

**MINUTE RECORD FOR CITY OF ALMA**  
**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**May 30 , 2024**

A special meeting of the City Council of the City of Alma, Nebraska was held at City Hall on Thursday, May 30 , 2024, at 5:30 p.m.

Present were Council Members: Tom Moulton, Dyann Collins, Larry Casper, and Mayor and Acting Administrator Hal Haeker. Absent: Chris Tripe. City Clerk Dawn McNulty, Treasurer Tashia Butterfield, and City Superintendent Russell 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 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 special meeting of May 30, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. and the following business was transacted:

Roll call: Tom Moulton-present, Dyann Collins-present, Chris Tripe-Absent, Larry Casper-present, and Mayor Haeker-present. Motion by Moulton, second by Casper 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: Casper, Collins, and Moulton. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

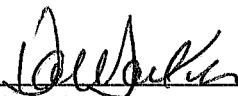
Mayor Haeker opened the floor to discuss and or approve Possible Funding for City Projects. Haeker stated that SCEDD had that Rural Land Development grant that we had applied for, was taken back to the legislature and it was revamped into a new law. The new law still has the Land development part in it. SCEDD is steering people away from it because it is too complicated. The funds that are available are on a very tight time limit. One reason they are steering away from the land part of this is, if we buy a piece of property, like a lot, and have it developed later on, there is confusion on how that is going to be handled by the Federal Government. The Federal Government attachment is going to be forever and if the properties intended use changes, then the Federal Government has to be paid back. The confusion comes from whether it is the amount that they put in it, or if it is a percentage. This is ARPA money, Covid money, and SCEDD is leaning against land development and is leaning more towards the public features. The public features that we were thinking about are a splash pad, or the auditorium. I was thinking that the auditorium was a larger dollar amount and it had already been designed. SCEDD is leaning toward public features because they will stay that way forever. Such as the auditorium, we are not going to sell it and it became something else. Haeker stated that this is Covid money and we have to relate this back to Covid. Part of the exhibits to be submitted talk about the effects of the Covid 19 pandemic on the community and current efforts made by applicants to identify disparity and promote neighborhood stabilization. Haeker stated that he could not think of anything that has been done to eliminate some of that since Covid and that is the toughest one. Haeker stated we did the CCCFF construction grant last year, and I am talking with David Holl who did this with Lorri. He believes that we can just revamp part of it to apply towards this. Haeker said that this grant does not pay for administration of the grant, like many of the ones before. If SCEDD is going to help, they are going to charge \$2000 and \$80 an hour to oversee it. The deadline for this is June 3<sup>rd</sup>, which is Monday. Haeker stated that he did not have time to do these exhibits even with SCEDD's help. He stated that is why he has contacted Miller and asked if they would be interested in helping us with this and they said yes. We have the Agreements for Limited Professional Services from them for the Gas Grant, a Splash Pad, and the Auditorium. They will charge \$2000 also and they will do it without SCEDD's help. Collins stated that we are not paying an administrator, so we are paying them to do the work the administrator would be doing. Haeker stated that he was steering toward Miller. Casper said that if we send the Letter of Intent and it goes directly to the DED, do we have to say

anything about Miller and Associates helping us and we do. Haeker said, we have to get the information to them. We can only apply for one project, either the auditorium or a splash pad. Collins said that we should work on the auditorium and Moulton said that we already have plans in the works for it. We can do this in phases, and they are just looking at a total dollar amount. We are looking at the fall of 2026 as a deadline to get the work done. Collins stated that if Miller and Associates are going to help us and we put it on the Auditorium, we need a splash pad someday but I would like to see us get the auditorium done. Haeker said, we need to sign the letter of intent on the Auditorium. If we do not get it, we can still apply for the CCCFF next year because the creative district will not be in effect. Casper stated so we want to go ahead with the letter of Intent and use Miller and Associates and we want to go for the Auditorium and ask for the full amount. Motion made by Casper second by Moulton to submit the letter of Intent to Apply 2023 Rural Community Recovery Program. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Collins, Moulton, and Casper. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Haeker opened the floor to discuss and or approve An Agreement for Provisions of Limited Professional Services from Miller and Associates Project # 220-GI-014-24 for the City Auditorium Improvements. Motion made by Casper, second by Collins to approve An Agreement for Provisions of Limited Professional Services from Miller and Associates Project # 220-GI-014-24 for the City Auditorium Improvements. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Collins, Moulton, and Casper. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

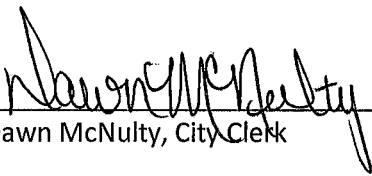
Mayor Haeker opened the floor to discuss and or approve An Agreement for Provisions of Limited Professional Services from Miller and Associates Project # 220-GI-013-24 for the DOT Pipeline. Haeker asked Pfeil how many times they have applied for the gas grant and Pfeil replied twice, this would be the third time, and each time has been through Miler and Associates. Motion made by Collins second by Moulton to approve An Agreement for Provisions of Limited Professional Services from Miller and Associates Project # 220-GI-013-24 for the DOT Pipeline Gas Grant. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Collins, Moulton, and Casper. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Moulton, second by Casper. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Casper, Collins, and Moulton. Voting no: None. The meeting was adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

  
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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.

Special Council Meeting Minutes 5-30-2024

  
Dawn McNulty, City Clerk

