

January 12, 2023

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

6:00 p.m.

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 (zoom), Gary Ruff, Monica Moham, Robert Talbot, Gary Jepsen, and David Earney. Absent: Larry Farl.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Jepsen to approve the Council Proceeding minutes of December 8, 2022 as presented. All members voting yes.

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

Motion by Ruff seconded by Earney to approve the Treasurer's Report for December 2022 as presented. All members voting yes.

Citizen concerns: No citizens were present.

FINANCE/TAX & LICENSE/ZONING COMMITTEE

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

Motion by Ruff seconded by Moham to approve an Operator License to Claire Busch upon receipt of payment. All members voting yes.

Motion by Moham seconded by Jepsen to amend Resolution #438 increasing the sand hauling charge on Beach Harbor Road from .15 to .25 per cubic yard. All members voting yes by roll call vote.

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

HISTORICAL PRESERVATION ADVISORY COMMISSION

Member David Earney informed the Council that the Commission had approved a building permit to Chris Settles, 504 S. 2nd Street, for an enclosed porch under the conditions that windows be installed on the street side and that siding to match the home be installed.

Motion by Jepsen seconded by Ruff to approve the Historical Preservation Advisory Commission report as presented. All members voting yes.

UTILITIES COMMITTEE

Chairman David Earney went over the minutes of the Utilities January 9, 2023 meeting. Earney stated that the committee went over the following items:

- Property concerns
- Angle parking signage for 2nd St.
- Jake braking signage update.
- Request for a “Hidden Driveway” sign for Riverview Drive
- Street sweeper for skid steer
- Street projects for 2023: Wall Street, West Cedar Street and Laue Street from Hwy 35 to 2nd Street
- Lift Stations #2 & #4 update.
- Sunken sidewalk in front of 112 S. Main

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT LIAISON

David Earney reported that the Alma Fire Department met on January 4, 2023. The department reported that they had no runs in December, have order new turn out gear, ordered the door decals which the department will be paying for and welcomed a new member, Josh Griep.

Chili Feed will be March 19th. The Department received a \$500 donation for Cochrane Cooperative Telephone Company.

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

Mayor comments:

Mayor Robert Gross informed the Council that some of the committees are overloaded with items to deal with and that a more balanced work load be distributed between the committees by splitting some of the items or creating new committees. He asked that the Council think of this and look over the current committee structure. This matter will be handled at Re-organization in April, Gross stated.

Champeny commented that the properties should be under Services and Services can take that workload from the Utilities committee.

Upcoming meetings:

- Utilities----- 9:00 a.m. on Monday, February 6, 2023
- Finance----- 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, February 9, 2023
- Council----- 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 9, 2023

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