

MINUTE RECORD FOR CITY OF ALMA
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
June 19, 2023

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Alma, Nebraska was held at City Hall on Monday, June 19, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.

Present were Council Members: Tom Moulton, Larry Casper, Dyann Collins, and Mayor and Acting Administrator Hal Haeker. Absent: Chris Tripe. Treasurer Tashia Butterfield, 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 June 19, 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 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, and Moulton. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Haeker opened the floor to approve the minutes of the June 5, 2023, regular council meeting. Motion by Moulton, second by Collins to approve the minutes of the June 5, 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 June 6, 2023, through June 19, 2023, for a total of \$ 167,674.59. Russ Pfeil discussed the 3-year extended warranty on the Bobcat as opposed to replacing the machine. 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, 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: Casper, Moulton, and Collins. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Haeker opened the floor to discuss the Golf Course request to extend liquor sales until 2 am for Glow Ball Tournament July 15 and 16th. Motion by Collins second by Moulton to approve the Golf Course request to extend liquor sales until 2 am for Glow Ball Tournament July 15 and 16th. 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 Frisbee Golf Course. This would be south of South street, North of the Trail. It was discussed what the Corps lease has in the park area. If the lease is terminated, then the land must be returned to its original condition. It was discussed that Kim bring a proposal and drawings back and present it again to the council. Kim stated that there was a big demand for frisbee golf. Collins approved the request if she brings back the drawings and proposal. Second by Moulton. There being no further discussion upon the matter, the item was tabled.

Mayor Haeker opened the floor to discuss Wages and Benefits for 2023-2024 Fiscal Year. COLA suggested increase is 5%. Suggested increases for new employees, Dawn – Clerk, hired at 35k, in 6 Mo she would get 5k increase from hired date. Tashia started at 48k when hired and would only get a 5% increase. Hal talked to Russ about getting the outside guys a merit increase. Russ said when talking with the outside guys, when they get credentials, they would give them an extra increase when completing those. Keri asked if she kept her certification up and has been working short staff, why she has not been getting merit raises. Hal mentioned the library budget, and how it will be less than it has been. They will be short come next fiscal year. The trust fund is starting to dwindle down. The city contributes 55k to the library which is the second most out of all the funds. Tom agrees with 5%. Dyann is questioning whether to approve a .50 or a .25 increase for the library part time. Motion by Moulton, second by Collins, to accept the Wages and Benefits for 2023 – 2024 Fiscal Year.

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 for the Administrator's Report. Mayor Haeker discussed the Downtown Drainage project. Clay said that he had to dig up some more dirt, and he should be ready to pour the final concrete this week. Citizens are concerned that it will not be done by the fourth. Clay is having issues finding a drain cover and it is at least 15 days out. Hal told them they needed to be done by the 30th.

Mayor Haeker opened the floor for Mosquito spraying. Travis has been re-certified and started spraying last Thursday. It will be done bi-weekly. Tom suggested that it be done weekly until the 4th of July. Russ stated that it will only kill the bugs if they fly through the spray. This is all weather permitting,

Mayor Haeker opened the floor for remote work update. It is creating more work for the office staff with scanning, Hal suggested not to let the public in until 9 am when the door is unlocked, and even to not let them in after 3 or 4 on the respective days. Hal talked about purchasing an additional small scanner for Tashia to scan the checks in faster, CeeAnn touched on the importance of making sure everything is scanned front and backs of documents. We have had some issues with this not getting done.

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 6:43 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