

MINUTE RECORD FOR CITY OF ALMA
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
July 19, 2021

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Alma, Nebraska was held at City Hall on Monday, the 19th of July 2021, at 5:30 p.m.

Present were Council Members: Dyann Collins, Larry Casper, Tom Moulton, Chris Tripe and Mayor Hal Haeker. Administrator Lorri Bantam, Treasurer Susie Janssen, City Clerk CeeAnn Affolter, City Attorney Doug Walker, and 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 July 19, 2021, 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 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, Casper, and Tripe. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to approve the minutes of the July 6, 2021, regular council meeting. Motion made by Tripe, second by Moulton to approve the minutes of the July 6, 2021, regular council meeting. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Collins, Tripe, Casper, and Moulton. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss the claims and invoices. Motion by Tripe, second by Casper to approve the claims and invoices for period July 7, 2021, through July 19, 2021, for a total of \$143,291.56. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Collins, Moulton, Casper, and Tripe. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

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

Mayor opened the floor to discuss with the Golf board their revenue shortfall for 2021-2022 Fiscal year. Dillon Kauk stated that Covid hit them hard in 2020 with a huge loss in revenue. This is one main reason why they are behind in making payments and covering payroll each month. It's been hard to regain that huge loss. Kauk is asking the board to forgive their \$22,000 loan from the City that they received at the beginning of the fiscal year 20/21. They will also refinance their club house loan with the bank and extend it out 4 or 5 years to lower their payments to make cash flow better in order to meet their budget. Kauk gave the board several options to consider. Motion by Tripe, second by Collins, to forgive the \$22,000 loan to the City and to refinance the club house loan to meet their budget. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Collins, Moulton, Casper, Tripe. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss wages and benefits for 2021-2022 Fiscal year. Lorri Bantam presented 2 cost of living raises, 3.5% and 4%. Lorri surveyed with many other towns to see what they were doing and most were going with a 4% COLA. Tripe stated that the City needs to be competitive in wages in order to keep help. He can see the struggle that other businesses have in town and they are all raising their wages in order to get help. Motion by Collins, second by Casper to give full time employees a 4% COLA raise. Motion by Moulton, second by Casper to give proposed merit raises and a \$.25 raise to part time employees. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Collins, Moulton, Casper, Tripe. Voting no: None.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss approving the CRA board member Jesse Adams. Zach McKenzie has

recently moved out of Alma, leaving a vacancy on the board. Jesse Adams has stepped up to fill that vacancy. Motion by Tripe, second by Moulton to approve Jesse Adams as the CRA board member. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Collins, Moulton, Casper, Tripe. Voting no: None.

Mayor opened the floor for Resolution 19-2021 to file a special assessment lien for mowing at 503 2nd Street. Motion by Moulton, second by Collins to approve Resolution 19-2021 and the Notice of Certification of Special Assessment for 503 2nd Street. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Tripe, Moulton, Casper, and Collins. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor then opened the floor for the Airport Taxiway Project Estimate #12 due to Olsson and approve the Summary of Project Costs for federal funds to be reimbursed to the city. Motion by Tripe, second by Moulton to approve Project Estimate #12 for \$21,545.99 payable to Olsson and Summary of Project Costs in the amount of \$19,391.00 in Federal Funds due to the City. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Tripe, Moulton, Casper, Collins. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

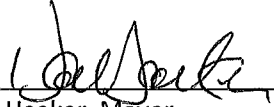
Mayor Haeker opened the floor to approve Resolution 20-2021 for the Consultant Agreement with Olsson Inc for the Airport Taxiway Light Project #13. Lorri Bantam said that the FAA has approved this agreement as well. Motion by Collins, second by Casper to approve Resolution 20-2021 for the Consultant Agreement with Olsson In for the Airport Taxiway Light Project #13. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Tripe, Moulton, Casper, Collins. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss and/or take action on the Detachment Petition, Harlan Co District Court Case No CI21-39. Jaclyn Daake gave the council the two options to either agree with the detachment or contest it and not to detach. Casper made the motion to go into executive session, second by Moulton at 6:44 pm to discuss litigation regarding Court case No CI21-39. There being no further discussion upon motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Moulton, Tripe, Casper, Collins. Voting no: None. Present was Tripe, Moulton, Casper, Collins, Mayor Haeker, Doug Walker, Lorri Bantam, Jaclyn Daake.

Casper made a motion to reconvene regular meeting at 7:08 pm, second by Collins. Roll call vote the following voted yes; Tripe, Collins, Moulton, Casper. Voting no: None. Motion was made by Moulton, second by Collins to not join in the petition and contest the petition to detach as filed with Court Case No CI21-39. There being no further discussion upon the motion and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Moulton, Casper, Collins, Mayor Haeker. Tripe abstained. Motion carried.

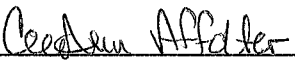
Mayor opened the floor for the Administrator's report. Lorri Bantam informed the council the budget workshop is Tuesday, July 20, 2021. She also stated that the budget hearing is set for September 1 at 7:00 pm or immediately following the city council meeting if it runs past 7:00. This budget hearing will also include the request for 1% increase in restricted funds. This is a change from last year.

Motion by Tripe, second by Moulton to adjourn the meeting. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Collins, Moulton, Tripe, Casper. Voting no: None. Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 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.



CeeAnn Affolter, City Clerk