

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

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Alma, Nebraska was held at City Hall on Wednesday, May 15, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.

Present were Council Members: Tom Moulton, Larry Casper, Dyann Collins, and Mayor Hal Haeker. Absent: Chris Tripe. 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 May 15, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. and the following business was transacted:

Roll call: Tom Moulton-present, Dyann Collins-present, Larry Casper-present, Mayor Haeker-present, and Chris Tripe-absent. Motion by Casper, second by Moulton 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 May 1, 2023, regular council meeting. Motion by Collins, second by Moulton to approve the minutes of the May 1, 2023, regular council meeting. 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 the claims and invoices for May 2, 2023, through May 15, 2023, for a total of \$107,192.41. 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, Casper, and Moulton. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Haeker opened the floor to discuss 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, Moulton, and Collins. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Haeker opened the floor to discuss 2023 Swimming Pool Staff and Wages. Administrator Bantam stated that the wage scale for all employees have already been approved. Administrator Bantam stated one of the assistant managers had other employment and will only work when there is a need for an assistant manager. The opening date for the pool is looking like the Saturday of Memorial weekend. Motion by Casper, second by Collins to accept 2023 Swimming Pool Staff and Wages. 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 Disconnect and Reconnect Charges. After determining the water and sewer rates needed to be increased at the last council meeting, it was determined that the Disconnect and Reconnect Resolution should be looked at also. It last increased in 2015 when the water and sewer rates were raised. Since we are raising the base, we thought we should raise this fee accordingly. This is currently \$25.00 and applies to disconnect and reconnect services. It is being charged because of the manpower involved in shutting off and reconnecting the services and it helps recapture the base charge that is not collected while services are off. It is only going to affect anyone that is going to shut the service off. It was suggested that the amount be changed to \$30.00, and a Resolution be done next week.

Mayor Haeker opened the floor to discuss Ordinance 2023-15. Council Member Casper, introduced Ordinance numbered 2023-15 entitled as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-15

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALMA, NEBRASKA TO ESTABLISH FEES FOR SANITARY SEWER USAGE, CONNECTION TO THE SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM, TO PROVIDE A SANCTION FOR FAILURE TO PAY USAGE FEES; 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 Collins seconded the motion to suspend the rules and upon the motion; with an amendment to number 6 to \$30.00, the following Council Members voted yes: Collins, Casper, and Moulton. 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 the Ordinance.

The Ordinance was then read by title and thereafter Council Member Moulton moved for final passage of the Ordinance and said motion was seconded by Council Member Collins. The mayor then stated the question, "Shall Ordinance number 2023-15 be passed and adopted?" Upon roll call vote, the following Council members voted yes: Moulton, Casper, and Collins. The following voted no: None.

The passage and adoption of the Ordinance having been concurred in by a majority of all members of the Council, the Mayor declared the Ordinance adopted; and the mayor in the presence of the City Council signed and approved the Ordinance and the Clerk attested the passage and approval and affixed her signature thereto and ordered to be published as provided by law. A true and complete copy of the ordinance are attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

Mayor Haeker opened the floor to discuss Ordinance 2023-16. Council Member Casper, introduced Ordinance numbered 2023-16 entitled as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-16

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALMA, NEBRASKA TO ESTABLISH MUNICIPAL WATER SYSTEM RATES; 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 Moulton seconded the motion to suspend the rules and upon the motion; the following Council Members voted yes: Collins, Casper, and Moulton. 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 the Ordinance.

The Ordinance was then read by title and thereafter Council Member Collins moved for final passage of the Ordinance and said motion was seconded by Council Member Moulton. The mayor then stated the question, "Shall Ordinance number 2023-16 be passed and adopted?" Upon roll call vote, the following Council members voted yes: Moulton, Casper, and Collins. The following voted no: None.

The passage and adoption of the Ordinance having been concurred in by a majority of all members of the Council, the Mayor declared the Ordinance adopted; and the mayor in the presence of the City Council signed and approved the Ordinance and the Clerk attested the passage and approval and affixed her signature thereto and ordered to be published as provided by law. A true and complete copy of the ordinance are attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

Mayor Haeker opened the floor for the Administrator's Report. Administrator Bantam reported on the Downtown Drainage Update. The construction people attempted to pour concrete while it was raining and had to tear out part of the concrete. The contractor thought that it would be ok, but because the curb was so new, the curb would chip and then he would have to re-do the curb. Bernie from Miller and Assoc stated that he would always air on the cautious side, but if he gives you an extended extra guarantee, he would be good for you. There is a high guarantee that it will be fine. If it flakes or cracks within 2 years, they will come back and replace that section. Clay will sign the addendum to the contract that Bernie from Miller and Assoc. is writing up and we will withhold part of the retainer funds until the 2 years is up.

Administrator Bantam informed the Council about the part time mower Matt Hageman for the golf course as well as the two new bartenders, Shawna Hammond, and Delaney Miller.

Administrator Bantam reported on the Pelican Tree Carving, It has been completed. A slide show of the start to finish of the Pelican Tree Carving was shown. We need to put the Caring Cupboard sign back up. He has signed his work with a NH. We may want to think about putting a plaque on the step to keep people from stepping on the statue. It is a great photo opportunity.

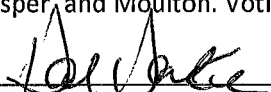
Mayor Haeker took the floor and made note that this was Administrator Lorri Bantam's last council

meeting as she is retiring. She was given a gift, given well wishes, and shown appreciation from all of the Council members.

Mayor Haeker then entertained for a motion to enter into Executive Session at 6:19 p.m. Motion by Moulton, second by Casper to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues. Upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Collins, Casper, and Moulton. Voting no: None Motion carried

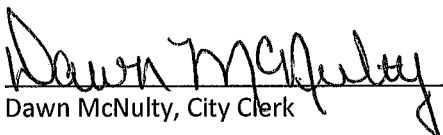
Motion to reconvene regular session by Casper, second by Moulton. Upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Collins, Casper, and Moulton. Voting no: None Motion carried. Mayor stated that no actions were taken. Regular Session reconvened at 6:44 p.m.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Collins second by Moulton. There being no further discussion on the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Collins, Casper, and Moulton. Voting no: None. Meeting was adjourned at 6:44 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



MINUTE RECORD FOR CITY OF ALMA
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
May 17, 2023

A special meeting of the City Council of the City of Alma, Nebraska was held at City Hall on Wednesday, May 17, 2023, at 4:02 p.m.

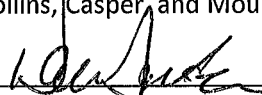
Present were Council Members: Tom Moulton, Larry Casper, Chris Tripe, Dyann Collins, and Mayor Hal Haeker. Absent: None. Administrator Lorri Bantam, Treasurer CeeAnn Affolter, and City Attorney Doug Walker were also in attendance. Notification of this meeting and the agenda was given in advance by posting, 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 special meeting of May 17, 2023, at 4:02 p.m. and the following business was transacted:

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

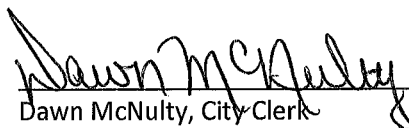
Mayor Haeker opened the floor to Consider/Approve the Appointment of a City Treasurer. Mayor Haeker had the application and resume for Tashia Butterfield who lives in Naponee, and it was reviewed. She has a conflict on the 23rd but would be able to start on May 18th. Currently, she is self-employed, and she is a QuickBooks Pro. She has done Accounts Payable, Accounts Receivable, and Payroll. She is the treasurer for the church in Naponee. Salary was reviewed with her, and she was offered \$48,000 and accepted these terms. The question was raised about her driving from Naponee, and she had stated that it was not a problem. CeeAnn Affolter, the current treasurer is leaving in 2 weeks, and she will be training with Tashia until then and doing remote training with her after that. It was agreed that CeeAnn also be raised to \$48,000 in pay. It was proposed that Tashia and CeeAnn both be paid hourly until the training is completed and Tashia is on her own, at which time she will be moved to a salary wage. CeeAnn stated that she will be available until she is needed and will travel if necessary. Motion made by Casper, second by Tripe to approve the appointment of Tashia Butterfield as the City Treasurer with the salary of \$48,000 per year. 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.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Casper second by Moulton. There being no further discussion on the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Tripe, Collins, Casper, and Moulton. Voting no: None. Meeting was adjourned at 4:21 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.



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