

October 7, 2025

SERVICES COMMITTEE

9 a.m.

Chairperson Loren Mueller called the meeting to order with the following members present: Loren Mueller, David Earney, and Gary Jepsen.

Also present: Mayor Richard Champeny, Thomas Brakke Fire Chief, Emily Rybarczak police officer, Ken Passow Code Enforcement Officer, Foreman Joe Wick, Clerk-Treasurer Linda Torgerson, and Deputy Clerk Sharaya Reed.

An email was received regarding the burning in the cemetery. Signs have been ordered for both cemeteries stating no burning. Needing the signs before enforcement can happen.

Motion by Jepsen seconded by Earney to recommend to the Council the opening of the upper lots at the Alma Memorial Cemetery at the increased lot prices previously approved. All members voting yes.

Emily Rybarczak police officer gave the monthly report for September. She responded to 61 calls and the County responded to 244.

Emily stated that she had written 9 property violations letters that were delivered by Ken Passow Code Enforcement officer. Ken informed the committee that one of the letters had to be mailed since no one took the letter at the residence.

Emily informed the committee that she is doing door checks for the businesses.

David Earney requested that the parking by the Catholic Church go back to being angle parking and be placed on a future agenda.

Fiber optic service to industrial lot #1 off of Shawnee Drive was addressed in Finance committee.

There were no garbage and recycling concerns at this time.

Additional property maintenance properties were suggested that Officer Rybarczak send letters to.

Mayor Champeny stated that he has spoken to Attorney Seifert regarding fines and forfeitures being restructured in our code of ordinances.

Motion by Earney seconded by Jepsen to instruct the Mayor to consult with Attorney Seifert regarding the fines and forfeitures restructuring and place on the city council meeting for action. All members voting yes.

Fire Chief Tom Brakke informed the committee that the Alma Fire Department did receive the DNR grant for \$5,000.00. Ten thousand will need to be spent and the DNR will provide 50% of the \$10,000.00.

The committee then prepared the budgets for Services for 2026.

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