

MINUTE RECORD FOR CITY OF ALMA
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
August 16, 2021

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Alma, Nebraska was held at City Hall on Monday, the 16th of August 2021, at 5:30 p.m.

Present were Council Members: Dyann Collins, Larry Casper, Tom Moulton, Chris Tripe (arrived late) and Mayor Hal Haeker. Administrator Lorri Bantam, City Clerk CeeAnn Affolter, 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 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 August 16, 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-absent, 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: Collins, Moulton, Casper. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to approve the minutes of the August 2, 2021, regular council meeting. Motion made by Moulton, second by Collins to approve the minutes of the August 2, 2021, regular 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 opened the floor to discuss the claims and invoices. Motion by Moulton, second by Casper to approve the claims and invoices for period August 3, 2021, through August 16, 2021, for a total of \$118,447.82. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Collins, Moulton, Casper. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Councilman Tripe entered the meeting at 5:32 pm.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss 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: Collins, Moulton, Casper, and Tripe. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Haeker opened the floor to discuss Resolution 23-2021 and cleaning contract with Samantha Kresser. Motion by Tripe, second by Casper to approve the cleaning contract with Samantha Kresser. Motion by Collins, second by Moulton to approve Resolution 23-2021. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Collins, Moulton, Casper, Tripe. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss Resolution 24-2021 for the Municipal Annual Certification of Program Compliance to Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classification and Standard 2021. This is the annual highway, street and road money that we receive from the state. Motion by Moulton, second by Collins to approve Resolution 24-2021 for the Municipal Annual Certification of Program Compliance to Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classification and Standards 2021. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Collins, Moulton, Casper, Tripe. Voting no: None.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss the special liquor license for The Bait Box for a wedding reception at the Auditorium on 8/28/21. Motion by Tripe, second by Moulton to approve the SDL for The Bait Box on 8/28/21. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Collins, Moulton, Casper, Tripe. Voting no: None.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss the special liquor license for Fisherman's Corner on 9/25/21 for a Tail Gate Diaper party. Motion by Tripe, second by Collins to approve the SDL for Fisherman's Corner on 9/25/21. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes:

Collins, Moulton, Casper, Tripe. Voting no: None.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss the appointment of CeeAnn Affolter to City Treasurer. Motion by Casper, second by Tripe to approve the appointment of CeeAnn Affolter to City Treasurer. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Collins, Moulton, Casper, Tripe. Voting no: None. Discussion was made about the salary for CeeAnn. Collins made the motion to go into executive session, second by Casper to discuss personnel matters at 5:56 pm. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Collins, Moulton, Casper, Tripe. Voting no: None.

Moulton made a motion to reconvene regular meeting at 6:26 pm, second by Collins. Roll call vote the following voted yes: Tripe, Collins, Moulton, Casper. Voting no: None. Motion by Moulton, second by Casper to start CeeAnn Affolter at \$38,000 with a salary increase to \$41,000 at the start of the fiscal year 2021/2022. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Collins, Moulton, Casper. Voting no: Tripe.


Mayor Haeker opened the floor to discuss the Street Use Permit Policy. Lorri Bantam presented to the council samples of what some other towns are using. The council liked what Lorri had drawn up for Alma to use. Collins feels it is a good idea to have so the Sheriff can be notified of events that would have streets blocked. The permit would need to be filed with the City with a \$10 filing fee. Motion by Collins, second by Casper, to approve the Street Use Permit Policy. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Collins, Moulton, Casper, Tripe. Voting no: None.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss Landmark Dividend's offer to purchase our cell tower lease with US Cellular. Landmark has approached us and wants to buy out our lease. Lorri Bantam reached out to them and they would pay us a lump sum of 15-16 years lease payment. Landmark would be in charge of the lease and if the tenant leaves, they have the option to replace the tenant. Motion by Collins, second by Casper to deny the Landmark Dividend offer to purchase the cell tower lease with US Cellular. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Collins, Moulton, Casper, Tripe. Voting no: None.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss the partial paving of Seventh Street west of Highway 183. Russ Pfeil spoke about the plans that it would have a 2% slope from the center to the end and be 25 ft wide. No curb and gutter would be poured as that would have to be engineered. The estimated cost is \$70,000. Moulton would like to see the City to armor coat on Division Street first before going west. Tripe stated he would like to see the 1 year projects get done first in the 1 and 6 year plan. He also stated the City needs to look into the Main Street drainage or armor coating on Division Street. Motion by Moulton, second by Tripe to get cost estimates from contractors on Seventh Street paving, Main Street drainage and Division Street armor coating. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Collins, Moulton, Casper, Tripe. Voting no: None.


Mayor opened the floor for the Administrator's report. Lorri Bantam presented Susie Janssen's resignation letter and her last day of employment was August 16, 2021.

Motion by Tripe, second by Moulton to adjourn the meeting. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Collins, Moulton, Tripe, Casper. Voting no: None. Meeting was adjourned at 7:07 pm.



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.



CeeAnn Affolter, City Clerk