

MINUTE RECORD FOR CITY OF ALMA  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
February 15, 2023

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Alma, Nebraska was held at City Hall on Wednesday, February 15, 2023, at 5:35 p.m.

Present were Council Members: Dyann Collins, Tom Moulton, Chris Tripe and Mayor Hal Haeker. Absent: Larry Casper. Administrator Lorri Bantam, City Clerk Dawn McNulty, Treasurer CeeAnn Affolter, City Utility Superintendent Russ Pfeil, City Attorney Doug Walker, Librarian Keri Anderson, and Assistant City Attorney Jaclyn Daake were also in attendance. Notification of this meeting and the agenda was given in advance by posting, a designated method for giving notice. Advance notice of the meeting and the agenda was given to the mayor and all members of the City Council. All proceedings hereinafter were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Mayor Haeker advised the public of the Open Meetings Act posted on the east wall of the meeting room, and then proceeded to call the regular meeting of February 15, 2023, at 5:35 p.m. and the following business was transacted:

Roll call: Tom Moulton-present, Dyann Collins-present, Larry Casper-absent, Chris Tripe-present, and Mayor Haeker-present. Motion made by Collins, second by Tripe to determine this meeting as previously publicized, duly convened and in open session. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Collins, Tripe, and Moulton. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Haeker opened the floor to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2023, regular council meeting. Motion made by Moulton, second by Collins to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2023, regular council meeting. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Collins, Tripe, and Moulton. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Haeker opened the floor to discuss the claims and invoices for February 2, 2023 through February 15, for a total of \$129,850.47. Motion made by Moulton, second by Collins to approve the claims. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Collins, Tripe, and Moulton. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Haeker opened the floor to discuss the Treasurer's report. Motion by Collins second by Tripe to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Collins, Tripe, and Moulton. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Haeker opened the floor to discuss the Annual Report for Hoesch Memorial Library. Librarian Keri Anderson discussed there were 1,982 cardholders and 5,631 visits to the Library in the 21/22 fiscal year. The library was open 1,876 hours which was down due to shortage of library staff. There were fourteen programs of general/adult interest with 108 attendees. Keri discussed the downward trend in interlibrary loans due to the cost of postage.

Motion by Moulton to go into executive session to discuss annexation litigation, second by Collins at 5:52 pm. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Collins, Moulton, and Tripe Voting no: None.

Tripe made a motion to reconvene regular meetings at 6:17 pm, second by Collins. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote the following voted yes: Collins, Moulton, and Tripe, Voting no: None. No action was taken.

Mayor Haeker opened the floor to discuss adding a donation box in the back of the Caring Cupboard building. A sample of what type of box was shown on the monitors along with the location of where it would be placed at the Caring Cupboard. Tripe mentioned the dropping off items that are not going to be wanted by the Caring Cupboard and that they were going to have to deal with them as well. It was discussed that they would be responsible for the building of the box and monitoring it. Motion by Collins second by Moulton to approve adding a donation box in the back of the Caring Cupboard building. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Collins, Tripe, and Moulton. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Haeker opened the floor to discuss Airport Taxiway Lighting Project Estimate #7 for \$3,304.57 payable to Olsson and Summary of Project Costs in the amount of \$2,744.00 in Federal Funds due to the City.

Motion by Tripe, second by Moulton, to accept Airport Taxiway Lighting Project Estimate #7 for \$3,304.57 payable to Olsson and Summary of Project Costs in the amount of \$2,744.00 in Federal Funds due to the City. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Collins, Tripe, and Moulton. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Haeker opened the floor to discuss Ordinances 2023-4 thru 2023-8 to update the Municipal Code Book due to State Law changes for 2022. Council Member Tripe introduced Ordinances Number 2023-04 through 2023-8 entitled as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-4

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALMA, NEBRASKA RELATING TO SPECIAL ELECTIONS; TO HARMONIZE WITH STATE LAW; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT WITH THIS ORDINANCE; AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-5

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALMA, NEBRASKA RELATING TO RECALL PROCEDURES; TO HARMONIZE WITH STATE LAW; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT WITH THIS ORDINANCE; AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-6

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALMA, NEBRASKA RELATING TO PROPOSED BUDGET STATEMENTS; TO HARMONIZE WITH STATE LAW; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT WITH THIS ORDINANCE; AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-7

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALMA, NEBRASKA RELATING TO PROPOSED BUDGET STATEMENTS PUBLIC HEARINGS, ADOPTION AND CERTIFICATION OF THE TAX AMOUNT; TO HARMONIZE WITH STATE LAW; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT WITH THIS ORDINANCE; AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-8

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALMA, NEBRASKA RELATING TO THE ADOPTED BUDGET STATEMENTS, THEIR FILING AND THE CERTIFICATION OF THE AMOUNT OF TAX; TO HARMONIZE WITH STATE LAW; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT WITH THIS ORDINANCE; AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Tripe moved that the statutory rule requiring reading on three different dates be suspended. Council Member Collins seconded the motion that the statutory rule requiring three different dates be suspended. A roll call vote was then taken on the motion; the following Council Members voted yes: Collins, Moulton, and Tripe. The following voted no: None. The motion to suspend the rules was adopted by three-fourths of the Council and the statutory rule was declared suspended for consideration of these ordinances. These ordinances were then read by title and thereafter Council Member Moulton moved for final passage of these ordinances and said motion was seconded by Council Member Collins. The mayor then stated the questions, "Shall Ordinance Numbers 2023-4 thru 2023-8 be passed and adopted?" Upon roll call vote, the following Council members voted yes: Collins, Moulton, and Tripe. Voting no: None.

The passage and adoption of these ordinances having been concurred in by a majority of all members of the Council, the Mayor declared the ordinances adopted; and the Mayor in the presence of the City Council signed and approved the ordinances and the Clerk attested the passage and approval of the ordinances and affixed her signature thereto and ordered the ordinances to be published as provided by law.

Mayor Haeker opened the floor for the Administrator's Report. Administrator Bantam discussed our recycling services. The cardboard trailers have been set back up for community use and the city will deliver them to be emptied on Thursdays, free of charge to Holdrege. The city will work in the other recyclables trailers to the schedule.


Administrator Bantam informed the council the pickup purchase for the gas department. A 2022 Ford F-150 Extended cab 4x4 pickup was found with zero miles and has been purchased. It was budgeted for last year and carried forward to this year as fleet vehicles have not been able to be ordered.

Administrator Bantam discussed the Rural Nebraska Historic Preservation Grant for the Auditorium. After researching the grant further, it was discovered that there were stipulations, that required extensive monitoring by the Historical Society and also required preservation easement on the property deed for ten

years. With the roof and the tuckpointing being an immediate need, it was decided that this grant is not suitable for the Auditorium, and different funding options would be looked in to.

Administrator Bantam notified the Council of the resignation of Breanna Brandt, a part time library employee.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Tripe, second by Moulton. There being no further discussion on the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Collins, Tripe, and Moulton. Voting no: None. Meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

  
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Hal Haeker, Mayor

I the undersigned Clerk hereby certify that the forgoing is a true and correct copy of the proceedings had and done by the Mayor and Council; that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the Clerk; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting; that at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by members of the public; that the said minutes were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that all news media requesting notification concerning meetings of said body were provided advanced notification of the time place and of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting.

  
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Dawn McNulty, City Clerk

