

MINUTE RECORD FOR CITY OF ALMA
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
December 15, 2021

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Alma, Nebraska was held at City Hall on Wednesday, the 15th of December 2021, at 5:33 p.m.

Present were Council Members: Dyann Collins, Tom Moulton, Chris Tripe, and Mayor Hal Haeker. Absent was Larry Casper. Administrator Lorri Bantam, City Treasurer CeeAnn Affolter, City Clerk Jessica Nash and City Utility Superintendent Russ Pfeil, and Golf Board member Mike Plate 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 December 15, 2021, at 5:33 p.m. and the following business was transacted:

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

Mayor opened the floor to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2021, regular council meeting. Motion made by Tripe, second by Moulton to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2021, regular council meeting. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Collins, Tripe and Moulton. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2021, reorganizational meeting. Motion made by Collins, second by Tripe to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2021, reorganizational meeting. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Collins, Tripe and Moulton. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss the claims and invoices. Motion by Moulton, second by Collins to approve the claims and invoices for period December 2, 2021, through December 15, 2021, for a total of \$105,529.72. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Collins, Moulton, and Tripe. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

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

Mayor Haeker opened the floor to discuss Golf Course credit card fee and switching credit card merchants. Plate stated they would like to charge a 4% service fee to customers who use a card. This essentially help them to have a 4-5 thousand dollar increase. Plate also stated the Golf Course has purchased a square machine which would be their new credit card merchant. Motion by Tripe, second by Collins to approve the credit card fee and square to be their merchant. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Collins, Tripe, and Moulton. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Haeker opened the floor to discuss Airport Taxiway Project Estimate #3 for \$8,800.00 payable to Olsson. Motion by Collins, second by Moulton to approve Airport Taxiway Project Estimate #3 for \$8,800.00 payable to Olsson. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Collins, Moulton, and Tripe. Voting no: None.

Mayor opened the floor for review and approval of ORDINANCE NO. 2022-2 -AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALMA, NEBRASKA TO REVISE ALMA CITY CODE SECTION 130.13 WEEDS, LITTER, STAGNANT WATER TO SPECIFY RESPONSIBILITY FOR HIGHWAY RIGHT-OF-WAY MAINTENANCE. Council Member Tripe introduced Ordinance No. 2022-2 entitled as follows: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALMA, NEBRASKA TO REVISE ALMA CITY CODE SECTION 130.13 WEEDS, LITTER, STAGNANT WATER TO SPECIFY RESPONSIBILITY FOR HIGHWAY

RIGHT-OF-WAY MAINTENANCE; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT WITH THIS ORDINANCE; AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE and moved that the statutory rule requiring reading on three different dates be suspended. Council Member Collins second the motion to suspend the rules and upon the motion; the following Council Members voted Yes: Collins, Moulton, and Tripe. The following voted No: None. The motion to suspend the rules was adopted by three-fourths of the Council and the statutory rule was declared suspended for consideration of these ordinances.

Ordinance 2022-2 was then read by title and thereafter Council Member Moulton moved for final passage of the ordinance and said motion was seconded by Council Member Tripe. The Mayor then stated the question, "Shall Ordinance number 2022-2 be passed and adopted?" Upon roll call vote, the following Council members voted Yes: Moulton, Collins, and Tripe. The following voted No: None.

The passage and adoption of this ordinance having been concurred in by a majority of all members of the Council, the Mayor declared the ordinance adopted; and the Mayor in the presence of the City Council signed and approved the ordinance and the Clerk attested the passage and approval and affixed her signature thereto and ordered to be published as provided by law. A true and complete copy of the ordinance is attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss appointing Reed Miller, Class A, License S-514, and Professional Engineering License No. E-4486, as the street superintendent for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 for the purpose of 2022 calendar year highway incentive payment, to be issued to the city, by the Nebraska Department of Transportation, in February 2023. Motion made by Collins, second by Moulton to accept the appointment as presented. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Collins, Moulton, and Tripe. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor for the Administrator's Report. Lorri stated the lift station parts but are hard to find right now. This repair is estimated to be around \$35,000 if the parts can be found. Otherwise we will have to purchase a new one at approximately \$40,000, which does not include labor to install it. If the Downtown Drainage project doesn't use all the ARPA funds, we may be able to use the excess to help pay for the lift station repairs. Lorri then mentioned the Volunteer of the Year group was unable to attend this meeting, they will be attending the January 5th meeting. Lorri then discussed the DBE Plan for the Airport/FAA. It required a 30 days publishing period, so it was published in November and will be on the next agenda. To clarify the agenda item for the Street Superintendent, Lorri explained that the appointed street superintendent is approved for the upcoming year 2022 and also has to be certified that he completed his duties as the street superintendent for the 2021 year. We were unaware of the two requirements at the reorganizational meeting, a letter was sent to clarify this. We will correct this going forward.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Tripe, second by Moulton. There being no further discussion on the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Tripe, Moulton, and Collins. Voting no: None. Meeting was adjourned at 6:013 pm.

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 Nash, City Clerk

