

ALMA CITY COUNCIL  
PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING  
December 15, 2009  
6:00 p.m.

Mayor Maurice Baker called the Public Hearing of the Alma City Council to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following Council Members present: Pam Bales, Chris Torrey, Dan Deiter, Paul Gronquist and Gary Lesline. City representatives in attendance were City Clerk Sharon White and City Utility Superintendent Jon Bolinder. Also in attendance was Ervan Stuewe with Wabaunsee County Signal Enterprise.

Mayor Maurice Baker declared the reason for the Public Hearing was for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed 2010 Amended City Budget.

Mayor Baker opened the floor for public comment.

There was no public comment.

At 6:05 p.m. Council Member Paul Gronquist moved to close the Public Hearing. Council Member Gary Lesline seconded this motion. Motion carried. Mayor Maurice Baker declared the Public Hearing was closed.

The Governing Body of the City of Alma met in regular session at the Alma Community Center, at 6:05 p.m., with the following Council Members being present: Pam Bales, Dan Deiter, Paul Gronquist, Gary Lesline and Chris Torrey. Mayor Maurice Baker declared that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order. City representatives in attendance were City Clerk Sharon White and City Utility Superintendent Jon Bolinder. Also in attendance was Ervan Stuewe with Wabaunsee County Signal Enterprise. City Marshal Mark Falk arrived at 6:50 p.m. and Deputy City Clerk Sherry Smith arrived at 7:00 p.m.

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

The 2010 Amended Budget was submitted for approval. Council Member Dan Deiter moved to approve the 2010 Amended Budget as submitted. Council Member Gary Lesline seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Maurice Baker reported there were four items to add to the Agenda. Council Member Paul Gronquist moved to add to the Agenda under Approvals – Bid for Collection System Rehabilitation Phase I, Wabaunsee Adult Transportation Services letter of support, Nex-Tech Agreement and End of Year Transfers. Council Member Dan Deiter seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Under public comment: Ervan Stuewe gave praise on the good job the employees did on the snow removal. After visiting two larger cities and five smaller cities he concluded that none of those streets were as good after snow removal as the Alma streets.

The minutes of December 1, 2009 were reviewed. Council Member Gary Lesline moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Council Member Chris Torrey seconded this motion. Motion carried.

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

The bills for the sewer renovation project in the amount of \$25,880.00 from EBH and Associates for engineering design services, \$174,421.43 from Midland Contractors, Inc. for contractors work and \$1,100.00 from Reese & Novelly for grant administration fees were reviewed. Council Member Pam Bales moved to approve the bills as submitted. Council member Gary Lesline seconded this motion. Motion carried.

An Agreement from Pottberg, Gassman and Hoffman to audit the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2009 and provide assistance in preparation of the 2011 annual budget was submitted for approval. After some discussion Council Member Dan Deiter moved to approve the agreement as submitted. Council Member Pam Bales seconded this motion. Motion carried.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALMA, KANSAS, AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF MAIN INTERCEPTOR SEWER IMPROVEMENTS IN THE CITY; AND PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE COSTS THEREOF was considered and discussed.

Thereupon, Council Member Dan Deiter moved that said motion be passed. Council Member Gary Lesline seconded this motion. Said Ordinance was duly read and considered, and upon a vote being had, the motion for passage of was carried by the vote of the Governing Body, the vote being as follows:

Council Member Pam Bales:	yes
Council Member Paul Gronquist:	yes
Council Member Dan Deiter:	yes
Council Member Gary Lesline:	yes
Council Member Chris Torrey	yes

Thereupon, Mayor Maurice Baker declared said motion duly passed and the Ordinance was numbered Ordinance 463, signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk.

The engineer's recommendation for award of bid on the Wastewater Improvements Project, Collection System Rehabilitation, Phase I was discussed. Utility Maintenance Contractors, Inc. is the apparent low bidder. The recommendation for award from EBH & Associates was to award the Notice of

Bid to Utility Maintenance Contractors for the bid amount of \$36,550.00 for the Collection System Rehabilitation Phase I to include: sanitary sewer cleaning, video inspection, manhole inspection, taping, and the preparation of a recommendations report of approximately 27,500 lf. After some discussion Council Member Chris Torrey moved to award the Notice of Bid to Utility Maintenance Contractors and to direct EBH & Associates to prepare the necessary contracts. Council Member Gary Lesline seconded this motion. Motion carried.

There was discussion concerning writing a letter of support to help the Wabaunsee County Adult Transportation Services obtain continuing operating and capital assistance from the Kansas Department of Transportation for the fiscal year 2010. After some discussion it was the consensus of the Governing Body to write the letter of support.

A License Agreement from Nex-Tec, Inc., to put wireless networking equipment on the water tower, at a license fee of \$120.00 per month was submitted for approval. After much discussion Council Member Pam Bales moved to approve the agreement as submitted. Council Member Dan Deiter seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Year-end transferring of General Funds was discussed. After some discussion Council Member Pam Bales moved to transfer from the General Fund \$30,000.00 into the Klink Project Fund, \$3,000.00 into the Equipment Reserve Fund to be used towards the purchase of a new mower and \$10,000.00 into the Equipment Reserve Fund to be used towards the purchase of equipment. Council Member Dan Deiter seconded this motion. Motion carried.

City Utility Superintendent Jon Bolinder reported and discussed the following:

- He reported on the Kansas Department of Health Environment Alma Public Water Supply – Sanitary Survey Inspection. There were no noncompliance issues. Some of the notations from the inspection were as follows: Recommendation for repair or removal of the old water tower, the contact basins show signs of leakage, recommendation to consider starting a meter replacement program, and the City of Alma Emergency Preparedness Plan was approved. There was discussion concerning removal of the old water tower and it was decided to explore options for the removal of the old water tower.
- He has not heard from Carley Construction concerning the timeline as to when they plan to start on the 3<sup>rd</sup> street curb & gutter project.
- He reported that the last snow removal went well. He appreciated the community's cooperation on removing the vehicles from Missouri Street during the last snow storm. It took a little longer to clear snow from the driveways because one backhoe was broken.
- He reported that he purchased the snow plow truck.

- He discussed the Balderson Street Project in Wamego, Kansas. He contacted the Kansas Corporation Commission and they will always be concerned about damage prevention; therefore, he felt that the KCC should not be the deciding factor to replace the gas line at this time. It was decided that since the road is currently under construction this would be the most cost effective time to replace the gas line. He presented a cost from Northern Pipeline of \$66,285.00 to replace 2700 feet of gas line. After much discussion Council Member Pam Bales moved to approve the replacement of 2700 feet of gas line. Council Member Chris Torrey seconded this motion. Motion carried.

City Utility Superintendent Jon Bolinder left the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

There was discussion concerning vehicles parking too close to the intersection at 9<sup>th</sup> and Kansas. The Governing Body will investigate this concern.

There was discussion on the Downtown Streetscape Improvements Project and how much of the Sales Tax Funds should be used for repayment of this project. There was no action taken but it will be discussed at a future meeting.

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

There was no other new business.

At 7:15 p.m. Council Member Pam Bales moved to adjourn the regular meeting. Council Member Chris Torrey seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Mayor Maurice Baker called the Public Hearing of the Alma City Council to order at 7:30 p.m. with the following Council Members present: Pam Bales, Chris Torrey, Dan Deiter, Paul Gronquist and Gary Lesline. City representatives in attendance were City Clerk Sharon White. Also in attendance were Ervan Stuewe with Wabaunsee County Signal Enterprise; Brian Kingsley, P.E., Principal with BG Consultants, Inc. and Dan Harden, PE., Senior Project Engineer with BG Consultants, Inc. A list of the public that was in attendance will be on record at City Hall.

Mayor Maurice Baker declared the reason for the Public Hearing was for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the Downtown Streetscape Improvement Plan Streetscape Project.

Brian Kingsley, P.E., Principal with BG Consultants, Inc. presented a Conceptual Downtown Streetscape Improvement Plan. Dan Harden, PE, Senior Project Engineer with BG Consultants, Inc. also answered questions pertaining to the plan.

Mayor Baker opened the floor for public comment.

The public comments were addressed.

At 9:30 p.m. Council Member Pam Bales moved to adjourn to January 5, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. to conduct regular city business. Council Member Paul Gronquist seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

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City Clerk