

Almena City Council

The Almena City Council was called to order at 7 p.m. on Monday, June 3, 2019 by Mayor Tracy Stutsman. Answering roll call were, Brian Sproul, Amy Chandler, Bob Hawks. A quorum was declared.

It was moved and seconded to approve the May minutes after changes, as written, MOTION CARRIED.

Additions to the Agenda: There were no additions to the Agenda.

The Fire Chief was not present.

Special: Update on Water Project from Alan Luttrell. There will be a progress update meeting at 9 AM on Tuesday June 4th 7, 2019 at the Community Building. It was moved and seconded to pay Estimate 4 for \$198,112.21. MOTION CARRIED. Change order #4 was distributed to council members and explained by Mr. Luttrell in detail. A large part of the expense is for additional boring that is needed. Change Order cost was \$185,905.00. MOTION CARRIED.

City Code Report

- Jeniece Schemper presented a code report with an updated spreadsheet on Junk Vehicles. No additional Vehicle letters have been sent out this month. There have been 14 Vehicles removed from Almena. There were also 4 Weed and Grass Letters Sent out this month. Cathy explained there were 6 Resolution letters that needed to be signed. These will be sent registered mail to some of the owners of the Vehicles that needed to be removed, and we have had no communication with regarding plans for removal. The letters were signed by Tracy. MOTION CARRIED.

Visitor Recognition

- Jim Bland was present and has interest in purchasing 512 Main Street, The Emporium. He would like to Purchase it from the owner.
- Jessica Norris from Nex-Tech was present to explain the automatic renew communication agreement that is due July 1, 2019. Cathy said she would like to review it and will be in contact before July 1, 2019.
- A letter was read from Jean Ann Wilson about a concern she has with the trash from the field north of her house especially during the last few rains. Chandler is going to call the County and have them look into it, and he thinks there needs to be a tube put in.

Old Business:

- Justin Davis' 45 days on the Emporium is Due 6/6/2019.
- There was some discussion on the Community Building Flooring Project. This project is on hold.

The Attorney was not Present.

City Operator Report:

- Chandler reported on a repair he had to make one morning at 3AM. That was due to the heavy rain.
- It was also discussed about the need for part time help, and an Ad has been placed in the Norton Telegram.

City Clerk Report:

- Cathy said there is a free rate study available through MAP to determine whether our water rates will sustain the Utility services.
- There is a need for an Ordinance to increase Tap Fees. This was tabled until next month.

Financials were reviewed. Delinquent accounts were discussed. There being no further business it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. MOTION CARRIED at 8:33 PM.

The next meeting will be Monday, July 1, 7pm.

Jeniece Schemper – Deputy City Clerk

Minutes are not approved until next meeting.