

ALMA CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
November 3, 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 and Gary Lesline. Council Member Pam Bales arrived at 6:10 p.m. and Council Member Chris Torrey 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, City Attorney Tom Barnes and Michael Slobodnik. Also in attendance were Ervan Stuewe with the Wabaunsee County Signal Enterprise; Abby Dechant, Director for Wabaunsee County Economic Development; Brian Kingsley, P.E., Principal for BG Consultants, Inc.; Tom Bennett, P.E., Vice President for BG Consultants, Inc.; and Nathan Hartenbower, EIT, Designer Engineer for BG Consultants, Inc.

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

Under public comment: Ervan Stuewe reported that he has two apartments that are vacant and will be under construction for several months. His understanding was that he is required to pay the minimum charge for trash and sewer as long as he has the water on. He cannot have the water turned off because there is only one water meter that services his business and two apartments. City Clerk Sharon White confirmed that he was correct that the water must be shut off to not receive the minimum charge for the sewer and trash. She asked the Governing Body for direction on how they wanted this issue to be handled and it will be discussed at a later time.

Abby Dechant informed the Governing Body about a Renaissance Festival that might be held at the fair grounds on April 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. The contact person was one of the re-enactors at the Wabaunsee County Sesquicentennial event and really liked Alma. She was asking if camping would be allowed on the Fair Grounds and what needed to be done if alcoholic beverages were sold. She was informed that the fair grounds are owned by the Fair Association so it would be up to them to answer that question. City Marshal Mark Falk informed her that if alcoholic beverages are sold they would need a city permit and they would have to abide by Kansas Laws concerning consumption of alcoholic beverages in a public place. Abby Dechant left the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

Tom Bennett, P.E., Vice President with BG Consultants, Inc. discussed the Kansas Department of Transportation KLINK Resurfacing Project Grant that the City could possibly qualify for. There was discussion on having the resurfacing project divided into three phases. He recommended resurfacing from the North City Limits to 6<sup>th</sup> Street (K-99) for the first phase to use the grant funds that could

be awarded. The City can apply every two years for KLINK grant funds of \$200,000 maximum and the City participation would be twenty-five percent of the project cost. Later in the meeting there was discussion about how to pay for the city's portion of this project. City Clerk Sharon White informed the Governing Body that the Special Highway Fund could be used for this purpose. The amount that the State pays to this fund is around \$22,000.00 a year. After some discussion it was decided to transfer the funds out of the Special Highway Fund into the Capital Outlay Fund to be used for this project.

Brian Kingsely, P.E., Principal with BG Consultants, Inc. discussed the possibility of the City applying for a grant with the Kansas Department of Transportation to help fund a Downtown Streetscape Project. He presented several ideas and gave an estimate for a two block project. The grant would pay for 80% of the project. This would include all new sidewalks and curb and gutter with a possibility of some stone work, planters, benches, trash receptacles and updated crosswalks. He presented a bid of \$5,000.00 for engineering design and construction observation services and also to draft the application for the grant. After much discussion Council Member Paul Gronquist moved to approve the bid as submitted. Council Member Pam Bales seconded this motion. All Council Members voted yes with the exception of Council Member Dan Deiter voting no. Motion carried. It was decided to have a Public Hearing in December to allow input from the public concerning the design plan.

Abby Dechant, Brian Kingsley, Tom Bennett and Nathan Hartenbower left the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

The minutes of October 20, 2009 were reviewed. Council Member Pam Bales moved to approve the minutes as amended. Council Member Paul Gronquist seconded this motion. Motion carried.

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

The bills for the sewer renovation project in the amount of \$1,250.00 from Reese & Novelly, PA for grant administration fees, \$21,850.00 from EBH and Associates for engineering design services and \$117,180.00 for Bonds and Insurance and \$120,285.00 for construction work from Midland Contractors, Inc. were reviewed. Council Member Pam Bales moved to pay the bills as submitted. Council member Dan Deiter seconded this motion. Motion carried.

A meeting request for Sharon White to attend the Clerk's Institute in Wichita, Kansas was approved and signed.

Mayor Maurice Baker left the meeting at 7:55 p.m. and turned the meeting over to President Pam Bales.

City Utility Superintendent Jon Bolinder reported and discussed the following:

- He reported the concrete saw is not working correctly. He submitted a bid to purchase a handheld concrete saw from Salisbury Supply Company for \$1,525.00. After some discussion Council Member Pam Bales moved to accept the bid as submitted. Council Member Dan Deiter seconded this motion. Motion carried.
- He reported on the Distribution Integrity Management Plan that will soon be required for the natural gas system. A computer based program will be available through APGA when the final rule comes out. Five years of records on the natural gas system will be entered into the computer based program to create the plan.
- He reported that the contractor has started on the pretreatment portion of the Wastewater Renovation Project. He also reported that Paul Shutter and Hafenstine Construction are two local contractors working on this project.
- He received a draft contract from Nex-Tech Mobile Radio Company to put wireless networking equipment on the water tower to accommodate the USD 329 Mill Creek Valley School System. City Attorney Tom Barnes will review and revise the contract to be similar to the Cross Road Wireless Contract.
- He submitted six bids to purchase a mower. After much consideration Council Member Pam Bales moved to accept the bid from Miller Ranch Equipment on a slightly used demonstration Dixie Chopper lawn mower with a 3-year bumper to bumper warranty for a cost of \$9,642.69. Council Member Gary Lesline seconded this motion. Motion carried.
- He reported that the used dump truck he was test driving was outside City Hall for the Governing Body to examine.
- He reported there will be a meeting on November 10, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. with Jim Kohman and Dan Fischer to discuss Phase II of the Wastewater Renovation Project.

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

There was no other new business.

At 8:10 p.m. Council Member Paul Gronquist moved to adjourn to October 20, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. to conduct regular city business. Council Member Dan Deiter seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

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City Clerk