

**March 7, 2022**

**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, Gary Ruff, Monica Moham, Larry Farl, Larry Grisen, Gary Jepsen and David Earney (zoom). Absent: Richard Champeny.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Farl to approve the Council Proceeding minutes of February 7, 2022 as presented. All members voting yes.

Motion by Jepsen seconded by Ruff to approve the February 2022 Financial Report as presented. All members voting yes by roll call vote.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Moham to approve the February 2022 Treasurer's Report as presented. All members voting yes.

Citizen's comments.

Randy Brommer, resident, complimented the city crew on the snow removal done, however, he has noticed that the crew is shoveling sidewalks down by the Clinic and the emporium on Main Street and also garage to garage at Bluff Street on 2<sup>nd</sup> street. He stated that he hoped that the City is being paid for the snow removal at these areas since they are not city owned. He further commented that the city crew does not mow the same sections of Bluff Street and wondered why they are removing the snow on the sidewalks.

Joe Wick, foreman who was present, stated that he had informed the crew to remove snow as they go when getting to city property. Wick stated he did not want the crew walking through and packing the residents' sidewalks to make removal more difficult for them. Wick stated he will talk to the crew about this to get the details.

Mayor Wilkie encouraged Randy Brommer to attend a Utilities meeting regarding this issue and thanked him for his attendance.

**UTILITIES COMMITTEE**

Chairman Dave Earney went over the many agenda items from the committee minutes of February 21, 2022.

The committee discussed:

- Lift Station #2 update-waiting on contractor date so WI DOT permits can be obtained.
- Lift Station #4-Geotechnical exploration report from PSI-Welte presented a facility plan for lift station #4.

- Annual phosphorus progress report do. The City obtained an extension for filing of the report and Carson from Davy will be working with Cal on the report.
- Clarifier project review. Pinch valve that is needed will not be paid out of the Clean Water Fund to reduce the cost.
- Headworks building electronics heating system improvements with the SCADA system notifying the temperatures and blowers' status.
- Snow removal – crew had done an excellent job.
- Crosswalk lights – the crosswalk lights donated by Dave and Robin Becker have been installed at Olive Street.
- Catch basins are needed to be installed on North 2<sup>nd</sup> St.
- No new developments regarding the city lot at 401 N. Main.
- Need for summer crew help and permanent full-time position. Referred to Council and Finance committee.

Motion by Earney seconded by Ruff to approve up to \$10,000.00 for (2) catch basins on North Second Street. All members voting yes by roll call vote.

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

### **SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Chairperson Monica Moham informed the Council that the committee met on February 23, 2022. Parking was a major agenda item. She turned the discussion over to Police Chief Mike Johnson.

Police Chief Mike Johnson explained that he had attended the quarterly highway safety meeting with the Sheriff, State Patrol, State DOT, etc. regarding safety concerns in the County. The two main areas of concern were the intersection at Hwy 25/35 and then the area by the Alma Kwik Trip. The state requested the City to produce a solution for the hazard at the Kwik Trip area.

The Services committee met and recommended the following:

- Remove the current (3) parking stalls (6' and under) in front of the Kwik Trip and make it no parking.
- Implement 6' or under vehicle parking in the (3) stalls from the north Kwik Trip exit to Walnut Street.
- Make two parking stalls in front of the north driveway at the Pier 4 property.
- 2-hour parking in the four stalls in front of Pier 4 from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. 7 days per week.

Chief Johnson stated that temporary barricades would be placed out in the parking stalls in front of the Kwik Trip to educate the people on the “no parking.”

Currently there are 24 parking spaces with the Kwik Trip parking lot and surrounding area. With the changes, which includes adding two spaces across the street from the Kwik Trip, there would be 23 parking spaces, Johnson stated.

Discussion was held. Johnson stated that there is nothing against the Kwik Trip or Pier 4 or the Felice Patra; it is a safety concern.

Motion by Moham seconded by Farl to draft an ordinance eliminating the three parking spaces in front of the Kwik Trip for safety considerations. All members voting yes.

Motion by Moham seconded by Jepsen to draft an ordinance implementing 6' or under vehicle parking in the (3) stalls from the north Kwik Trip exit, east side of Main Street to Walnut Street. All members voting yes. All members voting yes.

Motion by Moham seconded by Farl to draft an ordinance implementing 2-hour parking in the four stalls in front of Pier 4 from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. 7 days per week. All members voting yes.

Motion by Moham seconded by Farl to add two parking stalls in front of the north driveway at the Pier 4 property. All members voting yes.

Monica invited everyone to attend the Fireman's Chili Feed at the American Legion on Sunday, March 20, 2022.

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

Larry Grisen questioned if anything was checked into regarding the "by police order" signage that Amery has.

Attorney Seifert stated that the police chief has temporary orders for things such as a roadblock in an emergency.

### **PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Chairman Larry Farl reported that the committee met on February 23, 2022 and discussed the following:

- Harbor expansion application submitted by the Alma Marina. Re-design of the slips to accommodate smaller boats and create more slips.
- Rieck's Lake Park tree removal. Bids will be let out for April.
- Met with forester regarding what types of trees to replant.
- Waiting for shoreline management plan from Land Conservation.
- Signage for the beach – no overnight parking or camping.
- Fishing tournament application – approved application for Upper Midwest Bass Series out of South Landing.

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

### **BOARD OF APPEALS**

Motion by Jepsen seconded by Farl to approve the Board of Appeals minutes from February 22, 2022. All members voting yes.

### **FINANCE/TAX & LICENSE/ZONING COMMITTEE**

Ruff informed the Council that the committee had reviewed applications for the Deputy Clerk position on February 14, 2022 and made selections of candidates to interview.

Ruff stated that interviews were conducted on February 24, 2022 and Sharaya Reed was selected for the position of Deputy Clerk beginning at 24 hours per week with a 30-day probationary period at \$20.00/hour.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Farl to approve a mobile home park permit to Lorena Hungerford. All members voting yes.

Ruff informed the Council that Police Chief Johnson presented a hunting ordinance regulating the use of tree stands on city-owned properties.

Discussion was held regarding the language regarding the use of tree stands on public property and who may use them.

Motion by Grisen seconded by Moham to refer the proposed hunting regulations ordinance back to the committee for review and amendments. All members voting yes.

Motion by Jepsen seconded by Ruff to go into convene into CLOSED SESSION under exemptions set under Wis. Stats. 19.85 (1) (c) considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. The council will reconvene into open session. All members voting yes.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

Motion by Farl seconded by Moham to reconvene into Open Session. All members voting yes.

Motion by Jepsen seconded by Ruff to increase the wages for senior part-time employees Perry Pronschinske and Mike Moham to \$18.00 per hour effective immediately. All members voting yes.

Motion by Farl seconded by Jepsen to advertise for a full-time city crew worker, requiring a CDL at a rate of \$17.00 per hour. All members voting yes.

Discussion was held regarding updating job descriptions for the full-time and summer help crew workers.

Motion by Earney seconded by Jepsen to pre-approve the Finance Committee and the City Foreman to develop the job descriptions for the full-time and summer help crew positions. All members voting yes.

Motion by Jepsen seconded by Moham to approve the rate of \$15.55 per hour for (2) summer help positions. All members voting yes.

Upcoming meetings:

Finance-----March 14, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

Finance-----April 7, 2022 at 8:30 a.m.

Council-----April 7, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

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