

MINUTE RECORD FOR CITY OF ALMA
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
October 18, 2023

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Alma, Nebraska was held at City Hall on Wednesday, October 18, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.

Present were Council Members: Tom Moulton, Larry Casper, Dyann Collins and Mayor and Acting Administrator Hal Haeker. Absent Chris Tripe. City Clerk Dawn McNulty, Treasurer Tashia Butterfield 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 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 18, 2023, 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: Collins, Casper, and Moulton. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Haeker opened the floor to approve the minutes of the October 4, 2023, council meeting. Motion by Collins, second by Moulton to approve the regular minutes of the October 4, 2023, council 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 to discuss the claims and invoices for October 5, 2023, through October 18, 2023, for a total of \$ 97,156.64. Motion made by Moulton, second by Collins to approve the claims. 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 Haeker opened the floor to discuss and or approve the Treasurer's report. Motion by Moulton, 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, and Moulton. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Haeker opened the floor to discuss and or approve Caring Cupboard Sign Placement. Jane Blum said that there were drivers that came out of Omaha, and the GPS just points them to the city Auditorium. Jane asked for the sign that was in place back because they do need visibility on main street. Emily White stated that they serve some families in the Alma community, and to do that, people need to be able to find them. Mayor Haeker said that he google mapped it and it took him right to the back door. Mayor Haeker said that you can not see it coming from the west. Emily White said that the Trail of Treasurer was their best weekend ever and she used a temporary sign. But it is not feasible to do that with the age of their volunteers. There was a lady from Republican City that did the signs. Dyann Collins suggested that they look into the business sign out on the highway since we changed it to no cost for the spots. They would only have the cost of the sign. Jane mentioned another kind of sign that could hang over a bench that would sit in front of the auditorium. Moulton said that he liked that idea. Blum and White said that they would get some renderings drawn up and bring them back to present to the council.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss and or approve the Authorization for Larry Casper to sign checks at Banner Capital Bank, First State Bank, and Community Bank. Motion by Moulton, second by Collins to accept the Authorization for Larry Casper to sign checks at Banner Capital Bank, First State Bank, and Community Bank. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Collins, Moulton, and Haeker. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss Personnel. Collins suggested using a headhunter and had reached out to two companies. She presented documents from both companies to the council. Mayor Haeker stated that

the new budget year has started so that all we had in the budget was the \$80,000. Dyann mentioned that if we do not hire anyone, we are not out anything. Moulton stated that we can still put ads out and hire on our own. Motion by Moulton to proceed with Associated Staffing with recommendation by Dyann, second by Casper. 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 and or approve Request for wage increase by present staff member. CeeAnn Affolter is asking for the same 5% given to the new Treasurer, as she was promised that she would stay at the same rate of pay as the current Treasurer, Tashia Butterfield. Motion by Collins, to accept the request for wage increase for CeeAnn Affolter, second by Moulton. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes, Casper, Moulton, and Collins. Voting no: None. The motion carried.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Moulton, second by Collins. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes, Casper, Moulton, and Collins. Voting no: None. The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 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