

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

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

Present were Council Members: Larry Casper, Dyann Collins, Tom Moulton, Chris Tripe and Mayor Hal Haeker. Administrator/Treasurer Lorri Bantam, City Attorney Doug Walker, Clerk Jessica Miller, Don Jardon, Bryan Lubeck, Keri Anderson and Todd Kauk 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 February 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: Casper, Moulton, Collins and Tripe. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2021, regular council meeting and changes to the January 6, 2021 regular council meeting minutes. Motion made by Tripe, second by Casper to approve the January 20, 2021 and changes to January 6, 2021 minutes, as presented. 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 the claims and invoices for period January 21, 2021 through February 3, 2021 for a total of \$114,861.65. Motion by Moulton, second by Collins to approve the claims and invoices for period January 21, 2021 through February 3, 2021 for a total of \$114,861.65. 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 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, Casper and Tripe. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss/approve installing a booster pump on the main water line to service Harlan County Road Department building and 1 resident. The Road Department has poor water pressure and contacted Todd Kauk to see what could be done. He suggested a booster pump that would be housed underground in a concrete pit. Putting the booster on the Road Department line would likely take water pressure from the one other resident that is on that 2" water line. If they put the booster pump south on the larger main line before the "T" it would give both locations better water pressure and shouldn't starve anyone's water pressure. Russ Pfeil the Utility Superintendent is concerned that it could cause issues for the house that are south of where they want to put the Booster. The County is looking for City approval to install the booster on the main line. The county would be responsible for all of the costs of the project and would gain responsibility of all lines that go from the booster "pit" to the county shop along with the line from the pit to the one other resident's meter. Attorney Doug Walker will draw up an agreement for the County to look over. Todd Kauk is going to go back to the County and see what they would like to do. Motion by Tripe to table the agenda item until a later date.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss/approve Resolution 11-2021 to provide direct borrowing from financial institution for the new sanitation truck purchase. Lorri Bantam contacted all 3 local banks for their interest rates. The Community Bank had the lowest interest rate so we chose them for the loan. Motion by Moulton, second by Collins to approve Resolution 11-2021 to provide direct borrowing from financial institution for the

new sanitation truck purchase. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Moulton, Collins and Casper. Voting no: None. Tripe abstained. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss/approve wage increase for part time staff at the Hoesch Memorial Library. Some Library Board members were in attendance to discuss. The library has 2 part-time staff that are currently only making \$8.25/hour. The library board would like to get them up to minimum wage which is \$9.00. Since the City is a municipality we do not have to follow the state minimum wage requirements but do have to follow the federal minimum wage requirements which is \$7.25. The treasurer and Library manager Keri Anderson will watch the budget closely to make sure they stay within it for the rest of the year and make cuts in other areas if needed to accommodate the raise in wages. Motion by Moulton, second by Casper to approve wage increase for part time staff at the Hoesch Memorial Library up to \$9.00/ hour. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Moulton, Casper, Collins and Tripe. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

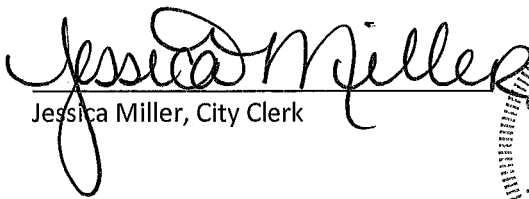
Mayor opened the floor to discuss/approve the new City Treasurer. Mayor Haeker recommend to the City Council the appointment of Susie Janssen. Motion by Moulton, second by Tripe to approve Susie Janssen for the City Treasurer position with a starting salary range of \$41,000 to \$42,000. An exact salary amount will be decided at the next council meeting on February 17, 2021. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Moulton, Tripe, Casper and Collins. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor for the Administrator's report. Lorri Bantam mentioned to the council that the new siren was installed and that she will be looking into seeing what we can do to decrease the length of the sound like the other older ones that we have in town. The sheriff's office is having some issues with it not shutting off when the older ones do. Bantam will update the council when she gets more information. The utility floater position has been advertised in the local newspaper, the Kearney Hub and on the League of Nebraska Municipalities website. As of today, we have 5 applications. A small group of local officials watched a webinar to go over the Hazard Mitigation Plan. Two City Council members are signed up for the virtual Mid-winter conference that starts this weekend. One other Council member will watch the conference recordings after the seminars are over. Great opportunity for learning.

Motion by Tripe, second by Moulton to adjourn the meeting at 6:38 p.m. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Tripe, Moulton, Collins, and Casper. Voting no: None. Meeting was adjourned at 6:38 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.


Jessica Miller, City Clerk

