

MINUTE RECORD FOR CITY OF ALMA
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
October 4, 2023

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Alma, Nebraska was held at City Hall on Wednesday, October 4, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.

Present were Council Members: Tom Moulton, Larry Casper, Dyann Collins, Chris Tripe and Mayor and Acting Administrator Hal Haeker. Absent - None. City Clerk Dawn McNulty, Treasurer Tashia Butterfield 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 October 4, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. and the following business was transacted:

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

Mayor Haeker opened the floor to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2023, council meeting. Motion by Moulton, second by Collins to approve the regular minutes of the September 20, 2023, 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 Haeker opened the floor to discuss the claims and invoices for September 21, 2023, through October 4, 2023, for a total of \$165,529.84. Waggoner insurance \$30,052.50 and golfs portion of \$2,682.00 is for business protection policy. This is the yearly payment. Motion made by Casper, second by Moulton to approve the claims. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes, Moulton, Tripe, Casper, and Collins. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Haeker opened the floor to discuss and or approve the Treasurer's report. Treasurer Butterfield stated that there was a change in the Hospital Sinking Fund, we now have the savings account at the top portion of the page. It was \$320.84 which was the interest that we received on the account on that month. Also, there is a new CD on the list, 6-month Hospital for \$229,468.94. This is the balance of the account about mid-month, so it included the \$1,666.00 that we put in monthly. Motion by Tripe, second by Collins 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: Casper, Collins, Moulton, and Tripe. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Haeker opened the floor to discuss and or approve Rural Workforce Housing Land Development Program Termination Notice. Mayor Haeker said we did decide at the last meeting to terminate the agreement. This is just a letter stating that. Tripe asked if anyone had accepted it and Mayor Haeker stated that he did not know because some of them had not had their meetings yet. Motion made by Tripe, second by Moulton to approve Rural Workforce Housing Land Development Program Termination Notice. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Tripe, Casper, Collins, and Moulton. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss and or approve the Caring Cupboard Sign Placement. Mayor Haeker stated that he did not want the sign near the new pelican sculpture. Tripe asked where do you put it if you do not put it behind it? Mayor Haeker said that there is already a sign on the other street. Tripe stated that Emily White called him and that she requested that it be placed between the pelican carving and the other tree. Moulton stated that if he were going to put something by that sculpture it would be a bench rather than a sign to make it look nice, neat, and clean. Pfeil said that he could get some pictures of it and table the item and he will see what it looks like. Mayor Haeker said that they could put up their portable sign this weekend.

Motion by Moulton, second by Casper to table the Caring Cupboard Sign Placement. 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 and or approve CD Renewal. Community Bank rates have been updated. Jared at Community Bank gave us 5 months at 5.25 % and 12 months at 4.75% 23 months are still the CD specials. So, the three we need to decide on are two at Banner and one at First State Bank. Moulton asked at what rate are the new ones at Banner going to be at and Treasurer Butterfield stated 5.25% and the interest will accrue and not be cashed out. Collins said to leave them where they were. Tripe asked if we wanted to keep them all at 12 months, or do we want to stagger them? Collins stated that if we went any lower than 12 months then the rate went a little higher. But with Community Bank it is not stated. Is there a reason to go to 5 months? Collins asked. Tripe said that if you think that if it is going to be closer to 6 percent in five months. They think that the market is trying to price in one more rate hike this year. Tripe said that lower term rates pay higher than longer term rates. Motion by Collins to leave the CD's where they are and go with the 12 months at 5.25%, second by Casper. 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. Motion carried.

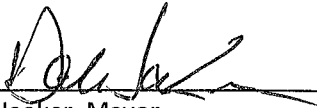
Mayor opened the floor to discuss and or approve Downtown Drainage Project – Tarring. Mayor Haeker asked Russ if anyone had gotten ahold of Chris Eddy or the contractor. Russ said that David Wells would be doing the work, but he was not sure if it was up to Chris Eddy or the contractor to get him to get it done. Mayor Haeker asked Russ to contact the contractor and get clarification on who is to do the tarring.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss and or approve Authorized Company Representatives for Deposit of ACH Files at First State Bank. Treasurer Butterfield said that she received notice that First State Bank was doing their annual review of ACH account information. This is what we use for auto draft utility payments. Neither one of the representatives on the account was here any longer and the information needs to be updated. Treasurer Butterfield asked that she and Hal be authorized to handle the ACH Files. Motion by Moulton, second by Casper to approve Authorized Company Representatives for Deposit of ACH Files at First State Bank. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Casper, Tripe, Moulton, and Collins. Voting no: None. Motion carried.


The Mayor opened the floor to discuss the Replacement of President of the Council. Mayor Haeker stated that Moulton has resigned as President of the Council. The Council wanted to wait until Collins was present to vote. Moulton stated that he is working out of town, and he does not feel that he can fill the role and is resigning. Collins stated if Tom does not want it, I nominate Larry Casper. Casper stated that he could do it. Motion by Collins, second by Tripe to approve Larry Casper as President of the City Council. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Tripe, Collins, and Moulton. Voting no: None. Casper Abstained. Motion carried.

Mayor Haeker opened the floor to discuss and or approve personnel. Mayor Haeker said that he had talked to two people and put in an offer to both people who were qualified. Both have come back and said that they are not going to accept the position. So, we are back to square one. Casper said that he did not feel like on the complete list that there was anyone that we could seriously consider for the position. Collins said what if we move it to a recruiter. Mayor Haeker said that Collins if you want to research headhunters and bring that back to the council, we will listen to that. Collins said should we have it more than just on our website? Mayor Haeker said that we should change the ad a little bit before we repost the ad. Mayor Haeker said the plan is to change the ads and advertise again.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Tripe, second by Moulton. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes, Tripe, Casper, Moulton, Collins. Voting no: None. The meeting was adjourned at 6:18 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.


Dawn McNulty, City Clerk

