

**MINUTE RECORD FOR CITY OF ALMA**  
**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**March 1, 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 1st day of March, 2017, at 5:30 p.m.

Present were Council Members Randy Stahlecker, Mike Clements, 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 March 1, 2017, at 5:30 p.m. and the following business was transacted:

Roll Call: Randy Stahlecker-present, Mike Clements-present, Jon Davis-present, Tom Moulton-present and Mayor Haeker-present. Motion made by Clements 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: Clements, Stahlecker, Moulton, and Davis. Voting No: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Haeker opened the floor to approve the minutes of the February 15, 2017, Regular Council Meeting. Motion made by Davis seconded by Moulton to approve the February 15, 2017 regular council minutes as presented. There being no discussion and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Davis, Moulton, Stahlecker and Clements. Voting No: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Haeker opened the floor to discuss the claims and invoices for the period of February 16, 2017, through March 1, 2017 for a total of \$53,278.30. Treasurer Bantam said she added additional invoices to the claims that were sent out on Friday and they are listed on the last pages. The invoice for NPGA was not received yet but will need to be paid and will be noted on the next set of claims. She noted payments to Olsson Associates for work done on the housing development plat, and a work bench for the RV Park maintenance shed. Motion by Moulton, seconded by Davis to approve the February 16, 2017, through March 1, 2017 claims as presented for a total amount of \$53,278.30. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Moulton, Davis, Clements and Stahlecker. Voting No: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Haeker opened the floor to discuss the treasurer's report. Treasurer Bantam said most of the amounts on the past due report were late fees and they were correct as of the day she did them (last Friday) but it is not the end of the month totals. Motion made by Moulton, seconded by Davis 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: Moulton, Davis, Stahlecker and Clements. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to consider and possibly approve the annual audit that was prepared by Almquist, Galloway & Luth PC. Terry Galloway was present to review the report with the council and all that were present. He said the City uses an accrual basis accounting method and that it is the best method to use. He reviewed the key points of the report noting that at the bottom of page 11 is a record of the capital assets replaced (this adds good historical data) and on page 12 it shows the city paid down their outstanding debt by 6% or \$187,000. Mr. Galloway said best practice is to have 15% revenue from each enterprise fund. Gas was good a couple years ago but has now dropped to around 5%, sewer, trash are in the red, and water is at 16% which is good. Water had been falling behind but the Council increased the rates a couple years back and now the water is where it should be. He recommended that the council review the rates for gas, sewer and trash. He also said our professional fees, pool wages and utilities are driving our costs higher than "best practice". Motion made by Clements, seconded by Stahlecker to approve the annual audit as presented. There being no further discussion upon the motion made, the following voted yes: Clements, Stahlecker, Moulton and Davis.

Voting no: None. Motion carried.

The Mayor opened the floor to consider and possibly approve a request for a Special Designated License from Kent A. Shaffer for a wedding reception scheduled for April 29, 2017 to be held at Alma City Auditorium. The City received no protests. Motion made by Moulton, seconded by Davis to approve the request for a Special Designated License from Kent A. Shaffer for a wedding reception to be held at the Alma City Auditorium on April 29, 2017. There being no further discussion upon the motion made, the following voted yes: Moulton, Davis, Stahlecker, and Clements. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to consider a request by Cody Simmons for a 2:00 a.m. closing of Simmy's Lakeside Grill on March 17, 2017. Discussion included: Simmy's Lakeside Grill is having a beer pong tournament and his customers would rather not have to do a sudden death playoff if there happens to not be a winner by 1 am. He is requesting a 2:00 am closing time. Motion made by Davis seconded by Clements to allow Cody Simmons to keep Simmy's Lakeside Grill open until 2:00 a.m. on March 17, 2017. There being no discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Davis, Clements, Stahlecker, and Moulton. There were no votes against the motion. Motion carried.

The Mayor opened the floor to discuss swimming pool construction payments. Attorney Walker said he would like to go into executive session to discuss possible pool litigation. Motion made by Moulton, seconded by Davis to go into executive session to discuss possible pool litigation. There being no further discussion, the following voted yes: Moulton, Davis, Clements and Stahlecker. Voting no: None. Council went into executive session at 6:07 pm.

Motion by Clements, seconded by Stahlecker to reconvene the regular meeting. There being no further discussion, the following voted yes: Clements, Stahlecker, Davis and Moulton. Voting no: None. Regular meeting reconvened at 6:30 pm.

The Mayor opened the floor for administrator comments.

Wilson said he advertised for pool manager, assistant managers, guards and swim team coach and has received a few applications.

He has been contacting property owners who are violating zoning regulations by parking in their front yard. He received a little push back from one owner.

Dog license registrations are down a little over 100. Dog licenses are delinquent on March 10, 2017. He will look into contacting the unlicensed dog owners.

The Corp of Engineers has requested a list of annual reporting documents per the RV Park lease agreement. The City has not had to provide any reports for the past several years. Wilson is preparing the reports along with a report describing what the City has done and what we hope to do at the RV Park.

Wilson and the employees have been working on a couple more sections of the employee handbook for council review and should have it ready for the next meeting.

The bid for the library furnace was good for only 60 days and has expired. The new bid is over \$500 more due to equipment price increases along with freight but is still a competitive price. The contractor wants all but \$1,000 of the bid up front. Bid was approximately \$6600. Wilson wanted the council to know as it was part of the submitted claims.

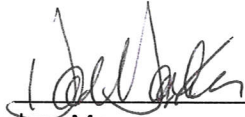
Alma Chamber asked if the City would be willing to donate a family pool pass as a door prize to be given away at the Spring Fling around mid-April. The City did it last year and the winner never even used it. Council is okay with it.

Gruwell/McAtee's, property owners of 814 East Street, mailed a letter to Doug asking for an extension due to weather and contractor requesting extra time to complete the roof. The letter was just received today. This will need to be put on the next council agenda to be considered.

Mayor Haeker opened the floor for open comments.

Councilman Davis said he received the notice that a Board of Health meeting was not needed for this month but he is concerned about a property in town where the roof has only tar paper and has been that way for some time. Council discussed briefly and agree an inspection of the property needs to be completed. Wilson and Walker will get together on Friday to discuss the necessary steps in order to obtain an inspection of the property.

Motion made by Stahlecker, seconded by Clements to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 PM. There being no further discussion upon the motion made, the following voted yes: Stahlecker, Clements, Davis and Moulton. Voting no: None. Meeting was adjourned at 6:40 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

