

March 11, 2025

SERVICES COMMITTEE

9:00 a.m.

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

Also present: Mayor Richard Champeny, Foreman Joe Wick, Deputy Clerk Sharaya Reed, Ordinance Officer Ken Passow, Ben Schams, and Justin Sass. Citizens present: Jon Wisneski and Stacy Lewellyn. Sheriff Mike Osmond was present as well.

Agenda Item 1. Police update

Sheriff Mike Osmond shared with the committee his contract details for their new hire that would pertain to our position. May is the target start date. Normal work schedule based on an average of 2,136 hours (80-84 hour pay period), majority of the shifts will be between 7am-10pm, 8 or 10 hour shifts, two days off each week, and work two weekends per month.

Jepsen shared that he would like to see the scheduling as to not have Ken Passow scheduled to work the same time as the officer.

Special event dates were discussed as to what would be mandatory for the position to work, such as Flood Run, Buffalo County Fair, and Gilmanton Fair.

Jepsen asked Osmond if he thought the officer coming to us would be one of the new hires? Osmond said no, he thought it would be an existing day shift person coming to us.

The committee would like to know the schedule of the officer each week.

Agenda Item 2. Cemetery concerns

a. Cemetery proposed ordinance

Service animals to be added to the ordinance. Section about pets shall read “No pets of any kind with the exception of service animals will be allowed on the cemetery grounds at any time.”

Motion by Jepsen seconded by Earney to refer the ordinance to City Council as printed with the exception added in. All members voting yes.

b. Any other cemetery concerns

Jon Wisneski shared that flags are ordered for Memorial Day for both cemeteries. Friends of Alma Public Cemeteries will be putting them out. The flags are no cost to the city.

Agenda Item 3. Animal concerns

b. Pigeons

Letter went out to Tom Elliott owner of Sherman House and no response received. Citation to be issued. Contact Aarik for issuing.

c. Proposed wild animal ordinance

Motion by Earney seconded by Mueller to approve and present to Council the ordinance with the amendment of removing “feral cats”. All members voting yes.

Agenda Item 4. Fire and ambulance concerns

Ben Schams shared that the fire ISO rating dropped 1 point for not having a ladder truck.

Agenda Item 5. Solid Waste Concerns

a. Electronics and appliances pickup by company

Foreman Wick shared with the committee that a company is looking to host an event to have items picked up. A site is needed. Put on next month meeting for discussion.

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