

October 14, 2021

PUBLIC HEARING

5:30 p.m.

Mayor Jim Wilkie opened the public hearing to the public regarding proposed Ordinance #21-10: Establishing 25 mph speed limits on Dunand and Spooner Roads.

No testimony was received for or against the proposed ordinance.

Mayor Wilkie closed the public hearing.

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PUBLIC HEARING

5:35 p.m.

Mayor Jim Wilkie opened the public hearing to the public regarding proposed Ordinance #21-11: Establishing Ward lines in the City of Alma.

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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 (zoom) and David Earney.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Farl to approve the Public Hearing minutes of Sept. 9, 2021 regarding Ordinance #21-03: Fireworks Ordinance. All members voting yes.

Motion by Farl seconded by Ruff to approve the Public Hearing minutes of Sept. 9, 2021 regarding Ordinance #21-04: Handicap parking. All members voting yes.

Motion by Farl seconded by Moham to approve the Public hearing minutes of Sept. 9, 2021 regarding Ordinance #21-05: Parking prohibited where curb is marked yellow. All members voting yes.

Motion by Farl seconded by Moham to approve the Public hearing minutes of Sept. 9, 2021 regarding Ordinance #21-06: Wrong way parking prohibited. All members voting yes.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Farl to approve the public hearing minutes of Sept. 9, 2021 regarding Ordinance #21-07: Amending the penalty section of Chapter 72 of the City of Alma's Code of Ordinances; parking. All members voting yes.

Motion by Champeny seconded by Moham to approve the public hearing minutes of Sept. 9, 2021 regarding Ordinance #21-08: Boat launch/parking penalty section amendment. All members voting yes.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Farl to approve the public hearing minutes of Sept. 9, 2021 regarding Ordinance #21-09: Underage alcohol consumption and/or possession. All members voting yes.

Motion by Grisen seconded by Ruff to approve the Council Proceeding minutes of Sept. 9, 2021 as presented. All members voting yes.

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

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

Citizen comments: None.

Agenda Item 6: Redistricting plan for wards in the City of Alma – Ordinance #21-11.

Mayor Wilkie explained that after a census is done every 10 years, the municipality has to verify that the wards are as equally represented by population as possible. The council received copies of the Ordinance along with the ward boundaries.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Farl to adopt Ordinance #21-11: Establishing ward lines in the City of Alma. All members voting yes by roll call vote.

Grisen inquired since the ward lines changed, what would have happened to a council member who may or may not have been in their ward any longer.

UTILITIES COMMITTEE

Chairman David Earney went over the committee minutes of Sept. 29, 2021. Earney then addressed the council agenda items pertaining to the committee.

Motion by Earney seconded by Moham to approve Contractor's Payment #7 to Jurowski Construction for the clarifier project in the amount of \$19,821.75. All members voting yes by roll call vote.

Motion by Earney seconded by Farl to approve Contractor's Payment #8 to Jurowski Construction for the clarifier project in the amount of \$38,478.80. All members voting yes by roll call vote.

Motion by Earney seconded by Moham to approve Change Order #4 for the clarifier project in the amount of \$17,035.00. All members voting yes by roll call vote.

Earney informed the Council that the committee had approved the proposal from Winona Mechanical for repairs to Lift Station #2 and did make a motion approving the proposal as an emergency action.

Motion by Earney seconded by Farl to approve the proposal from Winona Mechanical for the emergency repairs for Lift Station #2 in the amount of \$30,941.00. All members voting yes by roll call vote.

Earney informed the Council that the committee prepared the 2022 budgets for utilities.

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

SERVICES COMMITTEE

Chairman Richard Champeny went over the committee meeting minutes of Sept. 29, 2021.

Motion by Earney seconded by Moham to adopt Ordinance #21-10: Establishing a 25-mph speed limit on Dunand and Spooner Roads. All members voting yes.

David Earney thanked Police Chief Johnson for all his work he has done last month and this month getting the ordinances in order.

Mayor Wilkie commented that Police Chief Johnson had contacted him regarding ATV/UTV use “off-road” on the city farm. Johnson suggested putting up cable/gate to keep the ATV/UTV’s from going on the city-owned land by Lift Station #2 below Shawnee Estates. Mayor Wilkie stated he did not want to see ATV/UTV’s on the city-owned properties such as the city farm, Shawnee Estates, etc. as they will cause damage to the property. He further stated that people can walk or hike on the property as they have done in the past.

Discussion was held and possibly erecting a sign stating, “No Off-Road ATV/UTV” be placed there.

Chairman Richard Champeny brought up the concern of semis possibly using Riverview Drive to avoid the stop light situation on Hwy 35. Foreman Joe Wick stated he will put up signs at the entrances to Riverview Drive “no semis/trucks”. These will be suggestive signs only since an ordinance is not in place to enforce the signs.

Motion by Champeny seconded by Farl to instruct the City Foreman to put up “No truck signs” at the entrances to Riverview Drive. All members voting yes.

Motion by Moham seconded by Ruff to approve the Recycling Agreement with Buffalo County. All members voting yes.

Champeny stated that the committee prepared the Services budgets for 2022.

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

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Chairman Larry Farl went over the committee minutes of September 16, 2021 and September 22, 2021.

The committee had traveled to various locations and made recommendations for each site. Those sites included: Buena Vista Park, South Landing, Beach area and Rieck's Lake Park.

Farl informed the Council that Mayor Wilkie is working with the Rod & Gun Club regarding a new fishing dock for Beach/Harbor Road.

Farl stated that the committee prepared the 2022 parks and recreation budgets.

Motion by Farl seconded by Moham to approve the proposal from Audio Design for new cameras for \$9,139.81 and incidentals not to exceed \$10,000.00. All members voting yes.

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

FINANCE/TAX & LICENSE/ZONING COMMITTEE

Ruff informed the Council that the committee met this morning and approved all vouchers, bills, and receipts for the month of September, 2021.

The committee approved a building permit for Clive & Yolanda Pace for siding and windows at their home at 611 S. Main Street.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Grisen to approve Operator Licenses to: Jessica Gleiter, Julie Lindstrom, and Jessica Clark. 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.

Mayor Wilkie announced agenda item #9: Outlay accounts transfer of accounts from Fire Station Heating Outlay to Municipal building outlay. There is no need for a fire station heating outlay, Wilkie commented.

Linda stated that the amount of the transfer is \$10,727.09.

David Earney informed the Council that this was brought up during budget discussions and the need for new garage doors on the fire station.

Motion by Grisen seconded by Ruff to approve the transfer of the funds in the Fire Station Heating outlay account to the Municipal building outlay account amounting to \$10,727.09. All members voting yes by roll call vote.

Gary Jepsen commented that the minutes of the Finance/Tax & License/Zoning committee were not approved for October 5, 2021 when the Finance budgets were done.

Motion by Champeny seconded by Jepsen to approve the October 5, 2021 Finance/Tax & License/Zoning committee minutes as presented. All members voting yes.

FIRE DEPARTMENT LIAISON

Earney informed the Council that he had attended the October 6th fire meeting. Earney stated that the Alma Volunteer Fire Department has dedicated members and have a lot of things they do when not on fire calls. Earney stated he is thankful for their dedication.

Monica Moham encouraged the Council to read the article in the Municipality magazine regarding volunteer fire departments.

Champeny stated that members of EMS have been speeding and he has informed Fire Chief Brakke to talk to the members and those of ambulance crew, Police Chief Johnson will remind them of their speed limits to follow.

Motion by Moham seconded by Farl to approve the Fire Department Liaison report as presented. All members voting yes.

Upcoming meetings:

Finance-----November 18, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.

Public Hearing for budget---November 18, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

Council-----November 18, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Earney to adjourn. All members voting yes. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.