

April 11, 2024

PUBLIC HEARING

5:30 p.m.

Acting Mayor Gary Jepsen opened the public hearing to the public regarding Ordinance #24-02 Mobile Food Vendor Ordinance.

Speaking in favor of the Ordinance were the following:

Jennifer Griffith – owner of the Burlington Hotel/Bar at 809 N. Main St. Griffith stated that she will be holding three to six events per year either on her property and would like food vendors there either in the backyard or in front of her business. She stated the events will be done by 10 p.m.

Rachel Rich – resident and owner of the Coffee Camper is in favor of the ordinance providing her to park in front of the Courthouse, once or twice per month, with a 7 a.m. start. She will be parked in front of 3G Gallery (100 S. Main) during the 100-mile garage sale and will be in the parking lot at Talbot’s Funeral Home from time to time.

Speaking against the ordinance were the following:

Heidi Berry and Tony Welti, owners of Unparalleled Farm at 325 S. Main St, spoke in opposition due to the parking situation that exists on the south end of Main Street and the safety issue with the traffic on the south end of Main Street.

Heidi Berry stated that if food trucks were allowed on the south end of Main Street, she would lose business and renters.

Jerri Schreiber, owner of the Alma Hotel. Jerri Schreiber stated that there should be a permit fee for mobile food vendors and bring a financial benefit to the city since brick and mortar businesses have to pay the City fees and stated she was not in favor of allowing mobile food vendors every day of the week.

Clerk Torgerson informed Jerri Schreiber that the City does not impose any fees for food service to the restaurants and clarified the only City license fees issued are for beer and liquor and soda licenses.

Hearing no further testimony for or against the ordinance, Acting Mayor Gary Jepsen closed the hearing.

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COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

6:00 p.m.

Acting Mayor Gary Jepsen 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: Acting Mayor Gary Jepsen, Richard Champeny, Larry Grisen, Monica Moham, Larry Farl, Loren Mueller, and David Earney.

Motion by Champeny seconded by Moham to approve the March 14, 2024 Council Proceeding minutes as presented. All members voting yes.

Motion by Farl seconded by Mueller to approve the Special Council Proceeding minutes of March 21, 2024 as presented. All members voting yes.

Motion by Grisen seconded by Champeny to approve the March 2024 Financial Report as presented. All members voting yes by roll call vote.

Motion by Moham seconded by Farl to approve the March 2024 Treasurer's Report as presented. All members voting yes.

Agenda Item 6: Ordinance #24-02 Mobile food vendor ordinance.

Gary Jepsen explained that the committee worked hard to produce an ordinance that meets the needs of most of the people and did try to keep everyone in mind. Jepsen stated that he reviewed many ordinances from other municipalities and tried to produce one that fit the City of Alma.

Heidi Berry commented that she felt the north end of the City's business district was protected more than the south end.

Gary Jepsen stated that if no ordinance were adopted, any mobile food vendor could come into the City of Alma and park along Main Street wherever they wanted and by adopting the ordinance at least there are rules set forth regarding the mobile food vendors.

Motion by Jepsen seconded by Moham to adopt Ordinance #24-02 Mobile Food Vendors. All members voting yes by roll call vote.

Motion by Grisen seconded by Mueller to review Ordinance #24-02 in one year or sooner if new businesses come in that would be affected by the ordinance. All members voting yes.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Chairperson Larry Farl went over the highlights of the April 4, 2024 committee minutes. Farl stated that the committee approved the following:

- A fishing tournament application to WISCO Bass Anglers for South Landing on August 25, 2024.
- \$700.00 for the pickleball painting on the basketball court.
- Purchase of a large sign reading “Ballfield Parking” with an arrow for the beach park. White background with red lettering.
- Approved pumping of the pit toilets at Buena Vista Park on a regular basis.
- Discussed the ARPA grant for the parks.
- Discussed plantings for Rieck’s Lake Park.

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

UTILITIES COMMITTEE

Chairperson Larry Grisen went over the committee minutes of April 9, 2024.

The committee discussed and/or acted upon the following:

- Meter request from non-metered sewer users. The committee listened to residents that wanted meters installed and Chairperson Grisen provided information regarding costs to them for installing a meter and required inspections. This item will be on the April 16, 2024 Special Council agenda for discussion.
- Bid opening for the LRIP Project which is blacktopping the crushed rock from Shawnee Drive to the landfill gates. One bid was received: Monarch Paving Company – Amery, WI -- \$57,978.47 – Bid includes shouldering and Optional bid and recommended – paving an additional 270 feet toward the Shawnee Estates subdivision to allow better water runoff and control. Bid includes shouldering \$10,624.74.
- Crack filling and Sealcoating of Windsong Terrace, Alma Memorial Cemetery Road and Radsek Road (trailer park road): Fahrner Asphalt Sealers – Plover, WI Single Seal - \$17,423.00 Double Seal - \$28,225.00
Scott Construction, Inc. – Lake Delton, WI ¼” Chips=\$26,775.00
3/8” Chips=\$29,750.00 Sweeping=\$ 1,850.00
- Badland Road and Spooner Road Agreement. The City has not received the signed agreement from the Town of Nelson.
- Culvert inspection and survey. The committee approved hiring a private company to do the mandatory inspections of the city culverts.

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

FINANCE/TAX & LICENSE/ZONING COMMITTEE

Chairperson Gary Jepsen reported that the committee met April 9, 2024 and discussed the Shawnee Estates purchase in the hands of the Developer and his attorney to present to the City of Alma a purchase agreement that, after review and approval of the city attorney, can be presented to the Council for action.

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

Agenda Item 8: Library grant Update.

Gary Jepsen informed the Council that since the last Council the Library Board had met and the school has offered the library the south end by the football field for the new library.

Susan Miller expressed interest in attending the Library Board meetings.

Agenda Item 10: Resignation letter of Monica Moham – 1st Ward.

Motion by Earney seconded by Mueller to approve the Resignation letter submitted by Monica Moham. All members voting yes.

Agenda Item 9: Discuss updating Alma's Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

Motion by Champeny seconded by Grisen to table the update of the City of Alma's Comprehensive Land Use Plan and work with the Planning Commission regarding the update. All members voting yes.

Agenda Item 11: Appointment of Larry Farl to serve the unexpired term of Monica Moham as First Ward Alderperson.

Motion by Earney seconded by Champeny to approve the appointment of Larry Farl to serve the unexpired term of Monica Moham as First Ward Alderperson. All members voting yes.

Agenda Item 12: Appointment to Council for vacancy created by Rick Champeny in Second Ward.

Motion by Champeny seconded by Mueller to approve the appointment of Davie Meier as Second Ward Alderperson created by Rick Champeny's acceptance of Mayor to serve until the April 2025 election. All members voting yes.

Agenda Item 13: Rural Partner Network Workshop-Rothschild – June 13, 2024.

Larry Grisen stated that he will be attending the workshop and if someone else would like to go, to please contact him.

FIRE DEPARTMENT LIAISON

David Earney reported that he attended the fire department meeting. The department has done some controlled burns and had a recent fire call at the Kwik Trip. Earney stated that the department is running well.

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

LIBRARY BOARD LIAISON

Gary Jepsen stated that he has attended three meetings of the Library Board, and the topic of discussion has been the library grant which was reported on earlier this evening.

Motion by Champeny seconded by Grisen to approve the Library Liaison report as presented. All members voting yes.

Larry Grisen thanked Gary Jepsen for his service as Acting Mayor after the death of Mayor Gross.

Gary Jepsen presented Monica Moham a Plaque for her 14 Years of Service to the citizens of Alma and stated she would be dearly missed.

Monica Moham thanked the Council, the City Crew, Clerical Staff, Attorney Seifert, and everyone she has known and worked with and will miss the City of Alma.

Upcoming meetings:

Finance-----May 7, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.

Services-----May 6, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

Council-----May 9, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion by Mueller seconded by Grisen to adjourn. All members voting yes.