

# Almena City Council

The Almena City Council was called to order at 7 PM on Monday, April 6, 2020 by Mayor, Tracy Stutsman. Answering roll call were Amy Chandler, Bob Hawks, Ethan Hays, & Brian Sproul. A quorum was declared.

The minutes from the last meeting were read by City Clerk, Cathy Rivera. It was moved and seconded to approve the March minutes. MOTION CARRIED.

The Agenda was adopted

Fire Chief report – City Clerk reported that she spoke to Jeff and he said “stay home”.

No Water Project Pay Estimates this month.

## Visitor Recognition

- No Visitors

## New Business

- The community center allows for social distancing for our City Council meetings so we do not have to use social media to hold our meetings. It is very important during these times of fear and uncertainty that the City Council continue to meet and that we adhere to KOMA (Kansas Open Meetings Act).
- The Norton County Board of Health has closed all of the parks, playgrounds and equipment, restrooms, and athletic courts in the county in efforts to reduce exposure and prevent the spread of Covid-19.
- Rod Johnson requested that the City consider assisting him with the water leak at Blake Johnsons home. It was substantial and efforts were taken immediately when it was discovered. The Council voted to assist with half of the water charge from last month’s bill.

## Old Business – None

## Attorney Report

- 802 Pratt – Notice of hearing was discussed and next steps if resident does not vacate the property.

## City Operator Report:

- Chandler was not present – City Clerk covered his items listed on the agenda.

## City Clerk Report

- Renewal of City Insurance policy with EMC – slight increase. New amount is \$21,101.
- The Debt for the removal of home at 508 Sanborn was satisfied through a special assessment on property tax.
- Pet Licensing – at 47 out of approx. 80 dogs in town.
- The City purchased a skunk trap that allows capture without the skunk being able to spray.
- The list of dilapidated properties in Almena was discussed and prioritized. A structural engineer will be coming to look at the homes listed as ‘worse’ next month. *City will contact owners to discuss concerns.*

## Financial Reporting

- Bills were presented and approved. MOTION CARRIED
- Balance sheet was provided.
- Check register
- Budget to actual, none presented
- Delinquent accounts were reviewed.
- With no further business it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 PM. MOTION CARRIED.

The next meeting will be Monday, May 4, 2020, at 7 PM.

Cathy Rivera, City Clerk.

Minutes are not approved until next meeting.