

Almena City Council

The Almena City Council was called to order at 7 PM on Monday, July 6, 2020 by Mayor Tracy Stutsman. Answering roll call were Amy Chandler, Bob Hawks, & Kevin Sides. 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 June 2020 minutes after one correction. MOTION CARRIED.

The Agenda was adopted with three additions to New Business: (e) Budget. (f) Resolutions. (g) Streets

Fire Chief report – Fire Chief was not present

Special-Alan Luttrell with Pay Estimate and Change order 11 for \$4,129.13. After some discussion it was decided to accept only the partial estimate in the amount of \$500.00 for supplies, and do the labor ourselves. Motion Carried. Alan also submitted post water project maps of water lines and will provide more copies of the same if we wish.

Visitor Recognition-Randy Bantam

- Randy Bantam was present to discuss tearing down house on 311 Brockton and taking it to the landfill. He requested that he be allowed to use the city's discount rate at the Landfill. The council agreed to allowing the use of the discount for the landfill charge and Chandler will visit with the Norton County Landfill about this. Randy would also like to build a shed and would like Chandler to locate the water line.

New Business

- Johnson Easement agreement. There was an increase of \$100.00 per year.
- Discussion on opening a Money Market account to receive a higher interest rate. It was decided to check with Doug Sebelius before opening the account.
- Building Permits for approval: D. Delimont on Bourton Street and 2M Seed on Pratt. Motion Carried.
- Resident at 602 Williams reported the ground is sinking, AC sinking, water in the basement. It was decided to have the resident take care of this problem with their landlord.
- Brian Thompson provided Cathy with the Budget and the council spent time discussing and if necessary to plan for projects/purchases. No changes were made.
- Resolution (#2020-0003, & 0004) were presented for signatures on the Unfit Structures. Motion Carried.
- It was suggested to grade the streets toward the center of the road to have better use of the gravel.

Old Business

- The new Utility Billing System is going well and should be ready for billing in July.
- Street repairs needed on Railroad Street, City's portion is approx. \$6600.00. Motion Carried.
- Allowing Jim Bland to paint the Post Office was discussed. It was decided not to authorize this painting since the building is not owned by the City.
- Jim Bland painted the Flower Stands. The council thought they looked very nice. They were also nicely decorated for July 4th Holiday.
- Stop Signs by the School were discussed. The Crosswalks are in need of painting. It was decided this is to be done by the school this summer.
- The Council requested the Antique Emporium needs to be fixed within the next 60 Days. (By September 3, 2020)

Attorney Report

- Not Present.

City Operator Report:

- A mosquito sprayer was discussed with a cost of \$11,000. The old sprayer may be able to be repaired and sold. There may be an increase in charge for the sprayer jobs that Chandler does. Motion Carried.

City Clerk Report

- Pet Licensing – at 73 licenses sold out of approx. 80 dogs in town.
- Proposed Physical and Drug Screen for New Hires. The cost for this would be approximately \$250.00. The council agreed on \$13.00 per hour on hiring a part time employee. (20 hours week)

Financial Report

- Approve Bills Motion Carried.
- Balance Sheet
- Check register
- Budget to Actual when provided.
- Delinquent accounts were reviewed.

With no further business it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 PM. MOTION CARRIED.

The next meeting will be Monday, August 3, at 7 PM.

Jeniece Schemper, Deputy City Clerk

Minutes are not approved until next meeting.