

MINUTE RECORD FOR CITY OF ALMA
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
November 3, 2021

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Alma, Nebraska was held at City Hall on Wednesday, the 3rd of November 2021, at 5:30 p.m.

Present were Council Members: Dyann Collins, Larry Casper, Tom Moulton, Chris Tripe and Mayor Hal Haeker. Administrator Lorri Bantam, City Treasurer CeeAnn Affolter, City Attorney Doug Walker, City Clerk Jessica Nash and 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 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 November 3, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. and the following business was transacted:

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

Mayor opened the floor to approve the minutes of the October 20, 2021, regular council meeting. Motion made by Tripe, second by Casper to approve the minutes of the October 20, 2021, regular 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 opened the floor to discuss the claims and invoices. Motion by Moulton, second by Tripe to approve the claims and invoices for period October 21, 2021, through November 3, 2021, for a total of \$53,392.61. 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 the Treasurer's report. Treasurer Affolter mentioned that the Golf funds are low. Motion by Collins, second by Moulton 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: Collins, Moulton, Tripe and Casper. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Haeker opened the floor to discuss waiving the vendor permit fees for the Chamber of Commerce's Shop Small Saturday event. They will be having mobile vendors set up in the streets as well as having vendors in the Auditorium. The Chamber of Commerce will be charging a \$30 booth fee to set up in the auditorium, which will then go back into the Auditorium renovation account. Brenda Cook expressed a desire to have the fees waived for the small business owners as the sales tax generated would be directed back to Alma. Motion by Collins, second by Casper to approve waiving the vendor permit fee for shop small Saturday. 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.

Mayor opened the Hearing to discuss the 1 & 6 Year Street Improvement Plan at 5:44 pm. Gary Steele with Miller & Associates stated the plan has not changed in 4-5 years. The plan is a guide and can be modified during the year. He worked with Travis Dunse to determine what needs fixed. Mr. Steele also informed the council that our Highway Allocation funds will be down from \$180,727.90 to \$155,675 for 2022. He also stated our LMI number is at 44.3% which is too low to be eligible for federal grants based on population incomes. There being no more discussion on the public hearing Mayor Haeker requested to close the hearing at 5:51 pm. Motion by Tripe, second by Moulton to close the public hearing. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Moulton, Casper, Tripe and Collins. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss the Main Street Drainage project. Gary Steele from Miller & Associates

stated they will be redoing the curb to get the proper drainage. They are trying their best to take minimal sidewalk and street space to still get the streets to drain. Council asked if we can get more drains in the middle of the blocks. Gary is going to return to the next meeting to answer questions upon re-evaluating the blocks. Gary is also going to get with Russ and re-evaluate size of the pipe going to the main.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss a Special Designated Liquor License for Fisherman’s Corner on November 20, 2021. Motion by Moulton, second by Casper to approve the SDL for Fisherman’s Corner. 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 a Special Designated Liquor License for the Alma Rotary on November 29, 2021. Motion by Collins, second by Moulton to approve the SDL for the Alma Rotary. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Tripe, Collins, Moulton and Casper. Voting no: None. Motion Carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss the Airport Taxiway Light Project estimate #1 for \$12,320.00 payable to Olsson. Motion by Tripe, second by Casper. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Tripe, Collins, Moulton and Casper. Voting no: None. Motion Carried.

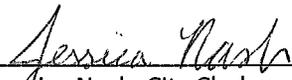
Mayor opened the floor to discuss a stipend for Treasurer CeeAnn Affolter. Per handbook policy, cash bonuses can be given for excellence. Lorri recommended a \$1,500 bonus to CeeAnn for working the clerk and treasurer position for three months. Motion made by Collins, second by Casper to approve a \$1,500 stipend to CeeAnn. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Tripe, Moulton, Casper and Collins. Voting no: None. Motion Carried.

Mayor opened the floor for the Administrator’s Report. Lorri stated LeRoy’s Tree Service will be removing a few more trees from the walking path. One is a very large tree overhanging the walking path by the boat dock area. We will need to budget funds next year to have more trees around the recycling area removed. A few are splitting and are becoming hollow inside the trees.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Moulton, second by Tripe. There being no further discussion on the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Tripe, Moulton, Collins and Casper. Voting no: None. Meeting was adjourned at 6:19 pm.


Hal Haekel, 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.


Jessica Nash, City Clerk

