

MINUTE RECORD FOR CITY OF ALMA  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
February 20, 2019

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Alma, Nebraska was held at City Hall on Wednesday, the 20th of February, 2019, at 5:30 p.m.

Present were Council Members: Jon Davis, Tom Moulton, Randy Stahlecker, and Mayor Hal Haeker. Administrator Doug Wilson, Attorney Doug Walker, Treasurer Lorri Bantam, City Superintendent Russ Pfeil, and Clerk Lori Tripe were also in attendance. Notification of this meeting and the agenda were 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 February 20, 2019, at 5:30 p.m. and the following business was transacted:

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

Mayor Haeker opened the floor to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2019, regular council meeting. Motion made by Davis, second by Moulton to approve the February 6, 2019, regular council meeting minutes as presented. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Davis, Moulton, and Stahlecker. Voting No: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Haeker opened the floor to discuss the claims and invoices for period February 7, 2019, through February 20, 2019 for a total of \$198,869.88. Motion by Stahlecker, second by Davis to approve the February 7, 2019, through February 20, 2019, claims for a total of \$198,869.88. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Stahlecker, Davis, and Moulton. Voting No: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Haeker opened the floor to discuss the treasurer's report. Motion by Moulton, second by Stahlecker, 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: Moulton, Stahlecker, and Davis. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to consider and possibly approve the City Audit for Year 2017-18 – City Auditor was present. Michael Hoback, with Almquist, Galloway & Luth, went through the audit report and hit the highlights. Overall the City of Alma is in good shape. He said in a small city office, it is difficult to have segregation of duties and that it rests upon the Council to stay on top of the claims and he felt they have done a good job. He commented that gas had made money and the water department had lost money but the City did increase rates this past October so there should be an improvement with water next year. He informed the Council that the treasurer is doing a good job and a low amount of journal entries were all that was required. He advised the Council to continue to watch utility rates and to keep working on increasing cash reserves. Their CPA firm benchmarks 55-60 communities and in comparing Alma to other cities of our size, our levy is lower than most and our valuation is higher. He asked if there were any questions. Motion by Moulton, second by Davis to approve the City Audit for 2017-18 as presented. There being no discussion upon the motion made, the following voted yes: Moulton, Davis and Stahlecker. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to an Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance by the City of its General Obligation Highway Allocation Fund Pledge Bonds, Series 2019, in an Aggregate Principal Amount not to Exceed \$450,000, to Provide Funds to Pay the Costs of Constructing and Improving Certain Streets and Other

Related Improvements of the City. Tobin Buchanan with First National Capital Markets said he worked with Jacob Reiter, engineer from Olssons to come up with the estimated amounts for the 3 proposed bonds. This bond would be for a maximum of \$450,000 but could be less if we don't need the full amount. Jacob had estimated \$380,583 and that includes the engineering fees for the streets and a possible paved north entrance. Tobin said we could go ahead and pass the Highway Allocation and Water bonds tonight or we could wait until March 20, when the Resolution of Necessity (for Sewer Bonds) is scheduled for public hearing if it is passed tonight.

Council Member Randy Stahlecker then introduced Ordinance 2019-21 and moved for its adoption. ORDINANCE No. 2019-21 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE BY THE CITY OF ALMA, NEBRASKA OF ITS GENERAL OBLIGATION HIGHWAY ALLOCATION FUND PLEDGE BONDS, SERIES 2019, IN ONE OR MORE SERIES IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$450,000) TO PAY THE COSTS OF CONSTRUCTING AND IMPROVING CERTAIN STREETS AND OTHER RELATED IMPROVEMENTS OF THE CITY; AUTHORIZING CERTAIN OFFICIALS TO DETERMINE THE FINAL AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT, MATURITIES, RATES, REDEMPTION PROVISIONS, TERMS AND OTHER DETAILS OF SUCH BONDS; PLEDGING FUNDS RECEIVED FROM THE NEBRASKA HIGHWAY ALLOCATION FUND AND PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF AN ANNUAL TAX FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE PRINCIPAL OF, PREMIUM IF ANY, AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS; DESIGNATING THE BONDS AS QUALIFIED TAX-EXEMPT OBLIGATIONS; ADOPTING CERTAIN POST-ISSUANCE TAX COMPLIANCE POLICIES AND PROCEDURE WITH RESPECT TO THE BONDS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN OTHER DOCUMENTS AND ACTIONS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

Following the reading of the title, Council Member Randy Stahlecker, moved that the statutory rule requiring that ordinances be read by title on three different days be suspended so that the Ordinance might be introduced, read by title and then moved for final passage on the same day, without the same being read in full, which motion was seconded by Council Member Tom Moulton. On roll call vote, the following Council Members voted in favor of the motion to suspend the statutory rule: Stahlecker, Moulton and Davis. Voting no: None. Absent: Clements. The motion to suspend the statutory rule having been agreed upon by at least three-fourths of all of the Council Members, the Mayor declared the motion passed and the statutory rule suspended.

Council Member Jon Davis then read Ordinance 2019-21 by title and moved the same for final passage. Council Member Tom Moulton seconded the motion. On roll call vote, the following Council Members voted in favor of the passage of Ordinance 2019-21: Davis, Moulton and Stahlecker. Voting no: None. Absent: Mike Clements. The passage of Ordinance 2019-21 having been agreed upon by a majority of the Council, the Mayor declared Ordinance 2019-21 passed and signed it in the presence of the Council and the clerk attested to its passage and approval by affixing her signature thereto.

Mayor opened the floor to an Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance by the City of its General Obligation Water Bonds, Series 2019, in an Aggregate Principal Amount not to Exceed \$170,000, to Provide Funds to Pay the Costs of Constructing Improvements to the Water System of the City.

Council Member Jon Davis introduced and moved the adoption of the following Ordinance No. 2019-22: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE, SALE, AND DELIVERY BY THE CITY OF ALMA, NEBRASKA OF ITS GENERAL OBLIGATION WATER BONDS, SERIES 2019, IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$170,000 TO PAY THE COSTS OF CONSTRUCTING IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CITY'S WATER SYSTEM; PRESCRIBING THE FORM OF THE BONDS; AUTHORIZING CERTAIN OFFICIALS TO DETERMINE THE FINAL AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT, MATURITIES, RATES, REDEMPTION PROVISIONS, TERMS AND OTHER DETAILS OF SUCH BONDS; PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF AN ANNUAL TAX FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE PRINCIPAL OF, PREMIUM, IF ANY, AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS AS THEY BECOME DUE; DESIGNATING THE BONDS AS QUALIFIED TAX-EXEMPT OBLIGATIONS; ADOPTING CERTAIN POST-ISSUANCE COMPLIANCE PROCEDURES WITH RESPECT TO THE BONDS; AUTHORIZING CERTAIN OTHER DOCUMENTS AND ACTIONS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THE ORDINANCE IN PAMPHLET FORM. Following the reading of the title of the Ordinance, Council

Member Jon Davis moved that the statutory rule requiring that ordinances be read by title on three different days be suspended so that Ordinance 2019-22 might be introduced, read by title and then moved for final passage on the same day, without the same being read in full, which motion was seconded by Council Member Randy Stahlecker. On roll call vote, the following voted in favor of the motion: Jon Davis, Randy Stahlecker and Tom Moulton. Voting no: None. Absent: Mike Clements. The motion to suspend the statutory rule having been agreed upon by at least 3/4ths of all of the Council Members, the Mayor declared the motion passed and the statutory rule suspended. Council Member Tom Moulton then read the Ordinance by title and moved the same for final passage. Council Member Randy Stahlecker seconded the motion to pass Ordinance 2019-22. On roll call vote, the following Council Members voted in favor of the passage of Ordinance 2019-22: Tom Moulton, Randy Stahlecker, and Jon Davis. Voting against: None. Absent: Mike Clements. The passage of Ordinance 2019-22 having been agreed upon by a majority of the Council, the Mayor declared Ordinance 2019-22 passed and signed the Ordinance in the presence of the Council, and the Clerk attested to its passage and approval by affixing her signature thereto.

Mayor opened the floor to a Resolution calling a Public Hearing to Create Sanitary Sewer District No. 2019-1 for the Purpose of Constructing Improvements to the City's Existing Sewage Treatment Facilities. In order to set up a Sanitary Sewer District and pass Sewer Bonds, the City must have a public hearing and the notice must be published in the paper for two consecutive weeks. Tobin proposes a hearing for March 20, 2019 at 5:30 pm.

City Council Member Jon Davis moved to approve Resolution 20-2019 - A Resolution of Necessity as drafted by bond counsel. City Council Member Tom Moulton seconded the motion and after consideration the roll was called and voting in favor of the passage of said motion: Jon Davis, Tom Moulton and Randy Stahlecker. Voting no: None. Absent: Mike Clements. Resolution 20-2019 was approved.

Mayor opened the floor to consider and possibly approve Ordinance 2019-20 – a Revision to Ordinance 50.05 concerning utility payments and removing payment arrangement option – effective April 1, 2019. Administrator Wilson said the disconnect policy the City follows, provides a payment arrangement option which is being abused. It creates a lot of extra work for the treasurer. He proposes doing away with the payment arrangement form and make it effective April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019. Ordinance 2019-20 was introduced by Randy Stahlecker and moved that the statutory rule requiring a reading on three different days be suspended. Second by Jon Davis to suspend the rules. Roll call vote: Tom Moulton-yes, Jon Davis-yes and Randy Stahlecker-yes. Voting no: None. Absent: Mike Clements. Councilman Tom Moulton read Ordinance 2019-20 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALMA, NEBRASKA REVISING ALMA CITY CODE SECTION 50.05 (A) TO ELIMINATE PROVISIONS FOR LATE PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT WITH THIS ORDINANCE AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE and moved for final passage. Second by Randy Stahlecker. Mayor stated “Shall Ordinance 2019-20 be passed and adopted”. There being no discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote: Tom Moulton-yes, Jon Davis-yes and Randy Stahlecker-yes. Voting no: None. Absent: Mike Clements. Ordinance 2019-20 was approved.

Mayor opened the floor to consider and possibly approve a letter of support for Legislative Bill 242. Administrator Wilson received an email from the Nebraska Managers Association asking him to review Legislative Bill 242 and to mail a letter of support. Bill 242 is declaring an emergency and would assist political subdivisions and sewer and water utilities by turning back a percentage of certain state sales tax revenue to political subdivisions and sewer and water utilities. If passed, it would begin with 2% on sales taxes imposed beginning 7/1/19 and the percentage increases up to 4% on 7/1/23. Motion by Stahlecker, second by Davis, to approve a letter from the City of Alma in support of Legislative Bill 242. There being no discussion upon the motion, the following voted yes: Stahlecker, Davis and Moulton. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to consider and possibly approve a special designated license (SDL) request from Alma Rotary for Harlan County Health Systems Appreciation Dinner to be held at the Johnson Center on Saturday, March 23, 2019. The Rotary has requested an SDL for this event in the past and there were

no issues. Motion by Stahlecker, second by Moulton to approve the request from Alma Rotary for a Special Designated License for the Harlan County Health Systems Appreciation Dinner to be held at the Johnson Center on Saturday, March 23, 2019. There being no discussion upon the motion made, the following voted yes: Stahlecker, Moulton and Davis. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

The Mayor opened the floor to Administrator comments. Administrator Wilson said the North Alma Water and Gas lines bid opening is scheduled for Thursday, February 28<sup>th</sup> and he will have the numbers for the March 6<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

He is planning on having his recommendations for pool manager, assistant managers, swim team coaches and guards for the next meeting.

CRAKE training tomorrow evening at the Johnson Center at 6 pm.

The City has received several compliments regarding snow removal.


The Village of Orleans has lost their water operator. Until they get someone hired and trained, they may need help with water testing. Mr. Wilson is also gathering information regarding a Mutual Aid System that may be available for Orleans. He will have more information at the next meeting.

Mayor Haeker opened the floor to comments from the Mayor, Councilmen, and City Staff.

Councilman Moulton would also like to compliment the City for removal of snow.

Clerk Tripe wanted to give the Council a heads-up regarding snow removal on Church Street, next to Main Street Pizza and Good Sam’s Home health office. The City informed them that snow is not removed in their parking spaces on the east side of their building because it is considered private parking.

Motion made by Moulton, second by Davis to adjourn the meeting at 6:49 PM. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Moulton, Davis, and Stahlecker. Voting no: None. Meeting was adjourned at 6:49 pm.

  
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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.

  
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Lori Tripe, City Clerk



Anthony Brandow sec dep refund \$200; Aramark uniforms shop towels \$143.30; AUL HRA Contributions \$562.31; Black Hills Energy Gas Service \$66.27; BCBS health ins premium \$7,538.32; BCBS Medicare supp ins \$227.99; Bob Sheppard Campground Fees refunded \$1,830; Burger King meal-safety mtng \$7.16; Carrothers Const Contingency - Paid In Full \$57,600; CHS Agri Service Center fuel maint \$621.66; City of Alma sales tax \$1,809.53 ; City of Holdrege Landfill Fees \$874.15; Cline Williams Wright Johnson & Oldfather Subdivision Redevelopment - Legal Services \$1,605; Dairy Queen meal-safety mtg \$7.78; Dept of Rev sales tax \$9,813.91; DHHS Permit Renewal - 2019 \$40; Dollar General supplies \$33.35; EBSCO Information Services Magazines \$232.81; First State Bank – Alma ACH Wire Fee \$964; Frontier alarm internet phones \$809.01; Harlan County Health Systems drug screening \$35; Harlan County Journal ads notices \$328.99; Hogeland's Market supplies \$21.52; I-CON Solutions Maint \$174.27; Keri Anderson workshop fee \$85.57; League of Muni MidWinter Conference – Hal \$417.50; McDonalds meal-safety meeting \$8.87; MedicareBlue RX Medicare supp ins \$75.30; Mid-NE Individual services monthly mgmt fee-2 mos \$900; Municipal Sup supplies \$1,171.59; NPGA Gas purchased \$42,108.66; NE Public Health Environ Lab Coliform, Fluoride \$63; NE RecyclingCouncil mem dues \$150; Olsson eng fees \$41,241.76; Payroll \$23,685.40; Principal dental & vision ins prem \$498.04; QT Petroleum Private Fuel Card \$7.61; Ramada Inn motel-safety training \$199.90; Rep Valley Refrigeration repairs \$410.65; S & W Auto Parts fuel supplies \$106.04; Share Corp repairs \$91.81; Steve's Countryside Carpentry Repairs \$139.78; Twin Valleys PPD electricity \$896.79; USA Bluebook Pump \$154.80; USPS Stamps \$409.80; USTI Agency Fees \$67.86; Verizon cell phones \$282.82; Whitnee Lear refund rental fee \$150; TOTAL \$198,869.88;