

Almena City Council Minutes

The Almena City Council was called to order by Mayor, Tracy Stutsman at 7:00 PM on Monday, January 13, 2025. Answering roll call were Bob Hawks, Sarah Montgomery, and Ethan Hays. A quorum was declared.

Minutes were read and approved from the December 2nd, 2024, meeting. MOTION CARRIED

Fire Chief Report –Fire Chief Not Present

Visitor Recognition- Randy Husted presented a plan for a 12' x 16' shelter for the north side of the community center. Discussion resumed with questions and answers about the design and functionality. The cost of the shelter will be paid by Randy and others through donations. The City will make a donation - amount undetermined at this time. It was moved to allow the construction of the shelter – MOTION CARRIED

City Operator Report

- FMCSA Cerrificate of Completion received 94% score; will be taking driver exam later this week.
- Is feeling more comfortable in the job, still a lot to learn.
- SCADA system alarms every night probably due to cold weather. working on a solution.
- Ordered a new lid through Skrdlant for north well meter pit.

New Business

- GAAP Waiver Resolution 2025-01 presented - MOTION CARRIED
- Appropriations Ordinance No 461 presented - MOTION CARRIED
- Updated Personnel Policies and Guidelines presented for review. Will discuss adoption at February meeting.
- Water softener needs replaced – discussion about using Culligan vs purchasing one. Cathy will call Culligan.
- Owner was willing to donate the lot at the north end of Walnut St for truck parking. City declined offer.
- Tien Easement Agreement was discussed. Further discussion will resume.
- Snow removal in Alleyways discussed. Owners with garages facing alley will have to contract snow removal.

Old Business

- Shed north of Community Center – see under Visitor Recognition above.
- Dockendorf has not paid toward fine due by February 5. Doug will reach out to him. Also have another dog not registered with the city

Attorney Discussion/Report- Added to discussion on GAAP Waiver Resolution and Appropriations Ordinance.

City Clerk Report

- Two water leaks were reported last month: BNelson hydrant 64.50 and DBaird home 372.80. A 50% water only credit was given to each as per standard operating procedure.
- Delinquent Dog Registration Letters sent out.

Deputy City Clerk Report

- Not present

Financial Report

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

With no further business it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:00pm. MOTION CARRIED. The next meeting will be held on Monday, February 3rd, at 7PM.

Cathy Rivera, City Clerk. Minutes are not approved until the next meeting.