

MINUTE RECORD FOR CITY OF ALMA
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
April 5, 2023

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

Present were Council Members: Tom Moulton, Chris Tripe, Larry Casper, Dyann Collins, 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 April 5, 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: Tripe, Casper, Collins, and Moulton. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

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

Mayor Haeker opened the floor to discuss the claims and invoices for March 16, 2023, through April 5, 2023, for a total of \$169,623.29. Motion made by Moulton, 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, Tripe, Casper, and Moulton. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

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

Mayor opened the floor to Resolution 4-2023 City Park Mowing Contract Renewal with TNT Mowing for 2023. Motion by Moulton, second by Tripe to approve Resolution 4-2023 City Park Mowing Contract Renewal with TNT Mowing for 2023 as presented. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Moulton, Collins, Tripe, and Casper. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Haeker opened the floor to award a bid to Michael Schwenke for Auditorium tuckpointing for a total of \$271,500.00. Motion by Collins, second by Casper to award bid to Michael Schwenke for Auditorium tuckpointing for a total of \$271,500.00. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Casper, Tripe, Collins, and Moulton. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Haeker opened the floor for the Administrator's Report. Administrator Bantam reported on the Workforce Housing Land Development Grant which was awarded in the amount of \$1 million dollars. SCEDD will come down at the next council meeting to have the City sign an agreement for their services and explain the next steps in the process.

Administrator Bantam reported on Russ Pfeil being the recipient of the Bob Arraj Innovative Service Award. We are a member of Nebraska Municipal Power Pool through National Public Gas Agency. Russ was nominated by the Administrator Lorri Bantam and received the award for his dedication, commitment, and performance in his 47 years of service in the field. He also received a \$350.00 award to go towards a project which he has chosen to be applied to the Auditorium tuckpointing.

Administrator Bantam reported on the Downtown Drainage Project. A preconstruction meeting was held April 4th with Miller & Associates, the Contractor, and the city staff. They went over everything on the project and then a meeting was held for the business owners to come in and ask questions. An email was also sent out to the business owners with a timeline of what will be happening construction wise as well as a posting was done on the Life in Alma Facebook page with information on the project.

Administrator Bantam reported on the 7th Street Road Improvement Project Update. We are scraping up dirt from the lagoons and may have all the dirt for this project. The road for traffic may be closed during the time grading work is done. The Harlan County Dept of Roads will assist with the dirt/gravel work to the road in the near future.

Administrator Bantam reported on the Highway Shoulder Maintenance Work. A meeting was held on March 30th with the State Dept of Roads to discuss the project. The project will be from City limit to City limit on Highway 183. They will have flaggers and one lane traffic. The City crew will remove what is pulled up and we will be responsible for reseeding the area.

Administrator Bantam reported on EMC Insurance Rate Increase. Paul Waggoner from Waggoner Insurance reported that rates, deductibles, and valuations are all going up. Wind and hail deductible has gone up to \$25,000 per occurrence. Overall premium had increases 18.8% or \$20,221.00. These types of increases are being seen across the insurance industry.

Administrator Bantam reported on the Auditorium Tuckpointing. The tuckpointing projects has begun and is in full swing.

Administrator Bantam reported on bids for mowing City Properties. A contract for the park renewal was just approved. Due to lack of applications for street mowing, we have advertised to take bids for all of the ball fields, South of South Street less the RV park and the Airport.

Administrator Bantam reported on BRAN- Bike Ride Across Nebraska on June 5th. The Chamber has taken the lead on this. BRAN would like to be closer to downtown and will be at the park. Our current city code prevents vendors from selling on city property unless council approval has been given. This will be on our next agenda for approval since vendors will need food for up to 300 riders and staff. The Library will adjust their hours as well to be open and available to riders and the City will offer free swimming.

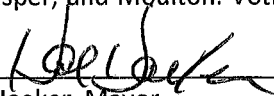
Administrator Bantam reported on Housing Authority handicap parking changes. Since they are under the umbrella of the City, they wanted to advise the city of some parking changes they are making. On the South side of third street, they will be changing 2 parking spaces into regular spaces from handicap spaces.

Administrator Bantam reported that the Compass Youth group with the Berean church will be cleaning up the shoreline. Per state statute we are allowed to provide a meal to volunteers picking up litter, so we will be giving them a meal after they finish.

Administrator Bantam reported that the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) are starting to announce the grant recipients of \$196 Million dollars for 37 projects in 19 states. We do not know if we have been awarded funds for the Gas Department grant we submitted. We hope to hear soon.


Administrator Bantam reported that we did not receive the CCCFF Grant for the interior renovation of the auditorium and the next steps would be discussed later.

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: Tripe, Casper, and Moulton. Voting no: None. Meeting was adjourned at 6:19 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

