Almena City Council

The Almena City Council was called to order by Mayor Tracy Stutsman at 7:00 PM on Monday, April1st, 2024. Answering roll call were Bob Hawks, Ethan Hays, and Sarah Montgomery. A quorum was declared.

Minutes were read and approved from the March 4th, 2024 meeting. MOTION CARRIED

The agenda was adopted with additions: New Business: (F) BB gun; (G) Structural Compliance Issues

Old Business: (D) Alley

**Fire Chief Report** –Fire Chief Not Present- no new fires reported

**Visitor Recognition-**None present

**New Business**

* Proposal on the repeal of Ordinance 441 and increase amount of deposit for utility services to equal 2-month avg bill and lengthen time to keep deposit to 2 years was presented. This would address issues regarding residents moving out without notice and leaving high bills for landlords. Tabled for now.
* Community Center kitchen sinks faucets are needing a “pull down” to better assist with washing large pots. A motion was made to purchase these new faucets MOTION CARRIED.
* Curb cut requested at 410 Main- Granted
* Received quit claim deed for 308 Benton from James Anderson. City Attorney. Acceptance Pending attorney’s findings.
* CD renewals are coming up- comparisons of interest rates with local financial institutions ongoing.
* Complaints regarding young person shooting out of windows with bb gun- cameras will be checked and Sheriff notified.
* Structural Compliance Issues- there are many dilapidated structures throughout the town that need addressed.

**Old Business**

* Emergency Preparedness –Obtaining quotes on generators.
* Low response rate on Lead and Copper Survey- received 31 out of 177. Need all customers to respond.
* Water Salesman- Received 3 quotes, Accepted quote Hawks Construction.
* Alley behind Home Oil is in need of rock. Agreed to add more rock

**Attorney Discussion/Report**

* Dog Court update; Discussion on getting LCRR Survey’s returned; Property for Park tax exempt.

**City Operator Report**

* Presented water salesman quote and discussion on other topics

**City Clerk Report**

* Discussion of requirements on Lead and Copper Revised Rule. After much discussion it was decided to incentivize residents to complete the survey by offering $25 to complete and also to reward those who have completed the survey with a $25 credit.
* Houses at 602 and 606 Williams – the county/city receives no property taxes CHDO Exemption.

**Deputy City Clerk Report**

* AR Aging
* Steering Committee update

**Financial Report**

* Approve Bills MOTION CARRIED.
* Balance Sheet
* Check register

With no further business it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:30pm. MOTION CARRIED.

The next meeting will be Monday, May 6th 2024, at 7PM. Cathy Rivera, City Clerk

Minutes are not approved until next meeting.