

MINUTE RECORD FOR CITY OF ALMA
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
September 7, 2022

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Alma, Nebraska was held at City Hall on Wednesday, the 7th of September 2022, at 5:50 p.m. immediately following the Budget Hearing and Tax Request Hearing.

Present were Council Members: Dyann Collins, Tom Moulton, Larry Casper, and Mayor Hal Haeker. Absent: Chris Tripe. Administrator Lorri Bantam, City Treasurer CeeAnn Affolter, City Utility Superintendent Russ Pfeil, and City Attorney Doug Walker 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 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 Haeker advised the public of the Open Meetings Act posted on the east wall of the meeting room, and then proceeded to call the regular meeting of September 7, 2022, at 5:50 p.m. and the following business was transacted:

Roll call: Tom Moulton-present, Dyann Collins-present, Larry Casper-present, Chris Tripe-absent, 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, Casper, and Moulton. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to approve the minutes of the August 15, 2022, regular council meeting. Motion made by Moulton, second by Casper to approve the minutes of the August 15, 2022, regular council meeting. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Moulton, Casper, and Collins. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss the claims and invoices. Motion by Moulton, second by Casper to approve the claims and invoices from August 16, 2022, through September 7, 2022, for a total of \$154,559.36. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Collins, Casper, and Moulton. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss the Treasurer's report. Motion by Moulton, second by Casper to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Treasurer Affolter noted the revenue for the water and gas sales will meet the budgeted amounts. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Collins, Casper, and Moulton. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor for Resolution 21-2022. At the last council meeting, Lori Ferguson from South Central Economic Development presented the Nebraska Department of Economic Development's ARPA Federal and State Funding Opportunity for the Rural Workforce Housing Land Development Program. This Resolution is the formal agreement to work with SCEDD for the application process. Motion by Collins, second by Casper to approve Resolution 21-2022 to request assistance from SCEDD to apply for the Rural Workforce Housing – Land Development Grant. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Collins, Casper, and Moulton. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss Resolution 22-2022 to set the Property Tax Request for Fiscal Year 2022-2023. Motion by Moulton, second by Collins to approve Resolution 22-2022 to set the Property Tax Request as presented at the Tax Request Hearing. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Collins, Casper, and Moulton. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to approve the Annual Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 also known as the Budget. Motion by Moulton, second by Casper to approve the Annual Appropriations Bill as presented at the Budget Hearing. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Collins, Casper, and Moulton. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to approve Ordinance 2022-52 to Establish Salaries for Fiscal Year 2022-2023. Council Member Moulton introduced Ordinance Number 2022-52 entitled as follows: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALMA, NEBRASKA TO ESTABLISH THE SALARIES OF MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES; TO

REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES TO THE CONTRARY; AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; and moved that the statutory rule requiring reading on three different dates be suspended. Council Member Casper seconded the motion that the statutory rule requiring three different dates be suspended. A roll call vote was then taken on the motion; the following Council Members voted yes: Collins, Moulton, and Casper. The following voted no: None. The motion to suspend the rules was adopted by three-fourths of the Council and the statutory rule was declared suspended for consideration of this ordinance. This ordinance was then read by title and thereafter Council Member Casper moved for final passage of this ordinance and said motion was seconded by Council Member Collins. The mayor then stated the questions, "Shall Ordinance Number 2022-52 be passed and adopted?" Upon roll call vote, the following Council members voted yes: Collins, Moulton, and Casper. Voting no: None.

The passage and adoption of this ordinance having been concurred in by a majority of all members of the Council, the Mayor declared the ordinance adopted; and the mayor in the presence of the City Council signed and approved the ordinance and the Acting City Clerk attested the passage and approval of the ordinance and affixed her signature thereto and ordered the ordinance to be published as provided by law.

Mayor opened the floor to approve the designation of the City Administrator, Lorri Bantam, to represent the City of Alma at the annual LIGHT (League Insurance Government Health Team) meeting to be held next week at the League of Nebraska Municipalities Annual Conference. Motion by Collins, seconded by Moulton to approve the City Administrator to represent the City of Alma at the LIGHT annual meeting. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Collins, Casper, and Moulton. Voting no: None. Motion carried.


Mayor Haeker opened the floor for the administrator's report. Administrator Bantam informed the council she submitted a grant application to update the Master Control at the water tower which would allow for text and/or email notifications of issues. The grant is for \$10,000 and this phase of the upgrading is approximately \$15,000. The camera installation is almost complete, and training will be scheduled. The current cameras are located at the recycling area, five cameras at the swimming pool, two cameras outside the city auditorium and two cameras outside city hall. She then gave attendance analytics for the swimming pool. The change in management resulted with a tremendous savings in labor and operating costs. Repairs to rusting around the diving boards and a leak in the slide will be addressed now that the pool is closed.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Moulton, second by Collins. There being no further discussion on the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Collins, Casper, and Moulton. Voting no: None. Meeting was adjourned at 6:14 p.m.



 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.



 Lorri Bantam, Acting City Clerk