

July 8, 2021

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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, Gary Jepsen, and David Earney.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Farl to approve the Public Hearing minutes of June 10, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. regarding the Edward Shawa Conditional Use Permit as presented. All members voting yes.

Motion by Moham seconded by Jepsen to approve the Public Hearing minutes of June 10, 2021 at 5:45 p.m. regarding the amendment to the Fireworks Ordinance as presented. All members voting yes.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Champeny to approve the June 10, 2021 Council Proceeding minutes as presented. All members voting yes.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Farl to approve the June 2021 Financial Report as presented. All members voting yes by roll call vote.

Motion by Jepsen seconded by Moham to approve the June 2021 Treasurer's Report as presented. All members voting yes.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

John Ambuehl, resident, addressed the following items with the Council:

- Bathrooms at Buena Vista Park smell extremely bad.
- Request for a cement sidewalk alongside the cobblestone sidewalk at Buena Vista for the handicap and then run electrical from the shelter to the point area where flag will possibly be placed.
- Flag request for Buena Vista
- Overall, would like these items addressed in a timely manner

UTILITIES COMMITTEE

Chairman David Earney informed the Council that the committee had met June 30, 2021. The Council had prepared minutes for the meeting and Chairman Earney went over the committee items.

The first item Chairman Earney addressed was Payment Request #5 to Jurowski Construction for the clarifier project. Earney informed the Council that Shawn Welte of Davy Engineering had advised non-payment until liens were satisfied and O & M Manuals received from Jurowski.

Motion by Earney seconded by Farl to pre-approve Payment Request #5 in the amount of \$103,778.00 when authorized by Shawn Welte, engineer, that all sub-approvals of the contract have been met. All members voting yes by roll call vote.

Earney informed the council that Welte had stated to him that the land trade issue is a low priority item right now and that he will attend the next committee meeting to address this issue along with other needed sewer projects.

Earney presented the final draft of the ATV/UTV ordinance after committee review. Earney announced that the committee did make one change in the previous draft by deleting the word "paved" from the routes. A portion of Shawnee Drive is crushed rock and the committee felt the ATV/UTV's should be able to travel on the crushed rock portion. Earney further stated that if it becomes a problem with ruining the road and/or abusing the speed limit, the ordinance can be amended.

Mayor Wilkie commented as a landowner in Shawnee Estates that he is opposed to the ordinance and believes it is overall a bad idea in the City of Alma.

Motion by Earney seconded by Jepsen to adopt Ordinance #21-01 – An ordinance designating All-Terrain vehicle routes and regulating the operation of All-Terrain vehicles in the City of Alma. All members voting yes by roll call vote.

Police Chief Mike Johnson stated that until the signage is completed, the ordinance will not be in effect.

Chairman Earney stated that the committee had went over the road projects. Sunset Drive is complete, however, due to the need to install additional base material, the cost ran over budget. Since the work ran over budget, there are no revenues to use for seal coating this year, however, the committee made a commitment to budgeting only for seal coating in 2022.

Mayor Wilkie stated that Sunset Drive should be monitored for any signs of erosion and taken care of immediately if erosion occurs.

Richard Champeny inquired about the progress of culvert inspections. David Earney stated that the crew has begun the inspection and put some on the GPS mapping system. Due to the summer projects, however, no recent work has been done as far as culvert inspections.

Earney informed the Council that there was a storm drain problem down by the old Cenex building and Foreman Joe Wick informed the committee that when the State did the highway project there, they hit the storm drain and just covered it up with a piece of tin and filled it in.

Earney stated that the crew has removed 32 trees. Twenty-nine of them were ash trees. These were trees that were either dead and/or would cause damage to the City's infrastructure. The crew saved significant costs by doing the cleanup and hauling away of the trees.

Property maintenance inspections will be done and will be discussed at the next committee meeting, Earney stated.

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

JOINT REVIEW BOARD – TIF

Member Gary Ruff informed the Council that the Board had met on June 29, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. for the following purposes:

1. Resolution - Annual required meeting;
2. Resolution – Technical College 3-year Extension Resolution.

Minutes of the meeting were provided to Council prior to the meeting.

Ruff explained that the TIF district would have expired July 7, 2021 and the TIF loan had not been satisfied due to lack of increment. The TIF district is scheduled to retire in fall of 2022, at which time TIF closing procedures will begin. But, in order to collect the remaining TIF increment from the taxes, the extension resolution had to be adopted. The resolution is for 3 years (and this is the only extension resolution time period allowed), even though the TIF will retire before 2024.

Motion by Champeny seconded by Earney to approve the Joint Review Board minutes of June 29, 2021 as presented. All members voting yes.

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 June 2021.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Champeny to approve Operator Licenses to: Tim Baker and Carissa Guzman. All members voting yes.

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

SERVICES COMMITTEE

Chairman Richard Champeny stated the committee had not met; however, the Council had received copies of the Backyard Chicken Ordinance and its application for action.

Motion by Champeny seconded by Ruff to adopt Ordinance 21-02 – An Ordinance regulating backyard chickens in the City of Alma. All members voting yes by roll call vote.

Motion by Champeny seconded by Moham to approve the application to raise Backyard Chickens within the City of Alma. All members voting yes by roll call vote.

It was stated that the annual fee to raise backyard chickens is not pro-rated and will be from January 1st to December 31st of each year.

Upcoming meetings:

Next Council will be Thursday August 12, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Committee meetings:

Parks & Recreation-----Wednesday, July 21st at 9:00 a.m.

Services----- Wednesday, July 21st at 10:30 a.m.

Utilities----- Friday, July 30th at 9:00 a.m.

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