

MINUTE RECORD FOR CITY OF ALMA  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
July 6, 2020

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Alma, Nebraska was held at City Hall on Monday, the 6th of July, 2020, at 5:30 p.m.

Present were Council Members: Jon Davis, Tom Moulton, Randy Stahlecker, Chris Tripe and Mayor Hal Haeker. Administrator Doug Wilson, Treasurer Lorri Bantam, Superintendent Russ Pfeil, Clerk Jessica Miller, Jeremy Vanboening, Deb Neilson, both from Republican Valley Animal Clinic, and Keri Anderson from Hoesch Memorial library 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 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 July 6, 2020, at 5:30 p.m. and the following business was transacted:

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

Mayor opened the floor to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2020, regular council meeting. Motion made by Davis, second by Moulton to approve the June 15, 2020, regular council meeting minutes as presented. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Davis, Moulton, Stahlecker and Tripe. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss the claims and invoices for period June 16, 2020 through July 6, 2020 for a total of \$147,455.22. We are transferring funds to the golf course account to cover expenses and make clubhouse payment. These funds will be repaid at a later date. Motion by Stahlecker, second by Tripe to approve the claims and invoices for period June 16, 2020 through July 6, 2020 for a total of \$147,455.22. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Stahlecker, Tripe, Moulton and Davis. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss the Treasurer's report. The budget workshop is scheduled for Wednesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1:00 pm. Treasurer Bantam registered through FEMA to possibly get reimbursements for COVID related cleaning supplies. Motion by Moulton, second by Davis 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: Moulton, Davis, Tripe and Stahlecker. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss/approve Zoning regulation section 511, Easement at 502 8<sup>th</sup> ST and Future Easement issues. Moulton mentioned that he thinks we should follow same procedure as we do for concrete driveways and sidewalks where we can remove concrete to access our lines. Doug Walker stated that we could amend Section 511 to allow building fences on utility easements. Clerk Miller wants the change to be specific so it is clear as to what is allowed and what is not. Mayor Haeker asked if gates would be allowed on Easements? Attorney Walker stated that gates would be as they are part of the fence. Jeremy VanBoening was in attendance and brought up that he had discussed with Doug Wilson several years ago that when the city sold the utility easement to the Veterinary Clinic he would like to put up a fence and was told there would be no issue with doing so. Jeremy also asked when he could start building his fence. Moulton and Davis were both ok with him beginning the work without signing the new agreement with the change to the Ordinance. Jeremy VanBoening agreed to come to the office and sign the necessary documents when they were ready. We also discussed another permit that would like to put up a fence on a utility easement. Moulton's issue with this permit is that he feels the hydrant that sits on that lot is the only one that is accessible to service the Commercial buildings to the west. Attorney Walker stated that he would look up what the state regulations

are. Deb Neilson from Republican Valley Animal Clinic asked if the hydrant on the corner of the lot at the clinic would be an issue? Moulton and Wilson both stated that it would not be an issue. Another option would be to look into the cost of moving the hydrant to the north end of the lot. Doug Walker will get an Ordinance ready for the meeting on July 20<sup>th</sup> for the council to approve.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss/approve City Administrator, Doug Wilson's resignation/retirement in 2021. Doug will be leaving at the end of January 2021. The council would like to start advertising as soon as possible. Clerk Miller and Treasurer Bantam will work on getting a job description ready. Mayor Haeker stated that Mr. Wilson has done a great job in all areas of being the City of Alma's Administrator.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss/approve opening the Hoesch Memorial Library to stage 3. Keri Anderson attended the meeting and mentioned to the council that she was currently short 2 staff members. Some ideas of what phase 3 would look like are to continue to take appointments for library time, expand computer time to 30 minutes, allowing parents to bring 1 child with them to their appointment, children 14 and older would be allowed to come in without a parent, the staff would increase the number of appointments available and would encourage patrons to wear masks and social distance. There will be no book sales or book donations at this time. The library will not be opened in the evenings or on Saturdays until the clerk positions were filled. Councilmen Davis and Tripe both feel as these are too restrictive. Motion by Davis, second by Tripe to approve the library boards recommendations to open and have them follow the current directed health measures on occupancy. There being no discussion on the motion made, the following voted yes: Davis, Tripe, Stahlecker and Moulton. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss/approve hiring replacement clerks at the Hoesch Memorial Library. Keri had a couple applicants. Brenda Cook currently works at the Colonial Villa and was told that she can't have a part time job with COVID-19 concerns. Melanie Spady will be taking Pat Mattison position and Cindy Ruskamp will be taking Brenda Cook's. Motion by Davis, second by Moulton to approve hiring Melanie Spady and Cindy Ruskamp. There being no discussion on the motion made, the following voted yes: Davis, Moulton, Tripe and Stahlecker. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss/approve Progress Estimate No. 7 in the amount of \$1,592.39 to Olsson for work done at the Alma Municipal Airport on project #3-31-0004-008. Motion by Stahlecker, second by Moulton to approve Progress Estimate No. 7 in the amount of \$1,592.39 to Olsson for work done at the Alma Municipal Airport on project #3-31-0004-008. There being no discussion upon the motion made, the following voted yes: Stahlecker, Moulton, Davis and Tripe. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

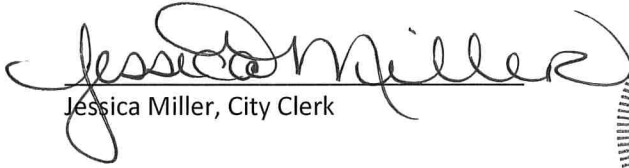
Mayor opened the floor to Administrator Wilson for his Administrator's report. Clerk Miller and I had a site visit June 23<sup>rd</sup> with Miller and Associates and Wilkins Architecture at the Alma City Auditorium. We met and looked over the whole building and sat down for a formal meeting to go over ideas on what should be done. We will be having a public input meeting July 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at the City Auditorium to go over some potential plans. The meeting is estimated to last about an hour. Refreshments will be served to those who attend. Mr. Wilson received a letter of resignation from Warren Lingg, City of Alma Sanitation Superintendent, who is planning on retiring October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020. We will need to start advertising immediately for his position so Warren will have time to train his replacement. While mowing at the intersection of John and South Street a hole was found. The guys found that three sections of the storm sewer had collapsed under South Street. Repairs have been made with no damage to the street. Luckily, the street did not collapse or start cracking. Mosquitos have recently started making their appearance again. Travis has not been catching many in our traps but did spray before July 4<sup>th</sup> so people could enjoy the holiday.

Motion by Moulton, second by Tripe to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Moulton, Tripe, Davis and Stahlecker. Voting no: None. Meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

  
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 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

