

June 11, 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: Mayor Jim Wilkie, Gary Ruff, Gary Jepsen, Larry Grisen and David Earney appearing in person. Appearing by Zoom was Larry Farl, Monica Moham and Richard Champeny.

Legal counsel, Jon Seifert, appeared via Zoom.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Earney to approve the May 7, 2020 Council Proceedings minutes as presented. All members voting yes.

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

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

No citizens were present for citizens comments.

BOARD OF REVIEW

Chairman Gary Ruff informed the Council that the Board of Review convened this morning to postpone the Board of Review until August 13, 2020 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon.

Motion by Grisen seconded by Earney to approve the Board of Review minutes for July 11, 2020 as presented. All members voting yes.

FINANCE/TAX & LICENSE/ZONING COMMITTEE

Gary Ruff, chairman, informed the Council that the committee had met this morning at 8:45 a.m.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Earney to grant a Class B Beer and Class C Wine License to JE Walker, LLC- Liz Walker, agent for 600 N. Main Street to expire on June 30, 2020. All members voting yes.

Gary Ruff read all classes of licenses and votes followed:

COMBINATION CLASS "A":

Alma General Store, LLC-William Allen Hedberg, 100 N. Main St.

Kwik Trip, Inc., Brenda Loesel, Agent, 603 N. Main Street.

Marsha Ann Przybylla, Trax Liquor, 200 S. Main Street.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Earney to approve the Combination Class “A” licenses as presented. All members voting yes.

COMBINATION CLASS “B”:

American Legion Post #224, David Danzinger, Agent, 501 N. Main St.

Alfresco Pizzeria, Julie Lindstrom, Agent, 211 N. Main St.

Gregory A. Stevens, Dam View Bar, 415 N. Main St.

JLS Hospitality, LLC-Jerri L Schreiber, Agent, 201 N. Main St.

BHLB LLC, Brian Bremer, Agent, S1582 STH 35

The Burlington Hotel LLC, Kathi Anderson, Agent, 809 N. Main St.

Bill’s Talk of the Town LLC – Drew Ibach, Agent, 107 N Main St.

Empire Investments LLC – Julie Lindstrom, Agent, 215 N. Main St.

The Red Ram LLC-Lee Fluekiger, Agent, 207 N. Main St.

Danzinger Vineyards, LLC – Penny Danzinger, Agent, S2015 Grapeview Lane.

WWBIG LLC-Irene Wolf, Agent, 121 S. Main Street.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Earney to approve the Combination Class “B” licenses as presented with the exemption of The Red Ram LLC until all real estate taxes, personal property taxes and sewer and water bills are paid no later than June 30, 2020. All members voting yes.

CLASS “B” FERMENTED MALT LICENSE – ON PREMISE ONLY:

Alma Rod & Gun Club, Donna Baker – Agent, 1562 CTH “P”.

J E Walker LLC – Elizabeth Walker - Agent, 600 N. Main St.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Earney to approve the Class “B” Fermented Malt License-On Premise only applications as presented. All members voting yes.

CLASS “C” WINE LICENSE – ON PREMISE ONLY:

J E Walker LLC-Elizabeth Walker – Agent, 600 N. Main St.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Earney to approve a Class “C” Wine License-On Premise only to JE Walker LLC-Elizabeth Walker, agent. All members voting yes.

OPERATOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS FOR 2020-2021

- 1 Anthony, Tim
- 2 Geary, Morgan
- 3 Haeussinger, Kataie L.
- 4 Kordiak, Daniel G.
- 5 Bautch, David J.
- 6 Langhorst, Vernon J.
- 7 Michaels, Charles H.
- 8 Hanson, Marion E.
- 9 Husser, Abby C.
- 10 Schwanke, Carol M.
- 11 Baker, Donna M.
- 12 Dahl, Carl W. Jr.
- 13 Ganz, Donald J.
- 14 Green, Gregory S.
- 15 Nuzum, Dale L.
- 16 Reding, Donald C.
- 17 Ruff, James B.
- 18 Thomsen, Carolyn C.
- 19 Goeldner, Judith Ann C.
- 20 Anderson, Kathi A.
- 21 Stevens, Cole A.
- 22 Stevens, Janine
- 23 Bennett, Lynn M.

- 24 Danzinger, David
- 25 Goeldner, Julie
- 26 Inglett, Melanie M.
- 27 Miller, Kay A.
- 28 Wilde, Hannah R
- 29 Wilde, Kari J.

- 30 Pawlak, Virginia F.

- 31 Zastrow, Kyne A.
- 32 Adank, Brooke L.

- 33 Auer, Steven G.
- 34 Bauer-Wieczorek, Crystal L.
- 35 Burce, Daniel J
- 36 Carstenbrock, Lynda S.

- 37 Dahl, Colleen V.
- 38 Danzinger, Katrina R.
- 39 Earney, Michelle L.
- 40 Ebersold, Sonya K.
- 41 Gleiter, Beatrice M.
- 42 Griffith, Melody D.
- 43 Hewitt, Jenna M.
- 44 Koenig, Desiree M.
- 45 LaDuke, Jacob L.
- 46 Loesel, Brenda J.
- 47 Mueller, Samuel L.
- 48 Palmer, Aldona M.
- 49 Reed, Sharaya M.
- 50 Rieck, Sharon M.
- 51 Scharmer Langhorst, Sarah
- 52 Baker, Tim J
- 53 Schultz, Thomas
- 54 Brownell, Jackie M.
- 55 Coates, Diane
- 56 Czaplewski, Douglas J.
- 57 Feuling, Michael J
- 58 Fink, Charles J
- 59 Fink, Laura M.
- 60 Graner, Stephanie M.
- 61 Hager, Ricky J.
- 62 Hanson, Kati
- 63 Hanson, Sandra A
- 64 Ibach, Drew H.
- 65 Ibach, Elisabet S.
- 66 Krzyszton, Kaleb M.
- 67 Loewenhagen, lyn A
- 68 Mueller, Loren
- 69 Ottum, Bonnadine M.
- 70 Ottum, Bonnie L.
- 71 Peters, Terri
- 72 Roffler, Holly S.
- 73 Salisbury, Lee
- 74 Schieche, Nancy A.F.
- 75 Blank, Tabitha

Motion by Ruff seconded by Earney to approve the 75 Operator License applications for the 2020-2021 year as presented. All members voting yes.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Earney to approve mobile home parking permits to: David Schultz-Mondovi, Lewis Schultz-Mondovi, Tom Schultz-Independence and Darrin & Kim Bursow-Eleva for the Olson Fish Camp. All members voting yes.

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

UTILITIES COMMITTEE

Chairman David Earney informed the Council that his committee met on June 1, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. Item discussed and/or acted upon were the following:

- Water loss of 100,000 gallons. Mayor Wilkie informed the Council that the water leak surfaced in the driveway of the Lock & Dam.
- Cost share with Vista Drive resident due to water run off causing erosion on private property.
- Sunset Drive drainage issue. Mayor Wilkie will be contacting a surveyor to survey the lower portion of Sunset Drive to determine what is the city's right-of-way so that a plan can be developed to control the drainage issue.
- Hillview Street-Rob Stohr property. Discussion of options to control water run off from Hillview Street onto the Rob Stohr property was discussed.
- The wall behind 107 N. Main Street was discussed. The collapsed wall is entirely on the property owner's property; however, it affects the city street above and the street is showing signs of failure.
- Street sweeping being contracted from Red Wing, MN was discussed as an annual service needed.
- Guardrails needed along Riverview Drive.
- Clarifier Improvement Project-The City received DNR approval and has two year to complete the project by May of 2022.
- Working with the Buffalo County Land Conservation regarding land quality trading to reduce the required phosphorus limits.
- Outfall pipe being considered a repair instead of a project.
- Lift stations issues.
- Infiltration from private laterals.

Chairman Earney presented Resolution 20-02. The Compliance Maintenance Annual Report (CMAR) for 2019 resulted in a Grade A for the operation of the City of Alma's Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Earney to approve Resolution #20-02 – 2019 CMAR Resolution for the wastewater treatment plant. All members voting yes.

Motion by Grisen seconded by Jepsen to approve the Utilities Committee report as presented.

HISTORICAL PRESERVATION ADVISORY COMMISSION

Commission member Larry Farl stated that the commission met May 13, 2020 regarding a building permit submitted by Tom Bilski for exterior changes of his building at 118 N. Main Street. The commission approved the changes as presented.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Earney to approve the Historical Preservation Advisory Commission report as presented. All members voting yes.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Chairman Larry Farl informed the Council that the committee had met on May 20, 2020 at the Alma Beach Area Park and Rieck's Lake Park to review the needs of the parks. Ideas for uses of the beach bathhouse will be on the future agendas, Farl stated. Authority was given to the city crew to remove the volleyball courts.

Motion by Moham seconded by Farl to approve the Parks and Recreation committee report as presented. All members voting yes.

SERVICES COMMITTEE

Chairperson Monica Moham went over the committee minutes of May 20, 2020. Moham informed the Council that the committee had discussed property conditions. The properties at 509 and 603 South Main have been purchased by new owners and the issues are being addressed, Monica stated.

Moham informed the Council that the property owners at 510 S. 2nd Street did respond to a letter that was sent to them and the committee will be discussing this at the next meeting.

Mayor Wilkie informed the Council that during a check for a water leak it was observed by our city crew that the property owner at 510 S. 2nd had removed the water meter. The property owner was contacted, and the meter has since been re-installed. Mayor Wilkie stated that when a water meter is removed to not accurately reflect the water used, it is considered theft of water. Mayor Wilkie discussed this with city attorney Jon Seifert and asked what the appropriate action the city should take regarding this matter. Discussion was held and it was suggested to have the Chief of Police talk to the property owner, let them know it is an offense and hopefully this would resolve the issue. The property owner does not come to this property very often, so it is anticipated that a small amount of water was taken.

Moham stated that Matt Featherston will be sent a letter reminding him to finish his project at 411 S. Main and to obtain the necessary building permits.

Moham informed the Council that the cemetery flowers did arrive before Memorial Day and are beautiful.

Moham commented that the Chief of Police would like stronger language on the boat launch signs and the boat launch slips for those that are purposely violating the ordinance. The committee will meet and review his request.

More signage is needed on Highways 35 and 37 for the jake braking noise complaints received. Permits will need to be obtained from the WI DOT for the additional signage.

Moham informed the Council that Fire Chief Tom Brakke had attended the committee meeting and was interested in using the old boiler room for a shower room. Mayor Wilkie commented that the fire department did remove the old boiler.

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

Mayor Wilkie commented on agenda Item 9: WI Retirement System Unfunded Liability update. The City has not paid the amount due to the WRS since the amount will not change until next March.

Dave Earney questioned the Shawnee Estate bike trail that was mentioned in the Finance minutes. Mayor Wilkie informed Earney that it was mentioned for the benefit of the new council member, Gary Jepsen.

Richard Champeny stated that the culverts need to be inspected regularly to avoid problems. He is concerned because plugged culverts have caused problems with property and roadways. Champeny further commented on the dip in the road on Riverview Drive near the Ron Goeldner property and the lack of guardrails and the need to fix the culvert situation at this site. These items will be placed on the next Utilities Committee agenda.

Upcoming meetings:

Next Council will be Thursday, July 9th at 6:00 p.m.
Finance-----July 9th at 8:30 a.m.
Utilities-----June 22 at 9:00 a.m.

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