

MINUTE RECORD FOR CITY OF ALMA  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
March 1, 2023

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Alma, Nebraska was held at City Hall on Wednesday, March 1, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.

Present were Council Members: Dyann Collins, Tom Moulton, Chris Tripe, Larry Casper, and Mayor Hal Haeker. Absent: None. Administrator Lorri Bantam, City Clerk Dawn McNulty, Treasurer CeeAnn Affolter, City Utility Superintendent Russ Pfeil and City Attorney Doug Walker 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 March 1, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. and the following business was transacted:

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

Mayor Haeker opened the floor to approve the minutes of the February 15, 2023, regular council meeting. Motion by Tripe, second by Moulton to approve the minutes of the February 15, 2023, regular council meeting. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Collins, Tripe, Casper, and Moulton. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Haeker opened the floor to discuss the claims and invoices for February 16, 2023, through March 1, 2023 for a total of \$48,290.39. 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, Casper, and Moulton. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

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

Mayor Haeker opened the floor to discuss Ordinances 2023-9 thru 2023-14 to update the Municipal Code Book due to State Law changes for 2022. Council member Casper introduced Ordinance Numbers 2023-09 through 2023-14 entitled as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-9

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALMA, NEBRASKA RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX REQUESTS FOR AN INCREASE MORE THAN ALLOWABLE GROWTH PERCENTAGE; 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. 2023-10

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALMA, NEBRASKA RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX LEVY; MAXIMUM; AUTHORITY TO EXCEED; 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. 2023-11

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALMA, NEBRASKA RELATING TO THE SALE AND CONVEYANCE OF REAL PROPERTY; 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. 2023-12

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALMA, NEBRASKA RELATING TO MINUTES; 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. 2023-13

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALMA, NEBRASKA RELATING TO ANIMAL ABANDONMENT, NEGLECT, AND MOSTREATMENT; 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. 2023-14

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALMA, NEBRASKA RELATING TO CRIMINAL TRESPASS; 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.

Casper moved that the statutory rule requiring reading on three different dates be suspended. Council Member Tripe 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, Casper, 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 Tripe moved for final passage of these Ordinances and said motion was seconded by Council Member Moulton. The Mayor then stated the question, "Shall Ordinance Numbers 2023-9 thru 2023-14 be passed and adopted?" Upon roll call vote, the following Council members voted yes: Collins, Moulton, Casper, 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.

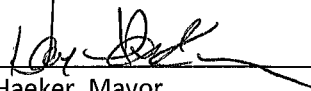
Mayor Haeker opened the floor for the Administrator's Report. Administrator Bantam discussed the Highway 183 shoulder/ditch maintenance project. She discussed that the Department of Roads will assist with shaving the shoulder down to help with the drainage issue. The City will be responsible for the cleanup and the reseeding. This project is scheduled for the spring.

Administrator Bantam informed the Council about the auditorium tuckpointing. Administrator Bantam shared that the City is still waiting to hear about the CCCFF grant for the inside remodel. The City is currently advertising for the tuckpointing, and this will be paid with City funds. Work is slated to start on this project in the spring.

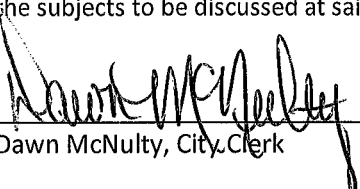
Administrator Bantam shared her retirement notice with the Council, with her final day in the office being May 19, 2023. She will use any unused vacation after that date.

Mayor Haeker informed the Council the Petitioners for the annexation litigation filed to dismiss and the Court granted the dismissal. City Attorney Doug Walker explained the suit has been dismissed without prejudice.

Motion to adjourn the meeting 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, Casper, and Moulton. Voting no: None. Meeting was adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

  
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.

  
Dawn McNulty, City Clerk

