

August 12, 2021

PUBLIC HEARING

5:45 p.m.

Mayor Jim Wilkie opened the public hearing to the public regarding the proposed Fireworks Ordinance #21-03.

No public gave testimony for the proposed ordinance.

No public gave testimony against the proposed ordinance.

Mayor Wilkie closed the public hearing.

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

Motion by Ruff seconded by Farl to approve the Public Hearing minutes of July 8, 2021 regarding the proposed ATV/UTV ordinance as presented. All members voting yes.

Motion by Jepsen seconded by Ruff to approve the Public Hearing minutes of July 8, 2021 regarding the proposed ordinance regulating chickens in the City of Alma as presented. All members voting yes.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Moham to approve the Council Proceeding minutes of July 8, 2021 as presented. All members voting yes.

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

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

Citizen comments.

Gary Jepsen, speaking as a citizen, stated that citizens have noticed that the crosswalk signs have been removed and they would love to see them replaced. David Earney stated that he will put that on the next Utilities meeting agenda.

UTILITIES COMMITTEE

Dave Earney went over the Utilities minutes of July 30, 2021.

Motion by Earney seconded by Grisen to approve the engineering study proposal from Davy Engineering for Lift Station #4 not to exceed \$15,000.00. All members voting yes by roll call vote.

Motion by Earney seconded by Moham to approve Payment #6 to Jurowski Construction for the Clarifier Project in the amount of \$50,437.40. All members voting yes by roll call vote.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Farl to authorize the expenditure of \$1,325.00 for a permanent gate to give access in the fence by the wastewater treatment plant. All members voting yes.

Motion by Earney seconded by Grisen to have the City Attorney send a letter to the property owners at 411 S. Main and 510 S. 2nd Street that if their properties were not fixed, cleaned up, etc. then condemnation procedures would begin. Six members voting no, one yes (Grisen).

Attorney Seifert explained in detail the condemnation procedure to the Council and informed them that in other municipalities, sending out nuisance citations on a weekly basis worked and with good results.

Motion by Jepsen seconded by Ruff to proceed with the nuisance ordinance and ask the police chief to issue weekly citations to the property owners at 411 S. Main and 510 S. 2nd St. and give the police chief flexibility on the timing of the sending of the citations. All members voting yes by roll call vote.

An example of changing the weekly citations would be if the police chief notices that the property owners are in the process of fixing the properties.

Motion by Champeny seconded by Jepsen to accept the \$10,000.00 donation from David and Robin Becker for a flashing crosswalk sign and to contact the WI DOT for any necessary permits that have to be obtained. All members voting yes.

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

SERVICES COMMITTEE

Chairman Richard Champeny went over the minutes of July 21, 2021.

Motion by Champeny seconded by Earney to send the Fireworks Ordinance back to the Services Committee for review and presentation to the next month's council meeting. All members voting yes.

Larry Grisen questioned the 2 months application requirement when applying for a Fireworks permit. He further noted that the ordinance says the mayor or designee can approve the permit and that the application states the Council. Discussion was held.

City Attorney Seifert commented that the two-month time requirement may be adequate since insurance has to be obtained, fire department needs to review the application and then council approval, or disapproval given.

Motion by Champeny seconded by Jepsen to approve the Services Committee report as presented.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Chairman Larry Farl went over the minutes of July 21, 2021.

Farl stated that the committee looked at the parking at the marina landing. Volleyball courts have been filled in and grass will be added to allow for additional parking.

The committee discussed the flag donation for Buena Vista Park, the erosion at Rieck's Lake Park and the playground equipment. The committee will meet at the various locations at their next meeting.

Mayor Wilkie informed the Council that he had been contacted by the Rod & Gun some time ago regarding the fishing dock on Beach/Harbor Road. They had informed him that they would provide the labor if someone would provide the materials to build a new one. At that time a donor came forward for the materials, however, since the cost of lumber increased, and the estimated cost is \$29,000.00. Larry Farl stated he will put this item on the next committee meeting agenda.

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

FINANCE/TAX & LICENSE/ZONING COMMITTEE

Chairman Gary Ruff informed the Council that the committee met this morning and spent a considerable amount of time with the City's auditor. The auditor went over the results of the audit and all is in order.

Ruff stated that the committee recommended approval of the assessor's contract in the amount of \$6,800.00 submitted by Eric Kleven.

Larry Grisen stated he had asked for the City to solicit bids last year. Ruff informed Grisen that usually is not done until a revaluation year and that Kleven has all of the City records. Discussion was held.

Motion by Grisen seconded by Champeny to table the Assessor's Contract until next month. Five members voting aye and two members voting nay.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Jepsen to approve a Combination Class A Beer & Liquor License to Riverside Bait & Liquor, LLC—Jody Fluekiger, agent for 200/202 South Main Street (formerly Spasha's). All members voting yes.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Grisen to approve the DNR to locate a CWD box on the City's vacant lot at 401 N. Main. All members voting yes.

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

Upcoming meetings:

Council-----September 9, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.
Finance/Tax & License/Zoning-----September 9, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.
Finance-----August 30, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.
Parks and Recreation-----August 18, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.
Services-----August 18, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.

Grisen inquired about the Census figure for the City of Alma. Linda stated that she had received from the Demographic office that the population is 777.

Monica invited everyone to read the Municipality magazine which spoke about remote meetings.

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