

MINUTE RECORD FOR CITY OF ALMA  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
September 1, 2021

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Alma, Nebraska was held at City Hall on Monday, the 1<sup>st</sup> of September 2021, at 5:30 p.m.

Present were Council Members: Dyann Collins, Larry Casper, Tom Moulton, and Mayor Hal Haeker. Administrator Lorri Bantam, City Treasurer 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 September 1, 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 16, 2021, regular council meeting. Motion made by Moulton, second by Collins to approve the minutes of the August 16, 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 Collins, second by Moulton to approve the claims and invoices for period August 17, 2021, through September 1, 2021, for a total of \$285,398.53. 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 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. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Haeker opened the floor to discuss the Ball Association's request to replace scoreboard and duties and responsibilities of the Ball Association. Derek Ehrke said the scoreboard on the north field doesn't work most of the time. It's hard to find parts for it anymore. He got an estimate to fix it for \$1,500 or to replace it for \$2,895. There are two banks that have sponsored the scoreboard in the past and those same banks will donate to help fund the costs of the scoreboard. Motion by Moulton, second by Casper to approve the request to replace the scoreboard on the north field. 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. Derek presented the council with an agreement between the Ball Association and the City, with who would take care of what with the ball field grounds. The city has added to the cleaning contract to clean the ball field bathrooms once a week with Samantha Kresser. The Ball Association will still need to check them after each game and take trash out. Jill Schmidt spoke about a grant with the State of Nebraska Parks and Rec. The grant has a minimum of \$80,000 costs and half of it must be matched. The Ball Association would like to add sidewalks between the fields leading up to the concession stand. Lorri Bantam said the City didn't budget for this for the 21-22 FY. Jill will continue to look for grants that would be more feasible within their budget. The board thanked them for their time and communication efforts.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss the request for 1% increase in Restricted funds for 2021-22 Fiscal Year. This allows us to have the authority to increase the budget 1% over the normal allowable growth on restricted funds. Motion by Casper, second by Collins to approve the requested 1% increase in Restricted Funds for 2021-22 Fiscal Year. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call

vote, the following voted yes: Collins, Moulton, Casper. Voting no: None.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss Airport Taxiway project Estimate #3 for \$153,950.75 payable to Paulsen Inc and Summary of Project costs in the amount of \$153,951.00 in Federal Funds due to the City. Motion by Moulton, second by Casper to approve the Airport Taxiway project Estimate #3 payable to Paulsen Inc and Summary of Project costs 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: Collins, Moulton, Casper. Voting no: None.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss Airport Taxiway project Estimate #13 for \$33,549.07 payable to Olsson and Summary of Project costs in the amount of \$30,195.00 in Federal Funds due to the City. Motion by Collins, second by Casper to approve the Airport Taxiway project Estimate #13 payable to Olsson and Summary of Project costs 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: Collins, Moulton, Casper. Voting no: None.

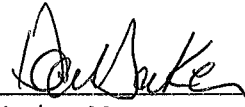
Mayor opened the floor to discuss the appointment of Cody Simmons to the CRA board. Mayor Haeker has spoken to Cody, and he seems very interested in the position. Cody has rentals in town and has a finance background. Motion by Moulton, second by Collins to approve the appointment of Cody Simmons to the CRA board. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Collins, Moulton, Casper. Voting no: None.

Mayor Haeker opened the floor to approve or deny the new corporate manager application to the NE Liquor Control Commission for Bosselman's Pump & Pantry Inc for Kinsey Bosselman. Motion by Moulton, second by Collins, to approve the new corporate manager application for Bosselman's Pump & Pantry Inc. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Collins, Moulton, Casper. Voting no: None.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss Resolution 25-2021 Special Assessment lien on 503 Second Street for \$251.00 for a mowing nuisance. Motion by Casper, second by Moulton to approve Resolution 25-2021 Special Assessment Lien on 503 Second Street. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Collins, Moulton, Casper. Voting no: None.


Mayor opened the floor for the Administrator's report. Lorri Bantam said the RV park recently has their annual inspection. They had no violations, but they had some small things to address. The RV Park is to submit a 5-year plan of things they want to do. This process takes about 6 to 8 months to get anything done with the Corp. of when they are ready to do a project. The Airport Taxiway project is completed, and they recently had their final walk through. After the last big rain there was one drainage issue that Paulsen will take care of. LB-26 goes in effect on October 1, 2021, which states no sales tax charged on residential water usage. This will reduce our sales tax income by about \$4,000 a year. Lorri discussed with the council the drainage issue on Highway 183 by The Station. There has been much discussion between the State and the City on who maintains the ditches. The Department of Transportation says the City will maintain the ditches along the highway. Kent Shaffer says he can dig the ditch out to help the water flow down hill better. The roof at the Parrot Theater has been fixed. Lorri has placed an add in several papers looking for bids to replace the ceiling tiles and paint inside the Theater. The Annual Conference is coming up in September. Lorri will be gone during the scheduled days of the conference. Lorri has asked CeeAnn to attend the conference to get her continuing education hours that she needs. If we don't have the staff to cover the office, the City office will be closed Thursday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>. The budget hearing, which was originally scheduled for September 1<sup>st</sup>, has been moved to September 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 due to the paper not getting the Budget Hearing information published.

Motion by Moulton, second by Collins to adjourn the meeting. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Collins, Moulton, Casper. Voting no: None. Meeting was adjourned at 6:59 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, Acting City Clerk