

MINUTE RECORD FOR CITY OF ALMA  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
October 20, 2021

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Alma, Nebraska was held at City Hall on Wednesday, the 20<sup>th</sup> of October 2021, at 5:30 p.m.

Present were Council Members: Dyann Collins, Larry Casper, Tom Moulton, and Mayor Hal Haeker. Administrator Lorri Bantam, City Treasurer CeeAnn Affolter, City Attorney Doug Walker, and City Utility Superintendent Russ Pfeil were also in attendance. Absent Council Member: Chris Tripe. 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 October 20, 2021, at 5:32 p.m. and the following business was transacted:

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

Mayor opened the floor to approve the minutes of the October 6, 2021, regular council meeting. Motion made by Moulton, second by Collins to approve the minutes of the October 6, 2021, regular council meeting. 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 opened the floor to discuss the claims and invoices. Motion by Moulton, second by Casper to approve the claims and invoices for period October 7, 2021, through October 20, 2021, for a total of \$96,227.32. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Collins, Moulton and Casper. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

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

Mayor Haeker opened the floor to discuss Resolution 3-2022 Special Assessment lien on 104 Everett Street for mowing nuisance. Motion by Moulton, second by Casper to approve Resolution 3-2022 Special Assessment lien on 104 Everett Street. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Collins, Moulton and Casper. Voting no: None.


Mayor opened the floor to discuss/approve the hiring of a new City Clerk. Mayor Haeker gave a background of the three finalists for the position and his reason for recommending Jessica Nash. Motion by Casper, second by Collins to approve the hire of Jessica Nash as the City Clerk with a salary of \$30,000. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Moulton, Casper and Collins. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss the Auditorium Renovation and reduced CCCFF Grant funding. Administrator Bantam stated that she received an email stating that the CCCFF grant funding is being reduced for the 2022 grant year. Now the max the City could possibly receive is \$375,000. This is reduced by \$187,000 from what was expected. The City would need to fund \$881,119 approximately now with the reduced Grant funds. Using the Community Building fund cash balance that included unused budget transfers at end of year and \$200,000 in cash reserves, the City would be looking to raise approximately \$269,119. Administrator Bantam also presented to the council estimates if the City held off another year to do the renovations. Bantam stated as long as the Grant funds are back up to the \$562,000, the City would then need to fund \$744,741. With end of year budget transfers and reserves of \$200,000, the City would be looking to raise approximately \$82,741. Motion by Collins, second by Moulton, to push back the City

Auditorium renovation grant application due to the reduced CCCFF grant funding. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Moulton, Collins and Casper. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor for the Administrator’s report. Lorri Bantam said the RV Park lottery drawing will be held on October 27<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 in the Johnson Center. Gary Steel with Miller and Associates will be here next council meeting for the 1 & 6 year street Budget Hearing and will be able to answer questions regarding the Main Street Drainage project also. Bantam stated there are multiple parties interested in renting 32 North John building. Bantam was going to talk with the current tenant and see if she is willing to give up her lease. If so, the City would advertise for the building to be rented. The City Council would then be able to review all applicants. Administrator Bantam is still waiting from City Attorney Walker on clarification to our current codes with the ditch maintenance. Doug Walker reported the Annexation Litigation is still being reviewed by the judge on the detachment. However, all items with the statue of limitations have been thrown out.

Motion by Collins, second by Casper to adjourn the meeting. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Collins, Moulton and Casper. Voting no: None. Meeting was adjourned at 6:19 pm.

  
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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.

  
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CeeAnn Affolter, Acting City Clerk

