

September 9, 2021

PUBLIC HEARING

5:30 p.m.

Mayor Jim Wilkie opened the public hearing to the public regarding proposed Ordinance #21-03 Fireworks Ordinance allowing large displays upon proper application.

No testimony was received in favor of the ordinance.

No testimony was received against the ordinance.

Mayor Wilkie closed the public hearing.

September 9, 2021

PUBLIC HEARING

5:35 p.m.

Mayor Jim Wilkie opened the public hearing to the public regarding proposed Ordinance #21-04; Amendments to Chapter 72 of the City of Alma's Code of Ordinances: Handicap parking.

No testimony was received in favor of the ordinance.

No testimony was received against the ordinance.

Mayor Jim Wilkie closed the public hearing.

September 9, 2021

PUBLIC HEARING

5:38 p.m.

Mayor Jim Wilkie opened the public hearing to the public regarding proposed Ordinance #21-05: Parking prohibited where curb is marked yellow.

No testimony was received in favor of the ordinance.

No testimony was received against the ordinance.

Mayor Jim Wilkie closed the public hearing.

September 9, 2021

PUBLIC HEARING

5:40 p.m.

Mayor Jim Wilkie opened the public hearing to the public regarding proposed Ordinance #21-06: Wrong way parking prohibited.

No testimony was received in favor of the ordinance.

No testimony was received against the ordinance.

Mayor Jim Wilkie closed the public hearing.

September 9, 2021

PUBLIC HEARING

5:43 p.m.

Mayor Jim Wilkie opened the public hearing to the public regarding proposed Ordinance #21-07: Amending the penalty section of Chapter 72: Parking.

Jerri Schreiber, property owner, stated she was neither for nor against the ordinance, she just did not understand it.

No testimony was received in favor of the ordinance.

No testimony was received against the ordinance.

Mayor Jim Wilkie closed the public hearing.

September 9, 2021

PUBLIC HEARING

5:45 p.m.

Mayor Jim Wilkie opened the public hearing to the public regarding proposed Ordinance #21-08: Boat Launch/Parking penalty section amendment.

No testimony was received in favor of the ordinance.

No testimony was received against the ordinance.

Mayor Jim Wilkie closed the public hearing.

September 9, 2021

PUBLIC HEARING

5:48 p.m.

Mayor Jim Wilkie opened the public hearing to the public regarding proposed Ordinance #21-09: Underage alcohol consumption and/or possession.

Jerri Schreiber, neither for nor against the ordinance, stated that she thought this was covered by State Law.

No testimony was received in favor of the ordinance.

No testimony was received against the ordinance.

Mayor Jim Wilkie closed the public hearing.

September 9, 2021

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

6:00 p.m.

Mayor Jim Wilkie called the regular monthly meeting of the Common Council to order.

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Clerk Linda Torgerson took roll call with all members present: Mayor Jim Wilkie, Richard Champeny (zoom), Gary Ruff, Monica Moham, Larry Farl, Larry Grisen, Gary Jepsen, and David Earney.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Moham to approve the Public Hearing minutes of August 12, 2021 regarding the proposed fireworks ordinance as presented. All members voting yes.

Motion by Grisen seconded by Jepsen to approve the Council Proceeding minutes of August 12, 2021 as presented. All members voting yes.

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

Earney inquired about receipts #19911 and #19912 for boat launches. Clerk Torgerson stated that they are spent on landing repairs, labor, and supplies.

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

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Resident Allyn Burt inquired about the cost of an annual boat launch fee. \$30 per year is the cost.

UTILITIES COMMITTEE

Chairman David Earney went over the committee minutes of August 23, 2021. The committee met with Richard Tumaniec, WI DOT and went over the following items with him:

- Signage in front of Kwik Trip
- City limit signage
- Speed limit signage for Hwy 35 northbound by Riverview Drive
- Becker donation of flashing crosswalk sign-location
- WI DOT resurfacing plans

The committee then went over the following street concerns:

- Sunset Drive – washout area
- Badland Road
- Culvert inspection program
- GPS mapping system update

The committee discussed the ATV/UTV update. There are no speed limits on Dunand Road and Spooner Road, therefore, making the speed 55 on these roads. An ordinance will need to be enacted setting the speed to 35 so that ATV/UTV's can use these roads.

Police chief Mike Johnson reviewed the suggested placement of the ATV/UTV signs along with a map and presented this to the committee.

Chief Johnson updated the committee on the status of the properties at 510 S. 2nd St and 411 S. Main Street.

Earney informed the Council that he had written a letter to Mark Noll thanking him for mowing and keeping the road right-of-way attractive and read it to the Council.

Earney reported that there were no pay requests for R.J. Jurowski this month for the Clarifier Project and that Shawn Welte, Davy Engineering, will be providing a cost estimate for Lift Station #2 repairs.

Tree removal concerns were brought to the committee and clarification of the responsibility of the weeds in the sidewalks. An ordinance will need to be drafted to instruct adjoining property owners to remove the weeds in the sidewalk.

The Council discussed the location for the flashing crosswalk signage donated by the Becker's.

Police Chief Johnson stated that the flashing crosswalk signage would best be served at the Pine Street or Olive Street location.

Motion by Earney seconded by Jepsen to accept Olive Street as the location for the flashing crosswalk signage donated by Dave and Robin Becker. All members voting yes by roll call vote.

Earney informed the Council that the committee discussed moving the 1 hr. parking from in front of the NAPA building one stall north in front of 312 S. Main at the driveway intersection. Discussion was held.

Motion by Earney seconded by Grisen to draft an ordinance to move the 1-hr parking stall from in front of the NAPA building (314 S. Main) to one stall north in front of 312 S. Main at the driveway intersection. All members voting yes.

Earney informed the Council that the committee recommended removing the two yellow curbs at 215 S. Main to regular curbs to create two parking stalls. Discussion was held.

Motion by Earney seconded by Grisen to remove the two yellow curbs at 215 S. Main to regular curbs creating two parking stalls. All members voting yes.

The Council discussed the speed limits for Dunand and Spooner Roads. Gary Jepsen felt 35 miles per hour was too fast on the roads. Further discussion was held.

Motion by Earney seconded by Farl to adopt an ordinance setting the speed limit on Dunand and Spooner Roads to 25 mph. All members voting yes.

The Council discussed the properties at 510 S. 2nd and 411 S. Main and if any further steps need to be taken.

Jerri Schreiber informed the Council that she had looked at the properties in the City of Alma and felt that there are a lot of properties in worse condition than the two aforementioned properties; including some of the City property.

Police Chief Johnson informed the Council that the two properties have been receiving weekly citation in the amount of \$389.59 per week.

The Council discussed the agenda item regarding weeds in the sidewalk. Gary Jepsen suggested an all-inclusive ordinance covering sidewalk maintenance.

Monica stated that the city crew using the Roundup to spray the weeds has been a health concern and that some property owners don't want chemicals used.

Mayor Wilkie stated that the trip hazard caused by the weeds in the sidewalk should be addressed like the snow/ice in the winter months and that a possible timeframe be developed giving the property owners a certain amount of time to have the weeds removed.

Motion by Earney seconded by Farl to develop a sidewalk weed maintenance ordinance. Five members voting no and two yes (Champeny and Earney) by roll call vote.

Motion by Grisen seconded by Farl to send the sidewalk weed maintenance issue back to committee for review and recommendation. All members voting yes.

Motion by Earney seconded by Farl to approve the Utilities Committee report. All members voting yes.

Mayor Wilkie thanked Chairman Earney for the letter he sent to Mark Noll.

SERVICES COMMITTEE

Chairman Richard Champeny inquired if there were any questions regarding the committee minutes of August 18, 2021.

Resident Allyn Burt inquired about the smaller garbage bags. It was explained to Burt that the City is trying to get back the regular bags, however, if they didn't use the smaller bags, which were a mistake years ago, there would be none at all.

The supplier of the bags, due to shortages, has not been able to get the City the regular bags. Mid-October was the projected date that the regular bags were arrive.

Champeny informed the committee that the ordinances will need action. He further stated that the City currently did not have ordinances to addressing these issues and that the ordinances presented will bring the City in compliance with state law.

Jerri Schreiber stated that Police Chief Johnson explained to her the process to obtain the state guidelines.

Motion by Earney seconded by Jepsen to adopt Ordinance #21-03: Fireworks ordinance. All members voting yes by roll call vote.

Motion by Jepsen seconded by Ruff to adopt Ordinance #21-04: Handicap parking ordinance. All members voting yes by roll call vote.

Motion by Moham seconded by Jepsen to adopt Ordinance #21-05: Parking prohibited where curb marked yellow. All members voting yes.

Mayor Wilkie read ordinance #21-06: Wrong way parking prohibited.

Motion by Farl seconded by Moham to adopt Ordinance #21-06: Wrong way parking prohibited. All members voting yes by roll call vote.

Motion by Farl seconded by Earney to adopt Ordinance #21-07: Amending the penalty section of Chapter 72: Parking. All members voting yes by roll call vote.

Motion by Moham seconded by Jepsen to adopt Ordinance #21-09: Underage alcohol consumption and possession. All members voting yes by roll call vote.

Chairman Champeny thanked Police Chief Johnson for all the work he has done on the ordinances.

Motion by Farl seconded by Earney to approve the Services Committee report. All members voting yes.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Chairman Larry Farl went over the committee minutes of August 18, 2021.

Farl made a couple corrections to the minutes regarding the statement that the Enhance Alma group would help with the funding for benches at Buena Vista. Farl stated that Enhance Alma would help with plantings.

Motion by Farl seconded by Ruff to adopt Ordinance #21-08 Boat Launch/Parking penalty section amendment. All members voting yes by roll call vote.

Farl informed the Council that the committee traveled to South Landing. One of the improvements suggested would be handicap parking and road improvement. Some bathroom repairs are needed, Farl commented.

Farl stated the committee then went to Buena Vista Park. Tree trimming, new benches, replacement of some fencing at the entrance and the possibility of a flag were discussed by the committee. The committee talked about bathroom improvements as well.

Farl stated that the next meeting will be at the beach/marina area and Rieck's Lake Park.

Motion by Jepsen seconded by Earney to approve the Parks and Recreation committee report. All members voting yes.

FINANCE/TAX & LICENSE/ZONING COMMITTEE

Chairman Gary Ruff informed the Council that the committee had met this morning.

Ruff stated that the committee had received a premise change from Jerri Schreiber for her Combination Class B Beer & Liquor license to include the outside area next to Elm Street.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Jepsen to approve the change of premise request from Jerri Schreiber for her Combination Class B Beer & Liquor license to include the outside area next to Elm Street. All members voting yes.

Ruff stated that the committee came up with a 3% increase for the employees; those who receive health insurance and don't pay premiums are subject to a lesser increase or no increase if the increase of health insurance premium is greater than the 3% increase. Discussion was held.

Police chief Johnson stated he did not feel this is a fair way to give out raises since the older employees and ones with family premiums are more than the younger employees with families. Johnson suggested taking an average of all the premiums and then if the increase is more than the 3% handle it accordingly with the raises.

Further discussion was held.

Motion by Jepsen seconded by Grisen to increase wages 3% across the board for all employees, full-time and part-time for 2022 with the understanding that average insurance costs may be factored in at a later date for those employees under contract. All members voting yes by roll call vote.

Ruff informed the Council that foreman Joe Wick was present at the committee meeting and requested that Caleb Herold's hours be increased.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Moham to approve 1600 hours per year for city crew worker, Caleb Herold. All members voting yes.

Ruff informed the Council that the committee had recommended approval of the assessor's contract to Eric Kleven, Kleven Appraisals. Linda had presented the committee with a comparison of assessor's and neighboring communities.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Farl to approve the assessor's contract to Kleven Appraisals, LLC- Eric Kleven, assessor in the amount of \$6800 for 2022. All members voting yes by roll call vote.

David Earney stated that Eric Kleven has a history with the City of Alma, it's buildings and businesses and the required technology for an assessor.

Gary Ruff and Larry Farl commented that Eric Kleven has done good work for the City as an assessor.

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

Mayor Wilkie announce that Rita Magno, Librarian, has pursued employment elsewhere after 7 years with the City of Alma and he will have a Proclamation for her at the next meeting.

Upcoming Meetings:

- Parks & Rec-----Sept. 13th at 9:00 a.m.
- Parks and Rec-----Sept. 20th at 9:00 a.m.
- Services-----Sept. 27th at 9:00 a.m.
- Utilities-----Sept. 29th at 9:00 a.m.
- Finance-----Oct. 5th at 8:30 a.m.
- Council-----Oct. 14th at 6:00 p.m.

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