

Mayor Robert Gross 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 Robert Gross, Richard Champeny, Gary Ruff, Monica Moham, Robert Talbot, Gary Jepsen, and David Earney. Absent: Larry Farl.

Also present: Davy Engineer, Shawn Welte.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Jepsen to approve the Nov. 17, 2022 Public Hearing minutes regarding the 2023 Budget for the City of Alma as presented. All members voting yes.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Talbot to approve the Nov. 17, 2022 Council Proceeding minutes as presented. All members voting yes.

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

Motion by Ruff seconded by Champeny to approve the November 2022 Treasurer’s Report as presented. All members voting yes.

Citizens comments: No citizens were present.

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

Chairman Gary Ruff informed the Council that the committee met this morning and approved all vouchers, bills, and receipts. There were no operator licenses.

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

**UTILITIES COMMITTEE**

Chairman David Earney informed the Council that the committee met on Dec. 6, 2022. Earney went over the minutes from the meeting.

One of the agenda items is the sewer lining bids. Shawn Welte, Davy Engineering, reported on the results of the bids that were opened 2:00 p.m. on Dec. 8, 2022 with the following results:

- St. Louis Trenchless-----\$49,220.00
- Visu-Sewer-----\$38,430.00
- Insitu-Form-----\$46,130.00

Welte informed the Council that he had reviewed all three bids for accuracy and according to the bid specs and recommended going with Visu-Sewer in the amount of \$38,430.00.

Motion by Earney seconded by Jepsen to approve the bid for the sewer lining from Visu-Sewer (Pewaukee, WI) in the amount of \$38,430.00. All members voting yes.

Welte stated that he will be drafting up the final contract ready for signatures.

Ruff inquired when the project would be done, Welte stated in the spring.

Gary Jepsen inquired about how long sewer lining will last. Welte stated between 35 and 40 years.

Earney thanked Mayor Gross for getting to the bottom of the engine braking signage problem. The new signs, once they arrive, will be installed Gross commented.

Champeny inquired about the sewer lift station pumps being clogged. The current problem is the disposable wipes getting caught up in the lift station pumps. Even though they are called disposable, they are not in the lift stations and cause pump problems was reported.

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

**FIRE DEPARTMENT LIAISON**

Dave Earney reported that he had attended the Fire Department meeting on December 7, 2022. The department went over their minutes, the hotel fire, repairs and maintenance reports on the vehicles and tools. The big item for the meeting was the election of officers. Earney reported all officers stayed the same. Fire department Christmas party will be January 7, 2023.

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

**UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

Finance-----Thursday, January 12, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.  
Council-----Thursday, January 12, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

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