

MINUTE RECORD FOR CITY OF ALMA
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
February 15, 2017

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Alma, Nebraska was held at the Office of the City Clerk in said city on Wednesday, the 15th day of February, 2017, at 5:30 p.m.

Present were Council Members Randy Stahlecker, Jon Davis, Tom Moulton and Mayor Haeker. Also present were: Administrator Doug Wilson, City Attorney Doug Walker, Superintendent Russ Pfeil, Treasurer Lorri Bantam, Library Director Keri Anderson and Clerk Lori 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 was 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 Hal 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 February 15, 2017, at 5:30 p.m. and the following business was transacted:

Roll Call: Randy Stahlecker-present, Mike Clements-absent, Jon Davis-present, Tom Moulton-present and Mayor Haeker-present. Motion made by Moulton seconded by Stahlecker to determine this meeting as previously publicized, duly convened and in open session. There being no discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Moulton, Stahlecker, and Davis. Voting No: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Haeker opened the floor to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2017, Regular Council Meeting. Motion made by Stahlecker seconded by Davis to approve the February 1, 2017 regular council minutes as presented. There being no discussion and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Stahlecker, Davis, and Moulton. Voting No: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Haeker opened the floor to discuss the claims and invoices for the period of February 2, 2017, through February 15, 2017 for a total of \$117,833.94. Treasurer Bantam noted payments to Olsson Associates for the airport terminal building, economic contribution to Alma Development Corp, repairs for basement flooding, pipe threader purchase from Doug Wilson and cleaning of the Country Club carpet and floors. Motion by Davis, seconded by Moulton to approve the February 2, 2017, through February 15, 2017 claims as presented for a total amount of \$117,833.94. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Davis, Moulton, and Stahlecker. Voting No: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Haeker opened the floor to discuss the treasurer's report. Treasurer Bantam said she will be making transfers next month for the community building and shop accounts. Motion made by Stahlecker, seconded by Moulton to approve 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, Moulton, and Davis. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

The Mayor opened the floor to consider making a recommendation to the State Liquor Control Commission to approve or deny Hogeland Market Inc. dba Hogeland's Market's application for a Class D liquor license.

The Mayor opened the Public Hearing at 5:35 pm to hearing any comments.

Zach McKenzie and Becky McKenzie were present to answer any questions. Hogeland's Market plans to have the alcohol displayed in a 7-8 door cooler as you enter the store. Wine and other bottles are planned next to the coolers but still in the cashier's sight. A Class D liquor license will allow them to sell beer, wine and distilled spirits off sale. You have to be age 19 in order to sell or serve alcohol. The carry out must be at least 16 years old in order to carry out alcohol and the customer must be at least 21 years old and be with when it is carried out. There is training required and is offered on-line for the manager and Zach is in the process of obtaining the training. The State Patrol will be at Hogeland's tomorrow. They met with the Fire Marshall and have a few things they must do to meet their requirements. The Mayor asked if there were any other comments or questions.

The Mayor entertained a motion to close the public hearing. Motion made by Moulton, seconded by Stahlecker to close the public hearing. There being no further discussion, the following voted yes: Moulton, Stahlecker and Davis. Voting no: None. Motion carried to close the public hearing at 5:39 pm.

Motion made by Davis, seconded by Stahlecker to recommend to the State Liquor Control Commission to Council Minutes 2.15.17

approve the Class D liquor license application for Hogeland Market Inc dba Hogeland's Market. There being no further discussion, the following voted yes: Davis, Stahlecker and Moulton. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to a request from Alma Rotary for a Special Designated License for the Harlan County Health Systems Appreciation Dinner to be held at the Johnson Center on Friday, March 24, 2017. The Rotary plans on serving alcohol during the dinner at the Johnson Center and later, the Rotary will move across the street to the Parrot Theatre and serve alcohol during the movie. The Liquor Control Commission requires 2 licenses since they are two separate locations. Motion made by Stahlecker, seconded by Moulton approve Alma Rotary's request for a special designated license for the Harlan County Health System's Appreciation Dinner to be held at the Johnson center on Friday, March 2017. There being no further discussion, the following voted yes: Stahlecker, Moulton and Davis. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Davis, seconded by Moulton to approve Alma Rotary's request for a special designated license for the Harlan County Health Systems appreciation dinner at the Parrot Theatre on Friday, March 24, 2017. There being no further discussion, the following voted yes: Davis, Moulton and Stahlecker. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

The Mayor opened the floor to consider and possibly approve Resolution 12-2017 of Support and Endorsement for the City of Alma to submit a Leadership Application to the Nebraska Department of Economic Development. Clerk Tripe said not only will the Leadership designation benefit the Downtown Revitalization grant but will also benefit other grant applications. The Department of Economic Development likes to see continual community improvements. This could lead to housing related grants, owner occupied rehab and new construction. A leadership certification is valid for 5 years and a lot can be accomplished in 5 years. Upon completion of the leadership application, the City will have a document that showcases the community, which could be a useful tool. It will showcase community partnerships, volunteering opportunities, current assets in the community and local activities. Taking all of that into consideration when planning future events, and projects will give a view of possible gaps but also show Alma's strengths. It will get our community's name out there and that Alma is working hard and will continue to do so through community partnerships, projects and economic expansion. Motion made by Davis, seconded by Moulton to approve Resolution 12-2017 as follows:

WHEREAS; local municipal government, county government, and regional economic development entities must provide leadership and coordination for economic development efforts; and

WHEREAS; economic development needs can best be solved through a cooperative effort between local, county, regional and state economic development organizations and entities; and

WHEREAS; there is a need to recognize and promote our community's organizational readiness, infrastructure investment, ability to respond to business needs; and

WHEREAS; the Nebraska Department of Economic Development's Leadership Community Certification has been reviewed and found to be a program promoting our community's economic development preparedness.

THEREFORE, the City Council of Alma, Nebraska do hereby pledge their full support, endorsement, and cooperation for participation in the Nebraska Department of Economic Development's Leadership Certified Community Program by the City of Alma, Nebraska.

There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Davis, Moulton, and Stahlecker. Voting no: None. Resolution 12-2017 was approved.

The Mayor opened the floor to discuss and approve swimming pool wages for the manager, assistant manager, swim team coach, assistant coach and guards. Wilson contacted other cities who had recently built a new pool and compared the wages, hours and expenses. He is concerned with how high the wages are for Alma. He said he is planning on meeting with the pool manager, along with Treasurer Bantam, on a regular basis to review and control the costs. He also felt that a wage scale needed to be set. Besides wages, other benefits the guards receive are: training and swimsuits paid by the City. Motion made by Moulton, seconded by Stahlecker to accept the wage scale as presented. There being no further discussion upon the motion made, the following voted yes: Moulton, Stahlecker and Davis. Voting no: None. Motion carried. Wilson was given the go ahead to start advertising.

The Mayor opened the floor for administrator comments.

Wilson said he has mailed several letters to property owners who are collecting junk. He is also starting to

see vehicles, boats, trailers, etc. parked on lawns. This hurts the appearance of the neighborhoods. He is researching ways to manage the situation.

In talking with Miller & Associates, they said the City's contractor, Midlands Contracting, is trying to obtain a Vermeer machine to do the boring for the exposed sewer main project. They hope to have one by the middle of March.

Wilson was approached by the Western Holiday Motel owner about pouring a concrete parking lot between the motel and the pool parking area. Wilson told him it was City property that he was wanting to pave. The manager then asked if the City would pay to have it paved. Wilson sees no benefit to the City to pave the parking lot. The area is in good condition and the only place where there is an issue is where the City property meets the Motel's. Council agreed they did not see any benefit for the City to pave but would not object to the motel paving a portion of it at their cost.

The US Census Bureau contacted the City concerning the annexation and the boundary changes. Wilson figured out how to give them the information they were requesting and the annexation is now official with the US Census Bureau.

The Johnson Center has a new thermostat installed that can be checked and programmed on-line. Another feature of the new thermostat is that if someone changes the setting, after 4 hours, it will revert back to the city's preferred setting. This should save the City energy costs as many people do forget to turn it back when they are done. He would like to do this with the Auditorium as well and plans to keep an eye on the terminal building energy costs.

The library was denied a grant for a new heating and air conditioning unit due to the fact it was considered maintenance. Library Director Keri Anderson requested the Council consider replacing the heat/AC unit at a cost of \$6300 for this year. Only \$5000 was budgeted for 2016-17. Council agreed that it needs to be replaced. There are 2 other units at the library that need replaced as well but will be budgeted later.

Mayor Haeker opened the floor for open comments.

Moulton asked if the variance was granted for the property on First Street, he noticed that the garage had been torn down. Zoning Administrator Pfeil confirmed that it was.

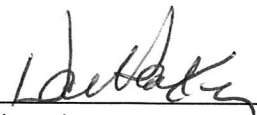
Attorney Walker said he would like to go into Executive Session to discuss pool litigation. Davis suggested to wait until after open comments so people could leave if they wanted.

Clerk Tripe reminded the Council about the HCHS's Chili Cookoff scheduled for Saturday, February 25th from 5-7 pm at the Johnson Center. An informational sheet was given to each council member.

Motion by Davis, seconded by Moulton to go into executive session to discuss possible pool litigation at 6:33 pm. There being no further discussion, the following voted yes: Davis, Moulton and Stahlecker. Voting no: None. The meeting went into executive session at 6:33 PM.

Motion by Davis, seconded by Stahlecker to reconvene the regular meeting at 6:42 pm. Voting yes: Davis, Stahlecker and Moulton. Voting no: None. Regular meeting was reconvened at 6:42 pm.

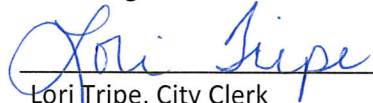
Motion made by Davis, seconded by Stahlecker to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 PM. There being no further discussion upon the motion made, the following voted yes: Davis, Stahlecker, and Moulton. Voting no: None. Meeting was adjourned at 6:43 pm.


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.




Lori Tripe, City Clerk