

March 16, 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, Larry Farl, Loren Mueller, Gary Jepsen, and David Earney.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Mueller to approve the February 9, 2023 Council Proceeding minutes as presented. All members voting yes.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Farl to approve the February 2023 Financial Report as presented. All members voting yes by roll call vote.

Motion by Moham seconded by Ruff to approve the February 2023 Treasurer's Report as presented. All members voting yes.

Citizen comments:

Rick and Carrie Witzke, residents at 1111 S. 2nd St., were present to observe the council meeting.

FINANCE/TAX & LICENSE/ZONING COMMITTEE

Chairman Gary Ruff informed the Council that the committee met this morning and approved all vouchers, bills, and receipts.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Farl to approve Operator Licenses to: Brandi Helgeson and Erica Larson. All members voting yes.

Ruff informed the Council that Chief Aarik Lackershire discussed Lexipol which keeps the police department in compliance with all policies needed for the police department. Aarik stated that the cost will be covered.

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

UTILITIES COMMITTEE

Chairman David Earney went over the minutes of the March 6th committee meeting.

Motion by Earney seconded by Farl to approve the proposal from Davy Engineering for the Water Modeling of the water system. All members voting yes.

Earney reported that the street projects for 2023 were discussed. Wall Street, Laue Street and west Cedar Street are the proposed projects.

Mayor Robert Gross informed the Council that he spoke with the BNSF Railmaster regarding their involvement when west Cedar Street is done. Mayor Gross stated that the BNSF Railmaster has to be notified 30 days prior to the work being done.

Earney stated that the committee discussed the property maintenance issue with more information to be obtained at next month's meeting.

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

SERVICES COMMITTEE

Chairman Richard Champeny informed the Council that the committee had met on February 20, 2023 in closed session and made no motions when the committee came out into open session.

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

LIBRARY LIAISON

Gary Jepsen informed the Council that due to the Library Board amending their meeting night, he will be able to continue to serve as Library Liaison.

Motion by Mueller seconded by Jepsen to approve the appointment of Kim Brommer to the Library Board.

Mayor Robert Gross expressed to the Council the urgency of preparing for a possible flood. Mayor Gross stated that he had heard it could be as bad as the flood of 1965. Discussion was held and the flood preparation issue was referred to the Services committee.

Upcoming meetings:

Services – March 21st at 9:00 a.m.

Parks and Recreation – March 21st at 10:30 a.m.

Finance – April 13th at 8:30 a.m.

Council – April 13th at 6:00 p.m.

Motion by Earney seconded by Farl to adjourn. All members voting yes. 6:45 p.m.