

**December 7, 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 (zoom), Gary Ruff, Monica Moham (zoom), Larry Farl (zoom), Larry Grisen, Gary Jepsen, and David Earney.

Motion by Moham seconded by Ruff to approve the Public Hearing minutes of November 12, 2020 at 5:15 p.m. regarding the Conditional Use Permit application submitted by Suzanne Blue as presented. All members voting yes.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Farl to approve the Public Hearing minutes of November 12, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. regarding the proposed 2021 budget as presented. All members voting yes.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Jepsen to approve the Council Proceeding minutes of November 12, 2020 as presented. All members voting yes.

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

Larry Grisen inquired about the County Line Diesel bill and the Affordable Septic bill. Grisen was provided with a copy and explanation.

Mayor Jim Wilkie explained the Xcel bill memo line that shows up on the Financial Report as a large amount for Senior Citizen electricity, however, it is composed of many accounts. The program picks up the first line item when printing the report.

Jerri Schreiber commented she did not feel the City should be paying electricity for the former senior citizen hall since they have not been in operation for a couple years. Mayor Wilkie stated that he was responsible for informing Wings Over Alma, that now currently occupies the former senior citizen hall, of the electricity charges they owe.

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

Citizens 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 for November 2020.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Jepsen to approve a Combination Class B Beer & Liquor License to Dylan Fluekiger (Red Ram) for 207 N. Main Street. All members voting yes.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Earney to approve an Operator License to Lee Fluekiger. All members voting yes.

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

Agenda Item 6: Update on wall at 107 N. Main.

Attorney Seifert stated that the agreement between Haggerty and the City was signed, the wall has been repaired and that the City needs to inspect the wall that it is built to the specifications in the agreement.

Foreman Joe Wick and Mayor Wilkie will check the wall construction out and Mayor Wilkie will contact Mike Sorenson, contractor, as to the wall's completion.

Gary Jepsen commented that the agreement stated that the wall would be built in such a way that it is up to grade for the street repairs.

Foreman Joe Wick inquired if a weight limit could be put on Alley Street. It was suggested that 10,000 pounds be the maximum limit.

It was reported that the guardrail work is being done by Buffalo County Highway Department. Mayor Wilkie informed the Council that the quote from the highway department did include labor.

Foreman Joe Wick informed the Council that the flushing hydrant will be installed by Countryside Cooperative tomorrow.

Upcoming meetings:

Utilities-----Monday, December 14, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

Finance -----Thursday, January 7, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.

Council-----Thursday, January 7, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Monica Moham commented that the city clerk employees and election officials did an excellent job handling the election with COVID 19.

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