

MINUTE RECORD FOR CITY OF ALMA
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
February 5, 2025

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Alma, Nebraska was held at City Hall on Wednesday, the 5th of February 2025, at 5:30 p.m.

Present were Council Members: Dyann Collins, Tom Moulton, Joel Wheeler and Mayor Hal Haeker. Absent was Larry Casper. Administrator Steve Ardiana, City Treasurer Tashia Butterfield, City Clerk Janet Dietz, City Utility Superintendent Russ Pfeil and Street Superintendent Travis Dunse 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 February 5th, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. and the following business was transacted:

Roll call: Larry Casper-Absent, Dyann Collins-present, Tom Moulton-present, Joel Wheeler-present, and Mayor Haeker-present. Motion made by Collins, 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, and Wheeler. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to approve the minutes of January 22, 2025, regular council meeting. Motion made by Collins, second by Moulton to approve the minutes of January 22, 2025, regular council meeting. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Collins, Moulton and Wheeler. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss the claims and invoices. Motion by Moulton, second by Wheeler, to approve the claims and invoices for January 23, 2025, through February 5, 2025, for a total of \$96,604.08. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Moulton, Wheeler, and Collins. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

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

Mayor opened the floor to Jennifer Roethke, Hoesch Memorial Library Director for the annual report. Jennifer supplied the council with fiscal year 2023/2024 stats. (Active card holders, 2114, visits to library, 6435, e-books, 1787, programing attendance, grants, scholarships, friends of the library donations.) Motion by Collins, second by Moulton to accept the annual report as presented. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call votes the following voted yes, Collins, Moulton, Wheeler. Voting no none. Motion carried. City Administrator requested future budget need at the library, Jennifer responded skylight repairs, updates with bathroom and hallways.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss with several members of the Golf Board request to move forward with the clubhouse expansion. Dillon Kauk brought forth agreement with Davis Design for a potential building addition to the Alma Municipal Golf Course clubhouse. Davis Designs would provide architectural planning services. (potential of 5000 square feet of addition, for space of 200 people, restroom and utility support as required by code, possibly connecting to the current clubhouse). Discussion moved to depositing the check into the city budget and then writing the check for auditing purposes. Motion made by Wheeler, second by Collins, to approve the request from the golf members to proceed. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call votes the following voted yes, Wheeler Collins, Moulton. Voting no none. Motion carried. Additional requests from the Golf Board are to increase Golf Board membership to eight. Additional members are requested for help with the fundraising workload for projects at the golf course. City attorney Doug Walker advised the current ordinance 2015-8 states seven members but could be addressed at the next meeting. Councilman Wheeler requested it be changed to up to eight and discuss approve at the next meeting.

City Administrator brought forth Nebraska Emergency Management , NEMA backup generator for the City of Alma Johnson Center. Grant would require a future City match of \$47,000. (This grant is being resubmitted through Harlan County Sheriff Chris Becker and City Administrator.) Discussion was not in the current budget, Harlan County Hospital, Courthouse, Alma Public School, and Good Samaritan Colonial Villa are available for emergencies, no motion or action was taken at this time. Tabled for a future date.

Mayor Haeker opened the floor for Administrator's Report. Current lift station on south street needs repairs, previously reviewed with Miller & Associates in 2023, looking for future grant funding, community cleanup issues, scheduling, staffing, issues, what is allowed in the recycling, calling South Central Sanitation.

Councilman Wheeler brought up a short discussion on trash pickup, commercial and private areas moving towards Phase II of Western Sky, and adding this discussion to next meeting agenda.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Collins, second by Wheeler. There being no further discussion on the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Collins, Wheeler, and Moulton, Voting no: None. Meeting was adjourned at 6:58 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.

Janet Dietz, City Clerk