

June 10, 2021

PUBLIC HEARING

5:30 p.m.

Council President Gary Ruff opened the public hearing to the public for the Conditional Use Permit application submitted by Edward Shawa, 501 South Main Street, for a short-term rental.

No public was in attendance for the hearing.

Ruff closed the public hearing.

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PUBLIC HEARING

5:45 p.m.

Council President Gary Ruff opened the public hearing to the public for Ordinance #77A- Amending the Fireworks Ordinance.

No public was in attendance for the hearing.

Ruff closed the public hearing.

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COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

6:00 p.m.

Council President Gary Ruff 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: Council President Gary Ruff, Richard Champeny, Monica Moham, Larry Grisen and David Earney. Absent: Mayor Jim Wilkie, Larry Farl and Gary Jepsen.

Motion by Champeny seconded by Grisen to approve the May 13, 2021, Council Proceedings as presented. All members voting yes.

Motion by Moham seconded by Earney to approve the May 2021 Financial Report as presented. All members voting yes by roll call vote.

Larry Grisen inquired about the \$30,000.00 operational loan. Clerk Torgerson explained that this is the loan drawn from during the year because the bulk of the revenue for the city doesn't come in until November. The operational loan is paid off by the end of each year.

Motion by Earney seconded by Champeny to approve the May 2021 Treasurer's Report as presented. All members voting yes.

Citizens comments:

Richard Michels, resident at 811 N. Main Street, addressed the Council with the following concerns:

- 1) Michels was disappointed that the crosswalk signs were removed. Michels stated that the Burlington Hotel next door is concerned about her customers crossing the street. Michels felt the crosswalk signs helped. Drivers have been hitting the crosswalks signs and it had been observed by the Chief of Police that most pedestrians do not use the crosswalks and that is why they were removed.
- 2) Jake braking concerns. Michels stated that the jake braking is terrible and wondered what could be done.
- 3) Speeding. Michels stated that along with himself, both neighbors to the north and the south are concerned about the speeding in his neighborhood. He further commented that it is very difficult to get out of the driveway due to the speed of the traffic.

Michels thanked the Council for their consideration to his concerns.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Council President Gary Ruff stated that the Planning Commission had met at 5:00 p.m. regarding the Conditional Use Permit application submitted by Edward Shawa, 501 S. Main St., to operate short-term rentals from his residence.

The Planning Commission recommended approval of the application with the following conditions:

- 1) Shawas must be on-premises.
- 2) Provide 2 off-street parking spaces.
- 3) No exterior signage.

Motion by Champeny seconded by Moham to approve the Conditional Use Permit to Edward Shawa, 501 S. Main St. with the above stated conditions. All members voting yes by roll call vote.

UTILITIES COMMITTEE

Chairman David Earney informed the Council that the committee met June 4, 2021, and discussed and acted upon the following:

- Parking permit request for Alma American Legion Post 224.

American Legion Post 224 Commander, Gary Jepsen, presented the committee a written request for a special parking permit. Jepsen explained that during fund raisers for the local post a significant amount of traffic involving many elderly patrons are held.

The Legion is requesting three parking stalls immediately in front of their building (1 – one-hour parking and 2 regular). The Legion is requesting permission to place safety cones directly in front of the building in the three parking stalls stated above and with designate with signage “CARRY-OUTS”. The cones will be removed immediately at the conclusion of the event.

Dates being requested for the 2021 year are:

- June 5th
- August 15th
- September 4th
- October 2nd

Jepsen further requested that since the August 15th is a morning event (waffle feed), they would like permission to put the cones out the evening of August 14th.

The committee approved the request.

- 2021 Blacktop projects.
- Line painting. The committee approved the proposal from Benish Line Striping LLC in the amount of \$4,600.00 for the painting of the parking stalls and crosswalks in the city.

The committee received a quote from Benish Line Striping LLC in the amount of \$4,600.00 for doing all the parking stalls and crosswalks in the city.

- Alma High School Road sealing and pea gravel project. This item was tabled until more information was obtained.
- Vicki Schultz re-imbusement request. The committee approved a final reimbursement to Vicki Schultz for cement work for her driveway/sidewalk in the amount of \$500.00.
- Dip guardrail update. The committee approved the plan from the Buffalo County Highway Department to use cement barriers and guardrail not to exceed \$5,000.00 including labor costs.
- ATV/UTV on City Streets. Review of County Ordinance. The committee reviewed the proposed ordinance that Larry Grisen had prepared which mirrored the County ordinance. The committee made some changes such as allowing High School Road and Spooner Road to be used by ATV/UTVs.

The Council had all received a copy of the draft ordinance with changes made by the committee and Attorney Jon Seifert. Grisen informed the Council that on Page 3, Number 2 under Section V – Signs, the second sentence should read “The Buffalo County Trail Riders may assist Buffalo County in the installation of the signs and Number 3 should read, “Signs may be mounted on any existing Buffalo County signpost”. Grisen stated with the attorney changes to the City of Alma indicates financial responsibility for the City of Alma and there is no cost to the City of Alma. On page 2 Section V-Signs, the first and last sentences sentence should read, “The City of Alma Common Council and Buffalo County for the same reasons, Grisen stated. Grisen asked if anyone had any other roads to exclude from ATV/UTVs. Police Chief Johnson inquired about Shawnee Drive. ATV/UTVs can travel on paved roads and Shawnee Drive is paved from CTH I to the cemetery. Grisen stated at this time, it is included. David Earney commented that if there is abuse on any of the City of Alma roads, they can be eliminated at any time. Champeny inquired if that would be the case for Riverview Drive as well. Earney stated, yes. Earney asked what needed to be done so that Hwy 35 in Alma is ready. Police Chief Johnson stated that

applying for the sign permits once the ordinance is passed. Grisen reported that the estimated schedule for the County roads to be open to ATV/UTVs is late August or the first part of September.

The proposed ordinance will be sent to the City Attorney for final review and then a public hearing before the next Council meeting with action following.

- Review of Resolution 21-02.

Linda explained that the Resolution was required for obtaining the Clean Water Fund Loan and that it would allow for over \$500,000.00 of principal forgiveness.

- Contractors' application for payment – Jurowski.

The committee recommended Council approval of Payment Request #4 – R.J. Jurowski in the amount of \$117,068.50.

Motion by Earney seconded by Moham to approve Payment Request #4 to R.J. Jurowski in the amount of \$117,068.50. All members voting yes by roll call vote.

- Concerns with billing process.

Linda informed the committee that she is working with Davy Engineering for the billing of the clarifier project and that there is a delay process in getting Jurowski paid on time.

- Wastewater treatment plant construction project update.

Cal had informed the committee that Shawn was onsite and also looked at lift station #4. Joe informed the committee that next week they will be filling the new clarifier tank ½ full of water to check the control joints aren't leaking. Cal stated that the gearbox for the clarifier will be arriving next week and feels the project is a little bit ahead of schedule. He further stated that the old primary will be getting rebuilt. The dome will be removed, and the catwalk and gearbox will all be refurbished.

- Bobcat trade update.

Joe informed the committee that July 9th is the scheduled delivery date for the new Bobcat.

Earney presented the Compliance Maintenance Annual Report Resolution for action. This resolution is required by the WI DNR to check on the compliance in operations for the wastewater treatment plant.

Motion by Grisen seconded by Earney to approve Resolution #21-03 Compliance Maintenance Annual Report Resolution. All members voting yes.

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

SERVICES COMMITTEE

Acting Richard Champeny stated to the Council that he will put Richard Michels concerns regarding jake braking and speed on the next committee agenda.

Acting chairman Richard Champeny informed the Council that the committee had met on June 4, 2021.

He informed the Council that the largest item on the agenda was the chicken ordinance that Gary Jepsen had prepared for the committee. The committee reviewed the ordinance and made some minor changes. The council had prepared copies of the chicken ordinance as amended by the committee. Discussion was held regarding the chicken permit application. Earney questioned if a renter can apply. According to the ordinance, the landlord would need to apply and sign the application.

Along with the ordinance, Gary Jepsen prepared a permit application for chickens and an informational handout for those permitted for chickens.

The ordinance has been sent to the city attorney for review. The chicken ordinance will go before public hearing and council action at the next council meeting.

The Council thanked Gary Jepsen for his work on the chicken ordinance.

Champeny introduced Ordinance #77A – Amending the fireworks ordinance. Champeny informed the Council that this ordinance is needed so that enforcement can take place on July 4th. Grisen recommended amending the ordinance after the statement, “any day of the year” that a comma is inserted and then the year 2021.

Motion by Grisen seconded by Earney to adopt Ordinance #77A-Amending the fireworks ordinance as amended. All members voting yes.

Champeny informed the Council that the committee will be looking at an entire new fireworks ordinance to present to Council for approval along with an application for fireworks.

Motion by Moham seconded by Earney to appoint Richard Champeny as chairman of the Services Committee. All members voting yes.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

Acting chairman, Richard Champeny informed the Council that the committee met on June 4, 2021, and discussed and/or acted upon the following:

- Shoreline degradation – Linda is working with agencies to see what can be done.

- Playground equipment at Rieck’s Lake Park and Beach Island Park – the committee will be travelling to the sites and reviewing new equipment.
- Beach shelter – tabled.
- Enhance Alma – tabled.
- Flag donation at Buena Vista Park. Champeny informed the Council that he had met with the McClyman family whose family donated Buena Vista Park and they were in favor of the idea of a flag at Buena Vista Park. Champeny recommended public input as to whether a flag should be placed there.
- Tennis court and pickle ball update. Tennis courts will be resurfaced, and the committee approved new lighting for the tennis courts.

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

Champeny announced he had forgotten a couple items in the Services Committee report. He informed the council that they had received a copy of the Police Department’s Activity Log from January 1st to June 1st along with a letter of appreciation to Chief Johnson for the handling of a sensitive case.

Motion by Champeny seconded by Earney to include the two police items onto the Services Committee report and approve the committee report. All members voting yes.

FINANCE/TAX & LICENSE/ZONING COMMITTEE

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

The committee recommended Council approval of the beer and liquor licenses and operator licenses that were presented.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Grisen to approve a Combination Class B Beer & Liquor license to the Burlington Hotel Bar Shop LLC-Jennifer Griffith, agent for 809 N. Main Street. All members voting yes.

Motion by Grisen seconded by Ruff to approve the following Operator License applications for the 2021-2022 year:

#	Name	Address
		ALFRESCO PIZZERIA
1	GEARY, MORGAN G.	211 N. MAIN ST., ALMA, WI 54610
2	KORDIAK, DANIEL G.	1095 13TAH AVE. SE, MPLS, MN 55414
3	MARVIN, DIRK A.	111 N. MAIN ST., ALMA, WI 54610
		ALMA AMERICAN LEGION
4	BAUTCH, DAVID J	807 S. MAIN ST., ALMA, WI 54610

- 5 LANGHORST, VERNON J S1297 DEER CREEK RD, NELSON, WI 54756
- 6 MICHAELS, CHARLES H. W1003 OAK VALLEY RD, FOUNTAIN CITY, WI 54629
- 7 SCHULTZ, PAUL 109 NORTH 2ND STREET, ALMA, WI 54610

ALMA HOTEL

- 61 Hanson, Marion E 106 Orange Street, Alma, WI 54610
- 62 Schwanke, Carol M. W1371 Blank Hill Road, Alma, WI 54610

ALMA ROD-N-GUN CLUB

- 8 CZAPLEWSKI, DOUGLAS J 1374 RIVER RD, BUFFALO CITY, WI 54622
- 9 DAHL, CARL W. JR S1845 COUNTY RD XX, ALMA, WI 54610
- 10 GANZ, DONALD J. S1522 COUNTY RD I, ALMA, WI 54610
- 11 GREEN, GREGORY S. S1452 COUNTY RD I, ALMA, WI 54610
- 12 NUZUM, DALE L. S1364 NUZUM RD, ALMA, WI 54610
- 13 REDING, DONALD C 306 SUNSET DRIVE, ALMA, WI 54610
- 14 RUFF, JAMES B. S1618 STATE HWY 37, ALMA, WI 54610
- 15 SCHULTZ, THOMAS H. S1664 STATE HWY 37, ALMA, WI 54610

BRIAN'S NEW MOON

- 16 COATES, DIANE 312 VISTA DRIVE, ALMA, WI 54610
- 63 GOELDNER, JUDITH ANN 1160 RIVERVIEW DRIVE, ALMA, WI 54610

BURLINGTON HOTEL LLC

- 64 GRIFFITH, JENNIFER J.G. 809 N. MAIN STREET, ALMA, WI 54610

DAM VIEW BAR

- 17 STEVENS, JANINE 415 NORTH MAIN STREET, ALMA, WI 54610
- 65 STEVENS, COLE 415 NORTH MAIN STREET, ALMA, WI 54610

DANZINGERS VINEYARD

- 18 BENNETT, LYNN M. 52A LINKS LN., APT. 105, WINONA, MN 55987
- 19 DANZINGER, DAVID J W1528 COUNTY ROAD E, ALMA, WI 54610
- 20 PATTON, KITT S 1330 WINCREST DR., WINONA, MN 55987
- 21 WILKE, KARI J. 99 WI AVE., COCHRANE, WI 54622
- 66 ZASTROW, KYRIE A. 1219 E. LANEVILLE AVE., DURAND, WI 54736

RED RAM SALOON

- 67 BOHNSACK, ELIZABETH R S1630 STATE ROAD 35, ALMA, WI 54610
- 22 HANSON, SANDRA A. P.O. BOX 302, ALMA, WI 54610

KWIK TRIP

- 23 BAIER-WIECZOREK, CRYSTAL 304 S. MAIN STREET, ALMA, WI 54610
- 24 BRAATEN, TAMMY L. 127 W. 13TH ST. BUFFALO CITY, WI 54622
- 25 BURCE, DANIEL J 710 N.2ND ST., ALMA, WI 54610
- 26 DAHL, COLLEEN V. W1352 MICHAEL ROAD, ALMA, WI 54610
- 68 CARSTENBROCK, LYNDA S 48 E 9TH ST., BUFFALO CITY, WI 54622
- 27 EBERSOLD, SONYA K. 513 N. MAIN STREET, ALMA, WI 54610
- 28 GALVAN, JOYCE A. 314 SECOND ST. APT. B 81, ALMA, WI 54610
- 29 GLEITER, BEATRICE M. 200 N. 2ND ST., ALMA, WI 54610

30	GRIFFITH, MELODY DAWN	S1555 COUNTY RD I, ALMA, WI 54610
31	HEWITT, JENNA M.	S1102 HANSON ROAD, ALMA, WI 54610
32	KEELER, KAYLA K.	805 W. MAIN STREET, ALMA, WI 54610
33	KOENIG, DESIREE M.	212 S. MAIN ST. APT. 1, ALMA, WI 54610
34	LA DUKE, JACOB L.	1825 N. RIVER ROAD, BUFFALO CITY, WI 54622
35	LOESEL, BRENDA J.	S1381 CTY RD XX, ALMA, WI 54610
36	MUELLER, SAMUEL L.	701 N. 2ND STREET, ALMA, WI 54610
37	PALMER, ALDONA MARIE	114 S. MAIN STREET, APT. 1, ALMA, WI 54610
38	REED, SHARAYA M.	S2044 GRANDVIEW ROAD, ALMA, WI 54610
39	RIECK, LANA M.	338 VISTA DR. ALMA, WI 54610
40	RIECK, SHARON M.	S1632 ST. RD 35, ALMA, WI 54610
41	SCHRMER LANGHORST, SARAH	412 VISTA DRIVE, ALMA, WI 54610
42	SOBOTTA, JOSHUA G.	S1550 COUNTY RD I, ALMA, WI 54610
43	WIECZOREK, LANE D.	S1361 PLEASANT VIEW RD, ALMA, WI 54610

INDIVIDUAL

44	BAKER, DONNA	P.O. BOX 41, ALMA, WI 54610
45	BROWNELL, JACKIE M.	S1914 STATE ROAD 88, ALMA, WI 54610
46	BURCE, TRAVIS J.	207 N. BURLINGTON ST., COCHRANE, WI 54622
47	GRANER, STEPHANIE, M.	105 ORANGE ST., ALMA, WI 54610
48	HAGER, RICKY J	P.O. BOX 91, 314 S. 2ND ST., ALMA, WI 54610
49	HANSON, KATI	206 VISTA DR., ALMA, WI 54610
50	HAEUSSINGER, KATIE	911 S. 2ND STREET, ALMA, WI 54610
51	IBACH, DREW H.	S2270 STATE RD 35, COCHRANE, WI 54622
52	IBACH, ELISABET S.	S2770 STATE RD 35, COCHRANE, WI 54622
53	OTTUM, BONNADINE	401 N. 2ND STREET, ALMA, WI 54610
54	OTTUM, BONNIE	110 SO. MAIN ST., APT. 5, ALMA, WI 54610
55	SALISBURY, LEE	310 S. MAIN ST., ALMA, WI 54610
56	SCHICHE, NANCY F.A.	S1555 COUNTY RD I, ALMA, WI 54610
57	SEMLING, HEATHER L	807 N. MAIN STREET, ALMA, WI 54610 (UPPER)
58	BLANK, TABITH G.	S1555 COUNTY RD I, ALMA, WI 54610
59	KRZYSZTON, KALEB	S2242 CO. ROAD E, COCHRANE, WI 54622
60	MUELLER, LOREN	701 N. SECOND ST., ALMA, WI 54610
69	NESS, DAVID	W1662 TELL LAKE RD, ALMA, WI 54610
70	REIS, RYLIE JAMES	W1202 COUNTY ROAD E, ALMA, WI 54610
71	FEULING, MICHAEL	S1555 COUNTY RD I, ALMA, WI 54610

All members voting yes.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Champeny to approve the following Combination Class A Beer & Liquor License applications:

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.

All members voting yes.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Grisen to approve the following Combination Class B Beer & Liquor License applications:

American Legion Post #224, David Danzinger, Agent, 501 N. Main St.
Alfresco Pizzeria, Morgan Geary, 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
Burlington Hotel Bar Shop LLC - Jennifer Griffith, Agent, 809 N. Main St.
Bill's Talk of the Town LLC – Drew Ibach, Agent, 107 N Main St.
Empire Investments LLC – Morgan Geary, Agent, 215 N. Main St.
Dylan Fluekiger, Red Ram Saloon, Agent, 207 N. Main St.
WWBIG LLC-Diane Masters-Penegor, Agent, 121 S. Main St.
Danzinger Vineyards LLC – Penny Danzinger, Agent, S2015 Grapeview Lane

All members voting yes.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Moham to approve the following Class B Fermented Malt On-Premises only license applications:

Alma Rod & Gun Club, Travis Burce – Agent, 1562 CTH “I”
J E Walker LLC – Elizabeth Walker - Agent, 600 N. Main St.

All members voting yes.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Champeny to approve the following Class C Wine license application:

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

All members voting yes.

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT LIAISON

David Earney reported that he had attended the Fire Department meeting June 2, 2021. The department had to order a new compressor for the air tanks because the old one was leaking oil and making firefighters ill. Earney stated that the department will be looking at possibly receiving a rescue boat from the Lock & Dam that they are retiring.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Earney to approve the Fire Department liaison report as presented. All members voting yes.

Upcoming meetings:

Council will be Thursday, July 8, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. with public hearings prior to Council.

Utilities will be Wednesday, June 30, 2021, at 8:30 a.m.

Finance will be Thursday, July 8, 2021, at 8:30 a.m.

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