee that Shawn Welte had made a recommendation of a flex pipe to be used for the outfall pipe.

Third item was culvert inspections. Earney stated that Mayor Wilkie will be assisting Foreman Joe Wick with a map and a plan for culvert inspections.

Fourth item was street concerns-Sunset Drive water runoff issues.

Mayor Wilkie reported that there are no recorded easements for Sunset Drive. Linda produced a document for Sunset Drive and the property owners affected. According to the existing sewer map, Sunset Drive is not centered, and easements may have to be obtained to do the work.

Chairman Earney stated that the committee still needs to visit the following places:

1. Dip on Riverview Drive.
2. Hillview Street.
3. Swift Street.
4. Guardrail on Riverview Drive.

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

Mayor Wilkie informed the Council that the Chief of Police brought to his attention that the City of Alma's current fireworks ordinance, allows fireworks on the 4th of July. This directly goes against the state law. Chief Johnson's recommendation is to remove 4th of July from the current ordinance.

Gary Jepsen stated that the City should adopt the Wis. State Statutes regarding fireworks. There are specifics in the state statutes, Jepsen stated.

Boat launch ordinance amendment was presented.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Earney to adopt the Amendment to the Boat Launch Ordinance.

Gary Jepsen suggested adding "for subsequent offenses" in the amendment.

Motion by Jepsen seconded by Grisen to adopt the Amendment to the Boat Launch Ordinance as amended. All members voting yes.

Mayor Wilkie read the Proclamation for Marcile Knospe honoring her for her 100th birthday on July 31, 2020.

Motion by Farl seconded by Earney to approve the Proclamation for Marcile Knospe. All members voting yes.

Upcoming meetings:

July 13-----Parks & Recreation at 10:00 a.m.

July 13-----Services at 11:00 a.m.

Finance-----August 6 at 8:30 a.m.

Council-----August 6 at 6:00 p.m.

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