

MINUTE RECORD FOR CITY OF ALMA  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
December 16, 2020

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Alma, Nebraska was held at City Hall on Wednesday, the 16th of December, 2020, at 5:30 p.m.

Present were Council Members: Dyann Collins, Tom Moulton, Chris Tripe and Mayor Hal Haeker. Administrator Doug Wilson, City Attorney Doug Walker, Treasurer Lorri Bantam, Utility Superintendent Russ Pfeil, Clerk Jessica Miller and Larry Casper 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 December 16, 2020, at 5:30 p.m. and the following business was transacted:

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

Mayor opened the floor to approve the minutes of the December 2, 2020, regular council meeting and reorganization meeting. Motion made by Moulton, second by Collins to approve the December 2, 2020 minutes, as presented. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Moulton, Collins and Tripe. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss the claims and invoices for period December 3, 2020 through December 16, 2020 for a total of \$120,048.45. Motion by Tripe, second by Moulton to approve the claims and invoices for period December 3, 2020 through December 16, 2020 for a total of \$120,048.45. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Tripe, Moulton and Collins. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss 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: Moulton, Collins and Tripe. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to consider/approve Resolution 11-2021 Municipal Annual Certification of program compliance to Nebraska Board of Roads Classifications and Standards 2020. Motion by Moulton, second by Tripe to approve Resolution 11-2021 Municipal Annual Certification of program compliance to Nebraska Board of Roads Classifications and Standards 2020. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Moulton, Tripe and Collins. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss/appoint councilman to fill vacancy. Mayor Haeker recommended to the council Larry Casper. Motion by Tripe, second by Collins to approve Larry Casper as the new Ward II councilman. 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. Motion carried. Larry Casper read and signed his Oath of Office at this time.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss/approve salary for the new City Administrator. Motion by Collins, second by Casper to approve \$55,000 starting salary for Lorri Bantam and will re-evaluate in 6 months for an increase to \$60,000 if job is satisfactory. 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/approve agency agreement with Tallgrass authorizing NPGA to act as our agent. Motion by Casper, second by Tripe to approve agency agreement with Tallgrass authorizing NPGA to act as our agent. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Casper, Tripe, Collins and Moulton. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss/approve sanitation rate increase. We have not raised the trash rates in 7 years and need to do so to start putting back funds for a new trash truck. Motion by Tripe, second by Moulton to approve raising the trash rates 13% with the hopes of not re-visiting or raising the rates for another 5 years. There being no 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 to discuss/sign the completion certificate for Pinpoint's Alma NE fiber project. Motion by Tripe, second by Collins to approve the signing of the completion certificate for Pinpoint's Alma NE fiber project on December 22, 2020 upon verification that the project is complete. 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 opened the floor to discuss/approve claim from CDS Inspections & Beyond for housing administration services on HR-06 and HR-09 in the amount of \$40.42. Motion by Tripe, second by Casper to approve claim from CDS Inspections & Beyond for housing administration services on HR-06 and HR-09 in the amount of \$40.42. There being no discussion on the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Tripe, Casper, Moulton and Collins. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss/approve claim for materials to homeowner on project HR-06 in the amount of \$41.83. Motion made by Moulton, second by Collins to approve claim for materials to homeowner on project HR-06 in the amount of \$41.83. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Moulton, Collins, Casper and Tripe. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss/approve claim for materials to Glass Doctor on project HR-09 in the amount of \$362.39. Motion by Casper, second by Moulton to approve claim for materials to glass doctor on project HR-09 in the amount of \$362.39. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Casper, Moulton, Collins and Tripe. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to Administrator Wilson for his Administrator's report. Mr. Wilson has been working on cleaning up his computer and email for the transition of the new administrator in January. He was contacted about a new trash truck. We are working with a dealer to replace our current truck that is 7 years old. Will be discussing this at a meeting in January.

Motion by Tripe, second by Collins to adjourn the meeting at 6:49 p.m. 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. Meeting was adjourned at 6:49 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.

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Jessica Miller, City Clerk

