

**MINUTE RECORD FOR CITY OF ALMA**  
**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**February 7, 2024**

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Alma, Nebraska was held at City Hall on Wednesday, February 7, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.

Present were Council Members: Tom Moulton, Dyann Collins, Larry Casper, and Mayor and Acting Administrator Hal Haeker. Absent: Chris Tripe. City Clerk Dawn McNulty, Treasurer Tashia Butterfield, City Attorney Doug Walker, and City Utility Superintendent Russ Pfeil 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 7, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. and the following business was transacted:

Roll call: Tom Moulton-present, Dyann Collins-present, Chris Tripe-absent, Larry Casper-present, and Mayor Haeker-present. Motion by Moulton, second by Collins, 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: Casper, Collins, and Moulton. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Haeker opened the floor to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2024, council meeting. Motion by Collins, second by Moulton, to approve the regular minutes of the January 17, 2024, council meeting. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Collins, Casper, and Moulton. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Haeker opened the floor to discuss the claims and invoices for January 18, 2024, through February 7, 2024, for \$99,466.27. Motion made by Collins, second by Casper to approve the claims. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Collins, Moulton, and Casper. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Haeker opened the floor to discuss and or approve the Treasurer's report. Motion by Moulton, second by Collins 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: Casper, Collins, and Moulton. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Haeker opened the floor to discuss and or approve the Hoesch Memorial Library's Annual Report for 2022 / 2023. Library Director Keri Anderson stated that most programs were up from previous years' numbers. Interlibrary loans and computer usage were down from last year. Anderson stated that the \$1,000 grant from the County will not be available next year and that the trust fund payment of \$23,520 was lower than it has been in previous years.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss and or approve City's Vacation, Sick and Comp time. Motion by Moulton, second by Casper, to postpone the discussion. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Casper, Collins, and Moulton. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss and or approve 32 N John. City Clerk Dawn McNulty stated that Katy Christensen had given notice today that she will be out of the building by March 15<sup>th</sup>. The council discussed postponing this item until after that date until the realtors can get an assessed value of the property. Motion by Moulton, second by Casper, to postpone the discussion. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Casper, Collins, and Moulton. Voting no: None. Motion carried.


Mayor Haeker opened the floor to discuss and or approve the number of pets per household. Superintendent Russ Pfeil stated that in the Zoning regulations 303.74 the definition of a kennel is a facility where a combination of more than two (2) dogs, cats, or other animals more than six (6) months of age are boarded, bred, cared for or kept on any premises. Pfeil stated that we do not issue kennel permits, so by this zoning, two animals would be the maximum. That is according to the zoning. Moulton said that he felt that this was too restrictive, as he knew people that had more than the two animals. Moulton said that he felt that four would be a suitable number. Doug Walker stated that he felt that we needed an enforceable ordinance. Kent Fleischmann stated zoning code 409.03 on kennels stated they would not be allowed a kennel to be in the city limits. Moulton asked what the best way was to change the zoning. Doug Walker stated that to start with the Ordinance and then move on to the public hearings, and city council to change the zoning. Motion by Moulton, second by Casper to have Doug Walker write up an Ordinance for the number of animals allowed. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Casper, Collins, and Moulton. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Haeker opened the floor to appoint David Coe to the tree board. Motion by Casper, second by Moulton to appoint David Coe to the tree board. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Casper, Collins, and Moulton. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Haeker opened the floor to discuss and or approve the Federal Share Summary and Progress Estimates related to Airport Taxiway Lighting Grant Project No.# 3-31-0004-013. Motion by Moulton, second by Collins, to accept Federal Share Summary and Progress Estimates related to Airport Taxiway Lighting Grant Project No.# 3-31-0004-013. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Casper, Collins, and Moulton. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

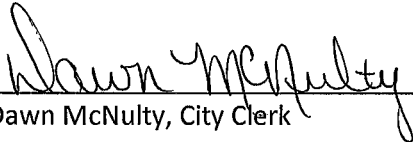
Mayor opened the floor to discuss and or approve Personnel. Mayor Haeker announced that he would like to put Jeffrey Temple forward as his final choice for the City Administrator position. Haeker stated that Mr. Temple has a bachelor's degree, previous City administration experience, as well as experience with the parks and recreation division. Mr. Temple is currently residing in Colorado and ready and available immediately. Mayor Haeker stated starting pay would be \$70,000 with that being reviewed in six months to a year. Motion by Moulton, second by Collins, to accept Jeffrey Temple as the new City Administrator. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Casper, Collins, and Moulton. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Moulton, second by Collins. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Casper, Collins, and Moulton Voting no: None. The meeting was adjourned at 6:22 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  
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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.

  
Dawn McNulty, City Clerk

