

MINUTE RECORD FOR CITY OF ALMA
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
June 21, 2021

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Alma, Nebraska was held at City Hall on Monday, the 21st of June 2021, at 5:31 p.m.

Present were Council Members: Larry Casper, Tom Moulton, Chris Tripe and Mayor Hal Haeker. Absent Council Member: Dyann Collins. Administrator Lorri Bantam, Treasurer Susie Janssen, City Attorney Doug Walker, City Utility Superintendent Russ Pfeil, Curtis Christensen and Patrick Calkins 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 June 21, 2021, at 5:31 p.m. and the following business was transacted:

Roll call: Larry Casper-present, Dyann Collins-absent, 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: Moulton, Casper and Tripe. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to approve the minutes of the June 7, 2021, regular council meeting. Motion made by Tripe, second by Moulton to approve the minutes of the June 7, 2021, regular council meeting. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Tripe, Casper and Moulton. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss the claims and invoices. Motion by Tripe, second by Moulton to approve the claims and invoices for period June 8, 2021, through June 21, 2021, for a total of \$416,329.88. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Moulton, Casper, and Tripe. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

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

Mayor opened the floor to discuss the Airport project to install the taxiway lights. Curtis Christensen spoke about the plans to add lights to the taxiway. The estimated cost is \$300,000 with the City paying 10% of the cost. This is a FAA requirement to add lighting to the taxiway. The project would be for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022. Motion made by Moulton, second by Casper to approve moving forward with the taxiway lighting project for FY 2021-2022. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Moulton, Casper, Tripe. Voting no: None, Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss the Ball Association and future improvements they would like to see at the ball fields. Derek Ehrke is asking the City to help maintain the grounds at the ball fields. Ehrke presented the council with a list of projects that the Association feels needs attention. The fence behind home plate on the small field needs to be higher. The council asked the Ball Association to get budget costs and details of what they would like to do for the next Fiscal year. The Ball Association is wanting to work together with the City to make sure things are getting done at the fields. There was no decision made.

Mayor opened the floor for a request for Special Designated Liquor License to Fisherman's Corner on 7-10-21 for a reveal party. Motion by Tripe to approve the SDL to Fisherman's corner, second by Moulton. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Tripe, Moulton, Casper. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor for a request for Special Designated Liquor License to The Station on 7-31-21 for a fundraiser for CASA and to block the north side of the street. Motion by Tripe to approve the SDL to The Station and to deny blocking the street, second by Moulton. There being no further discussion upon the motion

made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Tripe, Moulton, Casper. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor for a request to extend the liquor license hours for the Alma Municipal Golf Course on July 17, 2021 till 2 am for their glow ball tournament. Motion by Moulton to approve the extended hour of their Liquor License, second by Tripe. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Tripe, Moulton, Casper. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

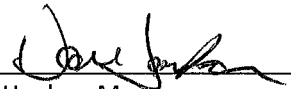
Mayor then opened the floor for the Airport Taxiway Project Estimate #11 to Olsson and approve the Summary of Project Costs for federal funds to be reimbursed to the city. Motion by Casper, second by Moulton to approve Project Estimate #11 for \$14,019.11 payable to Olsson and Summary of Project Costs in the amount of \$12,617.00 in Federal Funds due to the City. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Tripe, Moulton, Casper. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to attorney Patrick Calkins to discuss sewer services for the annexed area north of town. Patrick stated that the plan of annexation must be adopted not later than 1 year after date of annexation and this was not done. Doug Walker discussed the plan when they annexed the addition to the City and also stated that the City ordinance states that if a sewer line comes within 300 ft of your property, you must connect to City sewer, if you are further than 300 ft you are not required to. The biggest thing Patrick feels the residents in the annexation is lacking is sewer and water pressure. They feel like the increase in taxes hasn't been providing the services they were promised. Residents also feel like the City never really had a plan to get them the services that they were promised. Mayor stated all the services that were to be part of the annexation have been fulfilled besides sewer. Casper made a motion to go into executive session at 7:03 pm for possible litigation, seconded by Moulton, Tripe abstained, Mayor Haeker voted yes. Present was Mayor Haeker, Moulton, Casper, Tripe, Doug Walker and Lorri Bantam.

Casper made a motion to reconvene regular meeting at 7:21 pm, second by Moulton. Roll call vote, the following voted yes: Tripe, Moulton, Casper. Voting no: None. Motion Carried. No decision being made in executive session.

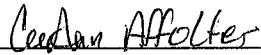
Mayor opened the floor for the Administrator's report. Lorri Bantam informed the council the Library will have two part time openings. The Parrot Theatre roof has been leaking and the Insurance adjuster looked at the damage and stated that insurance will cover the costs. Midwest Roofing was the last contractor to replace the roof and will be replacing it. Administrator Bantam will find a contractor to replace the ceiling tiles inside the Theatre and paint. Administrator Bantam stated that the lease at 32 N John is a month to month lease. The current tenant has moved her business to main street but will continue to rent this building. Other businesses have contacted Lorri about renting that building. Discussion was made weather to terminate the current lease and rent it to another new business. No decision was made. The next council meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 6th, 2021 due to the 4th of July Holiday.

Motion by Tripe, second by Casper to adjourn the meeting. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Moulton, Tripe, Casper. Voting no: None. Meeting was adjourned at 7:34 pm.



Hal Haeker, Mayor

I the undersigned Acting 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.



CeeAnn Affolter, City Clerk