

ALMA CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING

July 9, 2009

6:00 p.m.

Mayor Maurice Baker called the Regular Meeting of the Alma City Council to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following Council Members present: Pam Bales, Dan Deiter, Paul Gronquist, Gary Lesline and Chris Torrey. City representatives in attendance were City Clerk Sharon White and City Utility Superintendent Jon Bolinder.

A 2010 Budget Work Session was held.

Correspondence from City Auditor Randy Gassman was again reviewed. The City's valuation decreased from \$5,532,164.00 last year to an estimated value of \$5,015,246.00 for this year's computations. This means if the City chose to levy the exact same amount of tax dollars this year as last, the levy would increase from 40.915 to 45.132, or an increase of 4.217 mills because of the decrease in valuation. The City is also facing a problem on the 2002 Bond Issue Debt Fund. The City should collect close to \$100,000.00 in special assessments each year on the Park Valley Addition. However, 2008 collections were just under \$70,000.00 a loss of almost \$30,000.00 compared to what was budgeted. The County Clerk's office confirmed to City Auditor Randy Gassman, that one land owner had over \$31,000.00 in delinquencies. The City must cut into their reserves to cover this or raise the tax levy.

After much discussion it was decided to make cuts in the General Budget to avoid the increase of 4.217 mills and to take the funds as needed from the 2002 Bond Debt Service Reserve to account for the loss of \$31,000.00 in tax special delinquencies.

At 6:55 p.m. Council Member Pam Bales moved to adjourn. Council Member Dan Deiter seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

City Clerk