

April 8, 2025

SERVICES COMMITTEE

10:00 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, Ben Schams-Alma Fire Department, Foreman Joe Wick, Code Enforcement Officer Ken Passow and Clerk Linda Torgerson.

Agenda Item 2: Cemetery.

Mayor Richard Champeny informed the committee that he had met with representatives from Johnson Monument regarding a columbarium at Alma Memorial Cemetery. Champeny shared photos of columbariums available and stated that the one they were looking at had 96 slots. Some of the slots are singles and some doubles. Buffalo City has a columbarium and are going to order a second one, Champeny commented.

Champeny suggested increasing the cost for the upper lots in Block B and C to help with the cost of the columbarium.

There is a need for an access road to the upper lots due to the steepness for the vault companies to set up the vaults. Discussion was held.

Foreman Wick informed the committee that work has been done at the Memorial Cemetery including removing the old fencing. Wick stated that there is chain link fencing in storage that could be used at the cemetery.

Foreman Wick and Clerk Torgerson will work at developing a sign for the rules and regulations at the cemeteries.

Agenda Item 1: Fire and ambulance.

Ben Schams and Joe Wick had taken fire trucks down to the Riverland Energy garages and found that the door widths were not adequate for the fire trucks. Discussion was held and Mayor Champeny will notify architect, Bill Boettcher of the garage doors and what can be done to accommodate the fire trucks.

Ben Schams informed the committee that Dairyland Power will be holding a golf fund raiser and this year the money will go to the Alma Volunteer Fire Department.

Agenda Item 3: Police.

Gary Jepsen stated that the officer from the County should begin work in May for the City of Alma.

Code Enforcement Officer, Ken Passow, informed the committee that boaters who pay the launch fee are complaining about vehicles being parked at South Landing and are not using the boat dock and taking up space.

Discussion was held.

Motion by Jepsen seconded by Earney to table the parking issue at South Landing until the next meeting.

Ken requested a new envelope for the boat launch fees have carbon that transfers directly to the envelope instead of a yellow sheet. Linda will check with the printer and get back to the committee if this is possible and the cost.

Agenda Item 4: Animal concerns.

Linda informed the committee that Stacy Lewellyn-Animal Friends of Alma was concerned about the animals at Bluff View mobile home park. This was determined to not be within the City of Alma limits.

Linda informed the committee that Stacy has developed a flyer and Facebook page giving information to Alma residents on what to do with an animal situation.

Agenda Item 5: Solid waste and recycling.

Foreman Wick inquired about the possibility of Dynamic Recycling holding an electronics and other appliance drop off at the Riverland Energy Property. Mayor Champeny stated that it would have to be after the closing with Riverland Energy on June 2nd.

Mayor Champeny stated that he will contact Johnson Monument to invite them to the next services meeting to discuss the columbarium and possible do a mobile meeting to go to Memorial Cemetery.

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