

Almena City Council

The Almena City Council was called to order at 7 PM on Monday, October 5, 2020 by Mayor Tracy Stutsman. Answering roll call were Amy Chandler, Bob Hawks, Ethan Hays, & 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 September 14, 2020 Minutes. MOTION CARRIED.

The Agenda was adopted with 2 additions: 7a Exhaust Braking complaint, 7b Seniors Lunch, MOTION CARRIED.

Fire Chief report – Fire Chief was not present

Visitor Recognition

- There were no visitors.

New Business

- There was a complaint of a Truck using his exhaust Jake Brake when coming into town. Tracy will contact this person.
- There was discussion on the Seniors using the Community building for lunches, possibly Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. It was suggested that we try this for 6 Months and see if it is working ok for all involved and it was discussed bringing in a refrigerator for Senior Lunch use only.

Old Business

- Senior Center Letter was submitted by Roger Archer of Proposed use of Community Building.
- City Wide Fall Clean up. Norton County Landfill is not conducting a free fall clean up so Almena would be billed.

Attorney Report

- Update on 802 Pratt. The hearing will be October 7, 2020. The occupant has been served.
- Ordinance 449- This is the annual notice for weeds/grasses. MOTION CARRIED.
- Update on 308 Benton. There is an unreleased mortgage on this property and the bank is checking into this.
- There was discussion on A Vehicle parked in the Snow Route on 310 Ives.
- A Building permit was approved. MOTION CARRIED.

City Operator Report:

- No Report

City Clerk Report

- Fall Vendor Fair is November 7, 2020. 15 Tables are sold.
- This year 2019 Tax Disbursement were received for 802 Bryant, 904 Pratt & 508 Sanborn from Special Assessments. All but one of the specials for 2019 have been paid.
- Owners have not requested a hearing on 510 Ives and 301 Washington. We need to move forward on these properties.
- There was discussion on the hiring of a Deputy City Clerk. Options on hours of work for the Current Deputy City Clerk were discussed also.
- Discussion on a barking dog complaint. This is the 2nd complaint on this animal. Fines and possibly need to pick up the dog. A letter will be sent to resident.

Financial Report

- Approve Bills MOTION CARRIED.
- Balance Sheet
- Check register
- Budget to Actual Quarterly.
- Delinquent accounts were viewed.

With no further business it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 PM. MOTION CARRIED.

The next meeting will be Monday, November 2, at 7 PM.

Prepared from recorded minutes by Jeniece Schemper, Deputy City Clerk.

Minutes are not approved until next meeting.