

MINUTE RECORD FOR CITY OF ALMA  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
October 6, 2021

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Alma, Nebraska was held at City Hall on Monday, the 6<sup>th</sup> of September 2021, at 5:30 p.m.

Present were Council Members: Dyann Collins, Larry Casper, Tom Moulton, Chris Tripe 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. 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 6, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. and the following business was transacted:

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

Mayor opened the floor to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2021, regular council meeting. Motion made by Collins, second by Casper to approve the minutes of the September 15, 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, Tripe. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss the claims and invoices. Motion by Moulton, second by Tripe to approve the claims and invoices for period September 16, 2021, through October 6, 2021, for a total of \$136,844.45. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Collins, Moulton, Casper, Tripe. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor 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: Collins, Moulton, Casper, Tripe. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Haeker opened the floor for discussion of hiring a Library clerk. Keri Anderson spoke about the two applicants she has received. Keri is wanting to hire both as part time Library clerks. Motion by Tripe, second by Collins to approve the hiring of 2 Library clerks as part time. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Collins, Moulton, Casper, Tripe. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss Resolution 1-2022 for Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Alma and Alma Ball Association. Administrator Lorri Bantam along with Russ Pfeil and Mayor Haeker, made changes to the MOU that was presented to the City from the Ball Association as terms were simplified. This is a good starting point for the City and the Ball Association. Motion by Casper, second by Tripe to approve Resolution 1-2022 for Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Alma and Alma Ball Association. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Collins, Moulton, Casper, Tripe. Voting no: None.

Mayor Haeker opened the floor to discuss Resolution 2-2022 Special Assessment lien on 503 Second Street. Motion by Moulton, second by Casper to approve Resolution 2-2022 Special Assessment lien on 503 Second Street. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Collins, Moulton, Casper, Tripe. Voting no: None.


Mayor opened the floor to discuss the Auditorium Capital Construction Grant and funding. Administrator Bantam stated that as each year passes there is about a 4% inflation to construction costs. By December 2021, the City will need to have funding in place in order submit the Letter of Intent to apply for the Grant.

The estimated project total with inflation factored in is approximately \$1,256,119 and the CCCFF grant estimate is \$562,000. The City would need to fund \$694,119 approximately. Using the Community Buildings fund cash balance that includes unused budget transfers at end of year and \$200,000 in cash reserves, the City would be looking to raise approximately \$82,119. The amount to be raised could be different once bids come in. If the bids would be too high the City would look to see if parts of the project, like the Caring Cupboard roof could be cut. Motion by Tripe, second by Casper, to approve the Auditorium Capital Construction Grant, using \$412,000 in Community Building department's balance, using \$200,000 from the cash reserves and fundraise, budget, or bank loan for the rest of the costs. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Collins, Moulton, Casper, Tripe. Voting no: None.

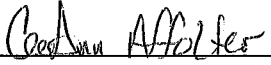
Mayor Haeker opened the floor for discussion of Main Street drainage improvements and the use of ARPA funds. Administrator Bantam stated Miller and Associate's gave cost estimates for both blocks at \$295,388, from Church Ave to John Ave at \$178,141, and John Ave to Jewel Ave at \$117,247. Miller and Associate's will be responsible for getting bids from contractors. The City will be receiving around \$202,000 in ARPA funds, leaving \$93,000 remaining balance. There are enough funds in the Street department to cover this. Motion by Moulton, second by Casper, to proceed with the Main Street Drainage project utilizing ARPA funds and approve Miller and Associates as our ARPA Grant Fund administrator. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Collins, Moulton, Casper, Tripe. Voting no: None.

Mayor opened the floor for the Administrator's report. Lorri Bantam said the sewer force main cost estimate from Miller and Associates was over \$706,000. The ARPA funds would qualify for this project but would leave a large shortfall for the City to cover and is not feasible at this time. The highway ditch maintenance clarification is being worked on by the City Attorney. The Annexation Litigation is still in progress as the courts are back logged. The City is still accepting applications for the City Clerk position. Acoustics in Kearney has placed a bid to replace the ceiling tiles at the Parrot Theatre. He is having a hard time finding tiles to match. He would not paint the ceiling, so the City will need to find a painter. Thrasher will be inspecting the City basement walls, where water has been coming in by the steps.

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, Casper. Voting no: None. Meeting was adjourned at 6:34 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