

September 4, 2025

SERVICES COMMITTEE

9:00 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, Foreman Joe Wick, Police Officer Emily Rybarczyk, Ken Passow Code Enforcement Officer, and Clerk Linda Torgerson.

Agenda Item 1a: Updated cemetery ordinance.

Gary Jepsen presented to the committee the changes they had requested to the cemetery ordinance:

(H) No more than one traditional burial, (casket and vault) will occupy a single grave site. *No more than eight cremation remains may be placed on a traditional grave site.*

(K) *Open burning of any kind is strictly prohibited with the City of Alma cemeteries.*

Motion by Earney seconded by Mueller to approve the cemetery ordinance changes and to present to full council for action. All members voting yes.

The word with in (K) should be within and Gary Jepsen will make that change.

Agenda Item 1b: Any other cemetery concerns.

Joe informed the committee that the upper road for the Alma Memorial Cemetery has been put in place. Crushed rock is needed for the road. Trees have been removed, fill put in and seeding, lower fence has been removed Joe commented.

Joe informed the committee that leftover dirt from this project will be used to cover the landfill when needed.

Agenda Item 2: Fire and ambulance concerns.

Linda informed the committee that the per capita for the ambulance service in 2026 will be increasing. She will talk to Justin Sass to get a firm number for budget time.

Agenda Item 3: Police concerns.

Officer Emily Rybarczyk gave a detailed report to the committee of the number and types of calls she and the County have answered for the City of Alma. Emily answered 130 calls, and the County answered 300 calls for the City of Alma. Emily shared a spreadsheet she prepared for Code Enforcement Officer Ken Passow which detailed what information she will need on the spreadsheet to enter the violation into the computer system.

Gary Jepsen stated that the citations should be certified or served.

Property violations were discussed. It was recommended that two citations be issued to the violator with 30 days to clean up. It was further discussed about the possibility that if the property is not cleaned up, the city would contract with someone to work and if the owner does not pay the bill, then it will be placed on the real estate taxes as a special assessment.

Joe informed the committee that a cell at the landfill was full. This item will be discussed at the next committee meeting.

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