

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

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Alma, Nebraska was held at City Hall on Monday, the 3rd of May, 2021, at 5:31 p.m.

Present were Council Members: Larry Casper, Dyann Collins, Tom Moulton, Chris Tripe and Mayor Hal Haeker. Administrator Lorri Bantam, City Attorney Doug Walker, Treasurer Susie Janssen, City Utility Superintendent Russ Pfeil and Clerk Jessica Miller. Keri Anderson and Cindy Boehler 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 May 3, 2021, at 5:31 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 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: Moulton, Casper, Collins and Tripe. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2021, regular council meeting. Motion made by Tripe, second by Collins to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2021, regular council meeting. 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 the claims and invoices for period April 22, 2021 through May 3, 2021 for a total of \$71,105.55. Motion by Collins, second by Moulton to approve the claims and invoices for period April 22, 2021 through May 3, 2021 for a total of \$71,105.55. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Collins, Moulton, Casper, and Tripe. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

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

Mayor opened the floor to discuss/approve Certification of Resolution for the Employee Premium Only Plan year ending May 31, 2022. Motion by Collins, second by Casper to approve Certification of Resolution for the Employee Premium Only Plan year ending May 31, 2022. 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 Susie Janssen to sign the Authorization to Request Funds form for the CDBG drawdown requests. Motion by Moulton, second by Collins to approve Susie Janssen to sign the Authorization to Request Funds form for the CDBG drawdown requests. 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 compost site hours and days of operation. Motion by Tripe, second by Moulton to approve extending the hours on Monday nights from 3 until dark during the summer. The new compost hours for April thru September are Monday & Wednesday 9-Dark and Saturday 9-3:30. 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 to discuss/approve new employee hire at the Hoesch Memorial Library and fill in help. Keri Anderson informed the board that she was not ready to recommend anyone as a clerk yet and would

add it as an agenda item at a later meeting. Stephanie Adams would like to stay on as fill-in help. Motion by Collins, second by Tripe to approve Stephanie Adams to stay employed as fill-in help. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Collins, Tripe, Casper and Moulton. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss/approve hours of operation for the Hoesch Memorial Library. Motion by Tripe, second by Moulton to approve the following hours of operation at the Hoesch Memorial Library; Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 10am-8pm, Friday 10am-5pm and Saturday 10am-3pm starting May 10, 2021. 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 to discuss/approve claim ALMA-ADMIN-34 to CDS Inspections & Beyond for administration services on project ALMA-HR-12 in the amount of \$490.25. Motion by Moulton, second by Collins to approve claim ALMA-ADMIN-34 to CDS Inspections & Beyond for administration services on project ALMA-HR-12 in the amount of \$490.25. 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.

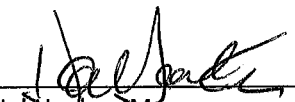
Mayor opened the floor to discuss/approve claim #ALMA-HR-12 from RQC, Inc in the amount of \$4,500 for work done on project ALMA-HR-12 of the Housing Rehabilitation Program. Motion by Tripe, second by Collins to approve claim #ALMA-HR-12 from RQC, Inc in the amount of \$4,500 for work done on project ALMA-HR-12 of the Housing Rehabilitation Program. 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 to discuss/approve claim from homeowner of ALMA-HR-12 for materials and supplies purchased in the amount of \$402.50. Motion by Tripe, second by Moulton to approve claim from homeowner of ALMA-HR-12 for materials and supplies purchased in the amount of \$402.50. 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. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss/approve CDBG Drawdown #29. Motion by Moulton, second by Casper to approve CDBG Drawdown #29. 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 for the Administrator's report. The City could save around \$15,000 by refunding the 2016 GO Various Purpose Bond (South Street). The current average interest rate is 2.65% and if locked in today would be around .60%. The interest rate and savings amount will change some by the time we would lock it in. We currently make annual payments with a balance of \$260,000 and 7 years to pay (2028). If we wish to move forward with this, Tobin Buchanan would have the refunding resolution and ordinance for the May 17th meeting. As always, passing the proceedings would not obligate the City to move forward if rates should rise, it would just allow us to move forward if we felt the savings level was good enough. The Rotary Club is looking for a place to store their trailer since the property previously used has been sold. Letting this community service organization store it beside the City Shop in the grassy area would be a good location for easy access. Jessica Miller submitted her resignation. Her last day in the office will be May 4th and will use vacation till May 17th. The ad for the City Clerk position was in the Harlan County Journal, on the city Website and on the Life in Alma Facebook page.

Motion by Moulton, second by Tripe to adjourn the meeting at 6:08 p.m. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Moulton, Tripe, Collins and Casper. Voting no: None. Meeting was adjourned at 6:08 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 Council Meeting Minutes 5.3.20211

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.



Lorri Bantam, City Administrator