

ALMA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
December 1, 2009
6:00 p.m.

The Governing Body of the City of Alma met in regular session at City Hall, at 6:00 p.m., with the following Council Members being present: Dan Deiter, Paul Gronquist, Gary Lesline and Chris Torrey. Council Member Pam Bales was absent. Mayor Maurice Baker declared that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order. City representatives in attendance were City Clerk Sharon White, City Utility Superintendent Jon Bolinder, City Marshal Mark Falk and City Attorney Tom Barnes. Also in attendance were Tonia Michaelis, Assistant Vice President with Wamego First National Bank; Dwight Faulkner, Vice President of Wamego First National Bank. Brian Kingsley, P.E., Principal with BG Consultants, Inc. arrived at 6:45 p.m.

Mayor Maurice Baker asked everyone in attendance to stand to give the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Maurice Baker reported there was one item to add to the Agenda. Council Member Paul Gronquist moved to add to the Agenda – Brian Kingsley with BG Consultants, Inc. Council Member Dan Deiter seconded this motion. Motion carried.

There was no public comment.

There were two bids submitted to handle temporary financing for the Wastewater Renovation Project Phase II. After much discussion Council Member Chris Torrey moved to accept the bid from Wamego First National Bank at an interest rate of 2.85%. Council Member Gary Lesline seconded this motion. Motion carried.

The minutes of November 17, 2009 were reviewed. Council Member Gary Lesline moved to approve the minutes as amended. Council Member Paul Gronquist seconded this motion. Motion carried.

The bills were reviewed. Council Member Dan Deiter moved to pay the bills as submitted. Council Member Gary Lesline seconded this motion. Motion carried.

There were nine plumbing licenses submitted for approval.

Council Member Gary Lesline moved to approve a plumbing license for Dennis Butler of Butler Plumbing and Heating, Inc. Council Member Dan Deiter seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Council Member Dan Deiter moved to approve a plumbing license for Vincent Glotzbach of Bill's Plumbing and Heating, Inc. Council Member Paul Gronquist seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Council Member Paul Gronquist moved to approve a plumbing license for Larry Hendricks of Hendricks Hardware & Supply Inc. Council Member Chris Torrey seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Council Member Chris Torrey moved to approve a plumbing license for Danny Lane of Lane's Plumbing and Heating. Council Member Gary Lesline seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Council Member Gary Lesline moved to approve a plumbing license for Jason Evans of Jason Evans Construction. Council Member Dan Deiter seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Council Member Dan Deiter moved to approve a plumbing license for Tony Reid of Reid Plumbing, Heating and Air. Council Member Paul Gronquist seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Council Member Paul Gronquist moved to approve a plumbing license for John Whitaker of Theel Plumbing. Council Member Chris Torrey seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Council Member Chris Torrey moved to approve a plumbing license for Brad Heinisch of Central Mechanical Construction Co., Inc. Council Member Gary Lesline seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Council Member Gary Lesline moved to approve a plumbing license for Don Frank of Franks Plumbing and Heating. Council Member Dan Deiter seconded this motion. Motion carried.

There were four Cereal Malt Beverage licenses submitted for approval.

Council Member Dan Deiter moved to approve a Cereal Malt Beverage License for Milton Stuewe, Jr. of Stop 2 Shop. Council Member Paul Gronquist seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Council Member Paul Gronquist moved to approve a Cereal Malt Beverage License for Donald and Deborah Westhoff of Deb's Restaurant. Council Member Chris Torrey seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Council Member Chris Torrey moved to approve a Cereal Malt Beverage License for David Hedges of DJ's Bar and Grill. Council Member Gary Lesline seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Council Member Gary Lesline moved to approve a Cereal Malt Beverage License for Jim Puff of Alma Food Mart. Council Member Dan Deiter seconded this motion. Motion carried.

There was one Liquor License submitted for approval.

Council Member Gary Lesline moved to approve a Liquor License for Karen Wright of Wright Retail Liquor Store. Council Member Dan Deiter seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Council Member Paul Gronquist moved to approve giving a \$40 gift certificate to each full time and part time city employee. Council Member Chris Torrey seconded this motion. All Council Members voted yes with the exception of Council Member Gary Lesline voting no. Motion carried.

There was discussion on exempting not for profit organizations from paying the Solicitor's License fee as stated in the City's Code. The following organizations were submitted for approval to become exempt from paying the solicitors' fee: Local Boy Scouts, Local Girl Scouts, Local School Affiliated Organizations, Local Church Affiliated Organizations, Local 4-H, Local Swim Team and Alma Recreation. Council Member Gary Lesline moved to approve these organizations to be exempt from paying the Solicitors License fee. Council Member Dan Deiter seconded this motion. Motion carried.

City Marshal Mark Falk discussed his Marshal Report.

City Clerk Sharon White discussed the proposed 2009 Amended Budget. The sewer budget for 2009 is over budget because the sewer rates that were increased to satisfy the debt for the Sewer Renovation Project are collected and put into the sewer fund which is transferred into the Sewer Renovation Loan Fund. This amount was not put on the 2009 Budget. There was discussion concerning holding a Public Hearing for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed amended 2009 Budget. It was decided to have the hearing on December 15, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

City Utility Superintendent Jon Bolinder reported and discussed the following:

- He gave an update on the Wastewater Renovation Project.
- He reported that the sealed bids for the construction of the Collection System Rehabilitation, Phase I of the Wastewater Renovation Project Phase II will be opened on December 10, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. The major items of work include: sanitary sewer cleaning, video inspection, manhole inspection, taping, and the preparation of a recommendations report of approximately 27,500 lf of sanitary sewer.
- He asked homeowner Chris Torrey to clarify the bill that was submitted to augur his sewer line. Chris Torrey had a sewer back-up and had his sewer line augured before it was determined that the back-up was on the City. He was asking the City to pay the bill since it was backed up on the City side. City Superintendent Jon Bolinder reported a shirt and grease had clogged the sewer main and advised the Governing Body that the City

has paid one previous similar request he is aware of. He is not aware of any instance where the City has paid for any clean-up or damages. After much discussion Council Member Gary Lesline moved to pay this bill. Council Member Paul Gronquist seconded this motion. Council Member Chris Torrey abstained. Motion carried.

- He discussed the Balderson Street Project in Wamego, Kansas. The Kansas Corporation Commission has notified him that they have concerns about the project. They are concerned about the wheel and track loading over the top of the line, as there will only be 2 feet of cover over the line during the construction. They are also advising that there should be continuous inspection during the project. He thought this might be the best time to upgrade to a 6" line and lower our facilities while the road is under construction. Hopefully this will help ease some of KCC concerns about the wheel and track loading. It was the consensus of the Governing Body to contact KCC and find out if replacing the gas line will help ease their concerns and to obtain an estimate to replace the gas line.
- He reported that a Midwest Concrete Company truck hit the primary electrical transformer at Alma Foods. The damages have been billed to Midwest Concrete Company.

City Attorney Tom Barnes left the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Mayor Maurice Baker left the meeting at 7:55 p.m. and turned the meeting over to Council Member Paul Gronquist.

Brian Kingsley, P.E., Principal with BG Consultants, Inc. presented a Conceptual Downtown Streetscape Improvement Plan. After much discussion the Governing Body made a decision to hold a Public Hearing on December 15, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. to inform the public about this project. It was decided to mail a letter to Alma Businesses informing them of the Public Hearing and also to publish the Public Hearing in the Wabaunsee County Signal Enterprise. Brian Kingsley left the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

There was no action taken on any other unfinished business other than what was discussed above.

There was no other new business.

At 8:45 p.m. Council Member Dan Deiter moved to adjourn to December 15, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. to conduct a Public Hearing on the 2009 Amended Budget and regular city business and to conduct a Public Hearing at 7:30 on the Conceptual Downtown Streetscape Improvements to be held at the Community Center. Council Member Gary Lesline seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

City Clerk