

November 14, 2024

PUBLIC HEARING

5:15 p.m.

Mayor Richard Champeny opened the public hearing to the public regarding proposed Ordinance #24-09 An ordinance creating a chapter within the City of Alma's Code of Ordinances: Farm animals.

No testimony was received for or against the proposed ordinance.

Mayor Richard Champeny closed the public hearing.

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PUBLIC HEARING

5:30 p.m.

Mayor Richard Champeny opened the public hearing to the public hearing regarding the proposed 2025 Budget for the City of Alma.

Hearing no testimony for or against the proposed 2025 budget, Mayor Richard Champeny closed the hearing.

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COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

6:00 p.m.

Mayor Richard Champeny 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 Richard Champeny, Randy Brommer, Larry Farl (zoom), Loren Mueller, Gary Jepsen, and David Earney. Absent: Davie Meier and Larry Grisen.

Motion by Mueller seconded by Jepsen to approve the Public Hearing minutes of October 10, 2024 regarding the Room Tax Ordinance amendment as presented. All members voting yes.

Motion by Jepsen seconded by Earney to approve the Council Proceeding minutes of October 10, 2024 as presented. All members voting yes.

Motion by Earney seconded Brommer to approve the November 7, 2024 Special Council proceeding minutes as presented. All members voting yes.

Motion by Earney seconded by Mueller to approve the October 2024 Financial Report as presented. All members voting yes by roll call vote.

Motion by Jepsen seconded by Brommer to approve the October 2024 Treasurer's Report as presented. All members voting yes.

SERVICES COMMITTEE

Chairperson Loren Mueller went over the November 12, 2024 committee minutes. One of the items discussed was animals and goats in particular to be used for vegetation control. One of the goat owners had contacted city hall to amend 3c of the ordinance to include neutered males only in addition to females only.

Motion by Earney seconded by Jepsen to adopt ordinance #24-09 Farm Animals as amended. Four members voting yes, one no (Brommer) by roll call vote.

Mueller informed the Council that Sarah Buehler, landfill attendant, submitted her resignation letter due to her obtaining other employment.

Motion by Jepsen seconded by Brommer to accept Sarah Buehler's resignation letter. All members voting yes.

Mueller informed the Council that the Fire Department had notified the committee of a necessary change order with the new fire truck being ordered. It is a mandatory requirement, and the additional cost will be \$7,100.00.

Motion by Earney seconded by Mueller to approve change order #10042-002-1 for the upgraded pool rack and new tank for the new fire truck in the amount of \$7,100.00 as presented. All members voting yes by roll call vote.

Loren informed the Council that the next Cemetery Support Group meeting will be held Nov. 19th at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Motion by Jepsen seconded by Brommer to approve the Services Committee meeting of November 12, 2024 as presented. All members voting yes.

UTILITIES COMMITTEE

Committee member, Randy Brommer, went over the committee minutes of October 14, 2024.

Motion by Earney seconded by Mueller to approve the Utilities Committee report of Oct. 14, 2024 as presented. All members voting yes.

Committee member, Randy Brommer, went over the committee minutes of November 12, 2024 and the council agenda items for action.

Motion by Jepsen seconded by Mueller to approve the bid of \$745,000 for the Lift Station #4 project from TJ's Trucking & Excavating as presented. All members voting yes by roll call vote.

Motion by Earney seconded by Brommer to approve the invoice from TJ's Trucking & Excavating for the water valve replacement and hydrant installation project for Cedar Street in the amount of \$81,116.00. All members voting yes by roll call vote.

Motion by Jepsen seconded by Earney to approve borrowing from the Bank of Alma up to \$300,000.00 for water projects and operating costs. All members voting yes by roll call vote.

Brommer informed the Council that the committee will be researching the requirement of separate sewer laterals for each residence and will report back.

Motion by Earney seconded by Jepsen to approve the November 12, 2024 Utilities Committee report as presented. All members voting yes.

FINANCE/TAX & LICENSE/ZONING COMMITTEE

Chairperson Gary Jepsen informed the Council that the committee met November 12, 2024 and went over the minutes and presented the council agenda items for action.

Motion by Jepsen seconded by Farl to approve an Operator License to Amber Huber. All members voting yes.

Motion by Brommer seconded by Earney to approve the Finance Committee report of November 12, 2024 as presented. All members voting yes.

Motion by Jepsen seconded by Farl to adopt the 2025 Budget for the City of Alma as presented. All members voting yes by roll call vote.

Motion by Brommer seconded by Mueller to officially accept the FFP Grant for a new library. All members voting yes by roll call vote.

Motion by Farl seconded by Mueller to approve Clerk-Treasurer Linda Torgerson as the Financial Management Contact Person for the library grant. All members voting yes by roll call vote.

Motion by Brommer seconded by Earney to approve the Signatories for the Library Grant as the following: Gary Jepsen, Linda Torgerson and Sharaya Reed. All members voting yes by roll call vote.

Motion by Jepsen seconded by Brommer to approve the non-compete process for selection of architects/engineers for the library grant and give the library building committee to approve things on the fly for the library building project. All members voting yes by roll call vote.

Motion by Farl seconded by Brommer to approve the following members to the Library Building committee: Cindy Duley, Laura Toone, Gary Wolf, Gary Jepsen, and Shelly Cherry with Andrea Goeldner as alternate. All members voting yes.

Motion by grant Andrew Bisek an easement for a portion of Cedar Street as presented. All members voting yes by roll call vote.

Motion by Mueller seconded by Brommer to proceed with the re-zoning of the Industrial lots off of Shawnee Drive from Industrial to Commercial. All members voting yes.

Motion by Jepsen seconded by Mueller to authorize \$2500.00, from the money previously authorized for broadband for all of Shawnee Drive, for broadband to the industrial lots. All members voting yes.

Upcoming meetings:

Next Council will be Thursday, December 12, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. with a public hearing at 5:30 for the Room Tax Ordinance amendment.

Services will be Tuesday, December 3, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

Utilities will be Monday, December 9, 2024 at 8:30 a.m.

Finance will be Monday, December 9, 2024 at 10:30 a.m.

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