

Nov. 10, 2025

FINANCE/TAX & LICENSE/ZONING COMMITTEE

10:30 a.m.

Chairperson Gary Jepsen called the meeting to order to with the following members: Gary Jepsen, Larry Grisen, and David Earney. Absent: Perry Iberg.

Also present: Mayor Richard Champeny and Clerk-Treasurer Linda Torgerson.

Agenda Item 1: Building Permit applications.

- a. Ross Smith – W2008 Windsong Terrace.

Motion by Grisen seconded by Earney to approve the building permit to Ross Smith for solar panels on the house roof as presented. All members voting yes.

Agenda Item 2: Building permit violations.

None.

Agenda Item 3: Pay request #2 Library Grant and any other invoices or library matters.

Motion by Earney seconded by Grisen to recommend to Council approval of Pay Request #2 for the library grant in the amount of \$39,002.78. All members voting yes.

- a. Dairyland Power grant. Gary Jepsen informed the committee that Riverland Energy donated \$500.00 towards bird proof windows for the new public library. Laura will be applying for a grant from Dairyland Power for bird proof windows.
- b. BNSF grant. Gary Jepsen informed the committee that Laura will be applying for a grant from Burlington Northern Sante Fe Railroad for bird proof windows.

Gary Jepsen informed the committee that he meets with Braxton from Market and Johnson on a weekly basis.

A handout from Market and Johnson giving an update on the new library's progress along with photos was presented. The handouts will be available council evening.

Agenda Item 4: Shawnee Estates lots #24 and #27 switch.

Gary Jepsen informed the committee he had spoken with John Dusek's lawyer and City Attorney Seifert regarding the proper language for the quit claim deeds for Lots #24 and #27 and are ready for signage.

Agenda Item 5: Operator License – Amanda Murray.

Motion by Grisen seconded by Earney to recommend Council approval of an Operator License to Amanda Murray. All members voting yes.

Agenda Item 8: New line item for Ambulance Outlay in 2026 budget.

Davie Meier, Ambulance Liaison, was present and informed the committee that the Ambulance Board recommended each municipality served put into their budget \$5,000 each year for ten years for ambulance replacement. The municipality would hold the monies collected and then after ten years give the money to the ambulance service for the ambulance.

Motion by Grisen seconded by Earney to approve adding a new line item in the City of Alma's budget for ambulance outlay and adding \$5,000 per year in the city's budget for ten years. All members voting yes.

Gary Jepsen informed the committee that he is working on the Innovation Grant.

Agenda Item 7: 2026 proposed budget.

Motion by Grisen seconded by Earney to recommend Council approval of the 2026 Proposed budget for the City of Alma. All members voting yes.

Agenda Item 9: Loan modification agreements.

Motion by Jepsen seconded by Earney to recommend Council approval of the loan modification agreements for Lift Station #4 and the Retaining Wall loans. All members voting yes.

Agenda Item 10: Resumes and job applications for clerk-treasurer and deputy clerk.

Motion by Grisen seconded by Earney to convene into CLOSED SESSION under exemptions set under Wis. Stats. 19.85 (1) (c) considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. The committee will reconvene into open session. All members voting yes by roll call vote.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Grisen seconded by Jepsen to reconvene into Open Session. All members voting yes by roll call vote.

Applications for clerk-treasurer and deputy clerk will be handled at a future meeting.

Motion by Grisen seconded by Jepsen to pay Linda Torgerson, Clerk-Treasurer, \$1,280.51 per month to cover her health insurance expenses, while not on the city's health insurance which is \$4,194.90 per month, for December 2025 and January 2026 for a total savings for the City in the amount of \$5,828.78. All members voting yes by roll call vote.

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