Almena City Council

The Almena City Council was called to order at 7 p.m. on Monday, April 1, 2019 by Mayor Tracy Stutsman. Answering roll call were Amy Chandler, Brian Sproul, Bob Hawks. A quorum was declared.

It was moved and seconded to approve the March minutes as written, MOTION CARRIED.

Additions to the Agenda:

Tim Bashford

There was no Fire Chief Report.

Special: Update on Water Project from Alan Luttrell. There will be a progress update meeting at 9 AM on Tuesday April 2, at the Community Building. Copies of Estimate 2 was submitted. Change Order #61. It was moved and seconded to pay Estimate 2 for $75,097.83. MOTION CARRIED.

City Code Report

* There were 2 letters sent this month for Travel Trailers in the city that are not in compliance. Additionally, several letters will be sent for numerous other vehicles that are not compliant with the City Code.
* Cathy has contacted two salvage companies about the removal of the vehicles. We need to find out how many they can haul off at once. It was also discussed on where the vehicles will be put as they are picked up for the salvage company to haul them off.
* The letter and Notice of Violation documents to be sent were reviewed.

Visitor Recognition

* Tim Bashford and Amanda Davis were present to inquire about where their easement was. Alan Luttrell explained. Tim & Amanda would like to have the bush back that was pulled out when the sewer work was done. The bush was destroyed, because it came out in pieces. They also need a Tap for water put in for a meter they will need for a building project. They were told the city would do all the work except put in the Meter, that would be done when the building is put up.

New Business:

* There will be a CMB Rate change. Paperwork was signed to increase to $50.00 per year. No charge for special events. This will be effective April 1, 2019. Motion Carried
* The Crime award fund account will be closed. It has a zero balance.
* Amy Chandler inquired about the City Clean Up date. It is April 29,30, and May 1. Items in Almena need to be at the curb and sorted on April 29.

Old Business:

* Update on the Pickup Truck purchase for the City. A fleet number is required to get the discount and has been applied for. The pickup will be pursued once we get the fleet number.

Attorney Report:

* Discussion on junk vehicles, the City will have to apply for a lost title if no title is available on these vehicles.
* Amy inquired about the ½ price destruction grant and if it could be used for the Emporium structure. It is a possibility that can be used.

City Operator Report:

* Chandler gave a report on the water project. valves, meters, and hydrants are continuing to be

 installed.

* Chandler reported on his recent Water Certification test, and Class 1 test he has

recently has taken.

* Discussion on the condition of the streets in town and we will need to figure out by the next meeting a plan of fixing them.

City Clerk Report:

* A transfer of $78,135,46 to the General Checking. Current Balance 3/29/19 is $622,939.77.
* Cathy gave Certificate of Deposit rates for investing of the funds. It will be revisited next month.
* Cathy will be attending some Asset Management and Financial Planning workshops on April 10 & 11. There is no registration fee.
* Cathy will attend the Budget Workshop May 8th in Colby. Registration $75.00.
* It was moved seconded to approve the bills presented, MOTION CARRIED.

Financials were reviewed. Delinquent accounts were discussed. There being no further business it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting, motion carried at 8:07pm

The next meeting will be Monday, May 6, 7pm.

Jeniece Schemper – Deputy City Clerk

Minutes are not approved until next meeting.