

MINUTE RECORD FOR CITY OF ALMA
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
April 20, 2022

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Alma, Nebraska was held at City Hall on Wednesday, the 20th of April 2022, at 5:30 p.m.

Present were Council Members: Dyann Collins, Tom Moulton, Larry Casper, Chris Tripe and Mayor Hal Haeker. Administrator Lorri Bantam, City Attorney Doug Walker, City Clerk Jessica Nash, City Treasurer CeeAnn Affolter, 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 April 20, 2022, 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, Tripe, and Casper. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to approve the minutes of the April 6, 2022, regular council meeting. Motion made by Moulton, second by Casper to approve the minutes of the April 6, 2022, regular council meeting. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Collins, Casper, Tripe and Moulton. 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 from April 7, 2022, through April 20, 2022, for a total of \$127,111.69. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Collins, Moulton, Tripe, and Casper. 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, Tripe, and Casper. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss the request from the American Legion Club to occupy the City's Scout House Building. Attorney Walker created a lease between the City of Alma and the American Legion Club. Motion by Tripe, second by Casper to approve the request from the American Legion Club to occupy the City's Scout House Building. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Collins, Tripe, and Casper. Moulton Abstained. Motion carried.

Mayor Haeker opened the floor to discuss Ryan Weiss to help with summer mowing at the Alma Municipal Golf Course. Motion by Moulton, second by Casper to approve Ryan Weiss to help with summer mowing at the Alma Municipal Golf Course. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Collins, Moulton, Tripe, and Casper. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss the request from the Nebraska Department of Transportation to update Alma's sign permit to show a new property owner on the form. It was explained that this is for the Welcome to Alma sign on the East side of town. We must renew this every year, but this year there were new property owners. Motion by Collins, second by Moulton to approve the request from the Nebraska Department of Transportation to update Alma's sign permit to show a new property owner on the form. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Collins, Moulton, Tripe, and Casper. Voting no: None. Motion Carried.

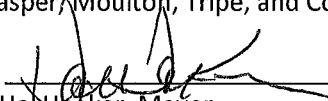
Mayor opened the floor to discuss the recommendation from the planning commission to amend the zoning regulations to deny house/barndominiums in Alma. The council is concerned about the appearance and height of the houses. Most houses are wood frames with metal siding. Councilman Casper does not

think the city should say no to shouses. Casper thinks some rules and regulations should be set, but not just deny them. Nick Simonson with the Planning Commission spoke and said, the Planning Commission thought if they looked like the ones going up, this isn't what they want to see in a residential area. Instead of coming up with a perfect regulation, they thought it would be easier to put what they didn't want to see, such as a steele shouse in the R-1 district. There isn't enough information right now, so the council needs a pretty accurate definition of a shouse right now to get what is pleasing in the R-1 district. The council decided to table this until the next meeting where Attorney Walker will bring back a definition of a shouse. Motioned by Tripe, second by Moulton to table the recommendation from the planning commission to amend the zoning regulations to deny shouse/barndominiums in Alma. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Collins, Casper, Moulton, and Tripe. Voting no: None.

Mayor Haeker opened the floor to discuss a change in swimming pool hours at the Alma Swimming Pool. It was proposed that the pool hours be 1:00 pm to 8:00 pm, seven days a week. The pool would stay open during supper hours and adult exercise would have a dedicated area for the days they are in attendance. Motion by Tripe, second by Moulton to approve the change in swimming pool hours at the Alma Swimming Pool. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Collins, Moulton, Tripe, and Casper. Voting no: None.

Mayor Haeker opened the floor for the administrator's report. Lorri brought to the council, the Alma Public Schools request to add a stop sign at the Southeast corner of the school's student parking lot. Currently, there are stops signs at the South and East sides and the North side is a one-way street. Students are blowing through the intersection without looking when coming out of the parking lot. The council thought it was a great idea to add a stop sign at the Northeast corner of Fifth and Jewell and to also add a stop sign at the Southwest corner of Fifth and John to help slow students down, so there are no accidents. Park mowing job has been advertised for contracted 1-2 mowing's a week. The city is currently taking bids through the end of the month. The RV Park opened Friday, April 15th. The hot water heaters have been replaced and a few minor repairs for water leaks were made. Two hydrants have also been replaced at the RV Park. Lorri has talked with Rhonda Hogeland about opening the Swimming Pool and things that need to be done. The city has advertised at the two local schools for lifeguards. Still taking applications. Currently, there has been no applications for Swim Team Coach. No update on the litigation.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Casper, second by Collins. There being no further discussion on the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Casper, Moulton, Tripe, and Collins. Voting no: None. Meeting was adjourned at 6:48 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

