

**MINUTE RECORD FOR CITY OF ALMA**  
**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**February 21, 2024**

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Alma, Nebraska was held at City Hall on Wednesday, February 21, 2024, 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, City Attorney Doug Walker, 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 February 21, 2024, 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: Casper, Collins, and Moulton. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Haeker opened the floor to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2024, council meeting. Motion by Moulton, second by Collins, to approve the regular minutes of the February 7, 2024, 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 February 8, 2024, through February 21, 2024, for \$81,249.98. 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: Collins, Moulton, and Casper. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Chris Tripe arrived at 5:35 pm

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

Mayor Haeker opened the floor to Michael Hoback from AMGL CPA's & Advisors to present the Audit findings for the fiscal year ending September 2023. Michael went thru the printed report and explained various points to the council. The City of Alma has one deficiency where the staff size precludes certain internal controls that would be preferred if the office staff were large enough to provide optimum segregation of duties. He explained that all municipalities our size have this deficiency and the council has to remain diligent in looking over the financial reports, claims and invoices. He went on to explain the Audit findings which include numerous journal entry transactions to adjust the cash basis accounting to the accrual basis required for state reporting. The main Audit finding included a recommendation to continue to monitor the operating costs of providing utility services for necessary increases in rates, specifically in the water and sewer departments. Michael then explained the bench marking his firm does that compares Alma with other communities our size. Michael stated the positive revenue from the water and sewer rate increase that was implemented last year. The Cash Reserves were above the recommended level but would be decreased as capital outlay projects are implemented and cash is spent.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss and or approve Class D Liquor License for Pronto. Motion made by

Collins, second by Casper to approve Class D Liquor License for Pronto. 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 City vacation, sick and comp time policy. Motion made by Moulton, second by Collins to revisit the city vacation, sick and comp time policy at a later date. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Casper, Collins, and Moulton. Voting no: Tripe. Motion carried.

Mayor Haeker opened the floor to discuss and or approve.

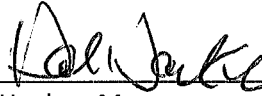
**Ordinance 2024-7 Revising the City Code to limit the number of Dogs or Cats an owner may keep upon premises occupied by such owner.**

Moulton stated that we do not have the right to restrict the number of cats or dogs that a person has if they are being well taken care of. If they are not being taken care of, Moulton stated that we have ordinances to address that, as well as ordinances for noise complaints. No motion was put forward to approve Ordinance 2024-7 Revising the City Code to limit the number of Dogs or Cats an owner may keep upon premises occupied by such owner. No action was taken.

Chris Tripe left the meeting at 6:33

Mayor opened the floor to discuss and or approve Personnel. Mayor Haeker stated that Jeff Temple had withdrawn his application for Administrator. Haeker said that they will continue to look at one of the other candidates.

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, Collins, and Moulton Voting no: None. The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 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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Dawn McNulty, City Clerk

