

MINUTE RECORD FOR CITY OF ALMA
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
November 20, 2019

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Alma, Nebraska was held at City Hall on Wednesday, the 20th of November, 2019, at 5:30 p.m.

Present were Council Members: Tom Moulton, Randy Stahlecker, Christopher Tripe and Mayor Hal Haeker. Administrator Doug Wilson, Attorney Doug Walker, Treasurer Lorri Bantam, Superintendent Russ Pfeil, and Clerk Jessica Miller were also in attendance. Jon Davis was absent. Notification of this meeting and the agenda were given in advance by posting, a designated method for giving notice. Advance notice of the meeting and the agenda were 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 which is posted on the east wall of the meeting room, and then proceeded to call the regular meeting of November 20, 2019, at 5:30 p.m. and the following business was transacted:

Roll call: Jon Davis-absent, Tom Moulton-present, Randy Stahlecker-present, Christopher Tripe-present and Mayor Haeker-present. Motion made by Stahlecker, 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: Stahlecker, Moulton and Tripe. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2019, regular council meeting. Motion made by Tripe, second by Moulton to approve the November 12, 2019, regular council meeting minutes as presented. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Tripe, Moulton, Stahlecker. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss the claims and invoices for period November 7, 2019, through November 20, 2019 for a total of \$79,405.31. Motion by Moulton, second by Stahlecker to approve the November 7, 2019, through November 20, 2019, claims for a total of \$79,405.31. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Moulton, Stahlecker and Tripe. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss the treasurer's report. Motion by Stahlecker, second by Tripe 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: Stahlecker, Tripe and Moulton. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the public hearing for the implementation of the CDBG program to give citizens an opportunity to comment and ask questions on the project at 5:34pm. This is the second public hearing for the CDBG program as the grant requires for us to hold 2. No written comments were received at the City office and no citizens were present at the public hearing. Lori Ferguson was on the telephone for comments and questions. She addressed the council and gave a summary of the current projects that we have in progress in Alma. Motion by Stahlecker, second by Moulton to close the public hearing at 5:38pm. There being no discussion upon the motion made, the following voted yes: Stahlecker, Moulton, and Tripe. Voting no: None. Public hearing was closed.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss and possibly approve purchase agreement and easement assignments with Tall Grass Energy on the gas line entering Alma. Attorney Walker mentioned that the agreement had an error and we were waiting for that to be changed, therefore, we tabled this agenda item until further notice. Motion by Moulton, second by Tripe to table the purchase agreement and easement assignments with Tall Grass Energy on the gas line entering Alma. There being no discussion upon the motion made, the following voted yes: Moulton, Tripe, and Stahlecker. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss the agenda format changes for future agenda items (removal of open comments period). Mayor Haeker spoke with Lash & Lynn Rex at the League of Municipalities and they strongly suggested that we remove the open comments period from our agenda. One of the main reasons that we chose to remove it was to protect all persons involved. From this point on agenda items will be the only topics

discussed at the meetings. The city office will have forms for anyone that would like to request a future agenda item.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss/approve moving the January 1st council meeting to a different date. Clerk Miller stated that our normal meeting would fall on New Year's Day when the office is closed. After discussion and upon motion the meeting will be moved to January 8th. Motion by Stahlecker, second by Tripe to move the January 1st meeting to January 8th. There being no discussion upon the motion made, the following voted yes: Stahlecker, Tripe and Moulton. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to review/approve claim from CDS Inspections & Beyond for administration costs on #ALMA-HR-17 in the amount of \$375.00. Reflects work done on projects #HR-09 & #HR-11. Motion by Moulton, second by Tripe to approve claim from CDS Inspections & Beyond for administration costs on #ALMA-HR-17 in the amount of \$375.00. There being no discussion upon the motion made, the following voted yes: Moulton, Stahlecker, and Tripe. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to review/approve claim from Hayes Construction for housing rehabilitation services for work on project #HR-09 in the amount of \$500.00. Motion by Moulton, second by Tripe to approve claim from Hayes Construction for housing rehabilitation services for work on project #HR-09 in the amount of \$500.00. There being no discussion upon the motion made, the following voted yes: Moulton, Tripe, and Stahlecker. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to review/approve invoice #993 in the amount of \$3,125.00 from SCEDD for general administration services to date on OOR project from August 1-October 31, 2019. Moulton asked for more clarification on the invoice. Lori Ferguson stated that each town that uses the SCEDD program paid a portion for her to get re-certified. Most of the invoice was for administration with a small portion going towards the re-certification. Motion by Stahlecker, second by Moulton to approve invoice #993 in the amount of \$3,125.00 from SCEDD for general administration services to date on OOR project from August 1-October 31, 2019. There being no discussion upon the motion made, the following voted yes: Stahlecker, Moulton and Tripe. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to approve the request of the CDBG (community development block grant) funds drawdown #16 in the amount of \$3,125.00. Motion by Moulton, second by Tripe to approve the request of the CDBG (community development block grant) funds drawdown #16 in the amount of \$3,125.00. There being no discussion upon the motion made, the following voted yes: Moulton, Tripe and Stahlecker. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to Administrator Wilson to discuss/approve the purchase of a new siren. The city currently has 4 sirens throughout town. After the disaster drill that was held in November it was brought to our attention that the northwest part of town could not hear the whistle. The sirens in town are very outdated and sometimes the pool siren does not function at all. Administrator Wilson received a quote for a new siren. The new siren would be up 50 feet, would rotate, and be loud enough to cover the whole town. It was discussed that we would like to place it at one of the current locations to cut down on cost. The location and how loud the siren would be were major concerns to the council. Mr. Wilson is going to look into whether we would be able to control the volume. The council decided to table the purchase of the new siren until further detail was given about the location and volume control concern. Motion made by Stahlecker, second by Moulton to table the purchase of a new siren. There being no discussion upon the motion made, the following voted yes: Stahlecker, Moulton and Tripe. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss the renovation of the Alma city auditorium. Mr. Wilson received information from Miller & Associates on the Civic and Community Center Financing Fund (CCCCF). This is a 2-step program that requires a planning stage and implementation stage. The CCCCFF will match funds up to a certain amount for both of those stages. It was discussed that the City auditorium's kitchen, bathroom and wiring were several things we would like to include in the renovation. Motion made by Tripe, second by Stahlecker move forward with the application for the CCCCFF grant program. There being no discussion upon the motion made, the following voted yes: Tripe, Stahlecker and Moulton. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Stahlecker, second by Moulton, to adjourn the meeting at 6:31 p.m. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Stahlecker, Moulton and

Tripe. Voting no: None. Meeting was adjourned at 6:31 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.


Jessica Miller, City Clerk



Amazon Chalk Stick,
 Forks, Coffee \$150.47;
 Annette Glines
 Cleaning \$575;
 Aramark Uniforms
 \$127.84; AUL Health
 employee health
 insurance \$539.82;
 Aurora Coop Turf Gro
 \$950.40; BCBS health
 & life insurance
 \$7,272.89; Bosselman
 Fuel \$57.29;
 Chesterman Co, Pop
 \$66; CHS fuel, oil,
 supplies \$933.50; City
 of Alma Quickbooks
 Renewal \$324; City of
 Holdrege Landfill Fees
 \$1,107.02; CopyCat
 Printing Letterhead
 Paper \$100.75; Dept
 of Aero Loan Payment
 \$810; Dollar General
 Paper Towels \$9.90;
 Eagle Dist Beer
 \$117.42; Eakes Copy
 Machine \$730.19;
 Elliott Equip Sweeper -
 Sequence Valve
 \$623.04; Experitec
 Regulator \$622.20;
 FleetScreen Employee
 Drug Screening \$80;
 Frontier telephone
 \$895.64; Harlan Co
 District Court Court
 Fees \$83; Harlan Co
 Health Employee Drug
 Screening \$70; Harlan
 Co Journal Legal
 Notices \$371.10;
 Hobby Lobby Office
 Decorations \$105.28;
 Hogeland's tissues,
 milk \$42.78; Intuit
 Software Renewal
 \$1,848.00; Johnson
 Bro Liquor \$201.14;
 Kauk Konstruction
 Lift Station Assistance,
 winterize rv park \$ 590;
 Koons Gas
 Measurement
 Couplings \$324.36;
 League of Ne
 Municipalities Annual
 Dues \$100;
 MedicareBlue RX
 Drug Coverage \$37.90;
 Mid-Ne Individual
 Services Recycling Fee
 Oct \$450; Mike Haines
 Pipe Wrench \$99;
 NPGA Gas purchased
 \$16,888.85; NDEQ
 SewerForce Main
 \$4,436.44; Ne-land
 Dist Liquor \$56; NPPD
 Electrical \$5,359.57;
 Office Solutions Tape
 & paper \$100.06;
 Payroll payroll &
 Benefits \$24,845.39;
 Phillips Co Sheriff
 Nusiance \$50; Platte
 Valley Comm of
 Kearney Water Well
 repairs \$133.95;
 Principal vision &
 dental Ins \$442.65;
 Republic National
 Beer&Liquor \$544.62;
 S & W Auto Parts
 Cable Ties,fluid,
 batteries \$75.87;
 SCEDD CDBG Admin
 \$3,125; Short Stop
 Fuel \$60.52; Southern
 Glazers Liquor
 \$770.47;
 Stickeryou.com Boat
 Parking Stickers \$15;
 Twin Valleys Electrical
 \$613.95; USACE
 Finance Center Land
 Lease \$505; USTI
 Agency Fees \$641.42;
 Verizon Wireless Cell
 phone \$285.72;
 WellCare Medicare
 Drug \$15; Zellar
 Zulauf Carpet Cleaner
 \$23.90; \$79,405.31