

**MINUTE RECORD FOR CITY OF ALMA**  
**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**December 20, 2023**

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Alma, Nebraska was held at City Hall on Wednesday, December 20, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.

Present were Council Members: Tom Moulton, Dyann Collins, Larry Casper, and Mayor and Acting Administrator Hal Haeker. Absent: Chris Tripe. City Clerk Dawn McNulty, Treasurer Tashia Butterfield, 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 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 December 20, 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 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: Casper, Collins, and Moulton. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Haeker opened the floor to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2023, council meeting. Motion by Moulton, second by Casper to approve the regular minutes of the December 6, 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 approve the minutes of the December 6, 2023, Reorganizational; council meeting. Motion by Moulton, second by Casper to approve the Reorganizational minutes of the December 6, 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 December 7, 2023, through December 20, 2023, for a total of \$111,210.15. Motion made by Moulton, second by Casper to approve the claims. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Collins, Moulton, and Casper. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Haeker opened the floor to discuss and or approve the Treasurer's report. 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: Casper, Collins, and Moulton. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss and or approve Andrew Millers request to use the Auditorium for youth wrestling. Motion by Collins, second by Moulton to approve Andrew Millers request to use the Auditorium for youth wrestling free of charge. 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 appoint Rod Hoard the Planning Commission. Motion by Moulton, second by Collins to approve Rod Hoard the Planning Commission. 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 appoint Steve Fitz the Planning Commission. Motion by Moulton, second by Casper to approve Steve Fitz the Planning Commission. 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 appoint Vicki Hohfeld to the Tree Board. Motion by Moulton, second by Collins to approve by Vicki Hohfeld to the tree board. 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 Don Jardon walking in the Auditorium Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8:00 am to Noon. Motion by Casper, second by Collins to approve Don Jardon walking in the Auditorium on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8:00 am to Noon. 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 plans for 32 N. John Street. This item was postponed until all members of the board were present for the discussion.

Mayor Haeker opened the floor to discuss and or approve Certificate of Compliance for 2023 Maintenance Agreement with the Nebraska Department of Transportation. Motion by Moulton, second by Collins to approve Certificate of Compliance for 2023 Maintenance Agreement with the Nebraska Department of Transportation. 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 the 2024 Maintenance Agreement Renewal with the Nebraska Department of Transportation. Motion by Collins, second by Casper to approve the 2024 Maintenance Agreement Renewal with the Nebraska Department of Transportation. 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. The motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss and or approve Federal Share Summary and Progress Estimates related to Airport Taxiway Lighting Grant. Moulton stated that he thought we had this paid off with the last payment. Treasurer Butterfield explained that this was one of more invoices to be expected from Olsson for this project. Butterfield stated that there are four stages they can bill us for. They have completely billed us for the design and bidding phase. Under contract quantity is what they can bill us for each phase. Butterfield said that there are four stages they have billed us for. The first phase is completely paid for, and they have billed us most of the second, the construction phase, with about \$12,000 left to be billed. The closeout phase has been halfway billed at \$3000. So, we should expect those amounts to come in Casper asked if these were all of our funds or are we reimbursed from the grant. Butterfield said once those are billed, they are sent in, and we are reimbursed 90%. This is for the lighting only. Motion by Moulton, second by Casper to approve Federal Share Summary and Progress Estimates related to Airport Taxiway Lighting Grant. 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. The motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss and or approve June 29, 2023, Storm Damage Claim and how it should be allocated. Points of discussion included how the deductible was calculated, the breakdown of the balance to each department, and the breakdown of funds from Dillon and the Golf Board. Haeker shared that the ballfield lights would be taken care of in full with this payment. Richard Calkins brought an idea for a new grain bin style gazebo to the board and he will bring back more information at another meeting. Motion by Moulton, second by Collins to approve June 29, 2023, Storm Damage Claim and how it allocated with the city's figures. 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. The motion carried.

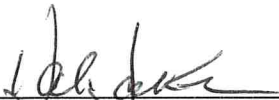
Mayor opened the floor to discuss and or approve Bidding of City Property and Casualty Insurance. Haeker spoke about looking at different insurance companies and about talking to LARM about our insurance review in April. Haeker said if you are a taxpayer, you want to make sure that we are looking out for your best interest. Currently the insurance is \$130,000 for the year. Casper stated that with the rising costs of everything, we have to come up with some way to cut these costs, be it with LARM or the



state or whomever. Motion by Moulton, second by Collins to approve Bidding of City Property Insurance. 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. The motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss and or approve Personnel. Mayor Haeker said that there have not been any new applicants and that the position is still open. Haeker stated that we have not heard anything from Associated Staffing at this time.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Moulton, second by Casper. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Casper, Collins, Moulton and. Voting no: None. The meeting was adjourned at 6:58p.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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Dawn McNulty, City Clerk

