

Almena City Council

The Almena City Council was called to order at 7 PM on Monday, August 10, 2020 by Mayor Tracy Stutsman.

Answering roll call were Amy Chandler, Bob Hawks, & Ethan Hays. 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 July 2020 minutes. MOTION CARRIED.

The Agenda was adopted with one addition. (7c Properties)

Fire Chief report – Fire Chief was not present

Special-Alan Luttrell with Pay Estimate and Change order 11 \$-(16,254.45) & 12 final is \$9,529.00. There was also a Certificate of Substantial Completion. After some discussion, MOTION CARRIED.

Visitor Recognition-Jim Bland

- Jim Bland asked for clarification on what the Council wants him to do with the Emporium. More damage has been done recently on the roof. An inspector will be coming in August to see if it is safe to get on the roof to start repairs. Jim will be at the next city council meeting with an update.

New Business

- Budget Hearing on 2021 Budget. MOTION CARRIED.
- Executive Session for 10 minutes on hourly wages. Chandler increase wages \$2.00 hr, Cathy & Jeniece increase wage \$1.00 per hour. MOTION CARRIED.
- Discussion on a property in Almena that is in need of repairs. Discussion was made on getting something done on this property moving forward. Possible hiring someone to spray weeds and hiring an inspector.

Old Business

- The new Utility Billing System is going well bills were sent out and new payment postcards will be here next Cycle.
- Street repairs have been started on Railroad Street.
- Cathy discussed Physical Capacity Profile that was used on a new part time hire for the City. Cost was \$80.50.
- A New Prairie Dog Money Market account will be opened and signatures will be needed.
- Cathy is going to call Norton Glass to get an estimate on a Plexi Glass for the Community Building kitchen. This can be submitted for payment through the Norton County Spark Community Relief Funds.

Attorney Report

- 802 Pratt hearing date has been set for September 8, 2020.

City Operator Report:

- Not Present.

City Clerk Report

- Report was included in Old Business.

Financial Report

- Approve Bills MOTION CARRIED.
- Balance Sheet
- Check register
- Budget to Actual was provided.
- There were no delinquent accounts to view.

With no further business it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 PM. MOTION CARRIED.

The next meeting will be Monday, September 14, 2020, at 7 PM.

Jeniece Schemper, Deputy City Clerk

Minutes are not approved until next meeting.