

ALMA CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
October 6, 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: 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, City Utility Superintendent Jon Bolinder, City Marshal Mark Falk, City Attorney Tom Barnes, Michael Slobodnik, and City Pool Manager Cindy Cassity. Also in attendance were Ervan Stuewe with the Wabaunsee County Signal Enterprise, Bobby Daniel, Sherry Hensley and Marcy Merritt.

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 Pam Bales moved to add to the Agenda under Approvals – Zoning Administrator. Council Member Dan Deiter seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Maurice Baker reported there was one more item to add to the Agenda. Council Member Pam Bales moved to add to the Agenda under Approvals – Resolution 2009-6. Council Member Dan Deiter seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Under public comment: Sherry Hensley, representing Relay 4 Life, informed the Governing Body of the success of the antique car show that was held in late August. It was such a success they are planning to hold this type of benefit each year. Sherry Hensley and Marcy Merritt left the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

City Pool Manager Cindy Cassity gave a review of the 2009 pool season. Everyone thanked her for making the 2009 pool season a success.

The minutes of September 15, 2009 were reviewed. Council Member Pam Bales moved to approve the minutes as amended. Council Member Gary Lesline 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 \$6,025.80 from EBH and Associates for engineering design services and \$325.50 from Reese & Novelly for grant administration fees were reviewed. Council Member Pam Bales

moved to pay the bills as submitted. Council member Dan Deiter seconded this motion. Motion carried.

There was discussion about the annual renewal of Alma Food's tax abatement incentive. It was determined that the Alma Food's facilities are continuing to be used in the same manner as stated in the original exemption application. City Clerk Sharon White explained that the abatement incentive should have been handled in January of this year; however, the City did not receive the paperwork from Alma Foods. The state informed her that the abatement would still be accepted and next year she will make sure the paperwork is received from Alma Foods. Council Member Gary Lesline moved to approve the annual renewal of Alma Food's tax abatement incentive. Council Member Dan Deiter seconded this motion. Motion carried.

The Legal Services Agreement between the City of Alma and Stumbo Hanson, LLP pertaining to the Wastewater Renovation Project was submitted for Approval. Council Member Pam Bales moved to approve the agreement as submitted. Council Member Dan Deiter seconded this motion. Motion carried.

An ordinance authorizing the execution of an amendment to the loan agreement between the City of Alma, Kansas and the State of Kansas, acting by and through the Kansas Department of Health and Environment for the purpose of obtaining a loan from the Kansas Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund for the purpose of financing a wastewater treatment project; establishing a dedicated source of revenue for repayment of such loan; authorizing and approving certain documents in connection therewith; and authorizing certain other actions in connection with the loan agreement was considered and discussed.

Thereupon, Council Member Gary Lesline moved that said motion be passed. Council Member Dan Deiter seconded this motion. Said Ordinance was duly read and considered, and upon being put, 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 462, signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk.

A resolution in the City of Alma, Kansas determining the applicability of "special rates" for sewer charges for Alma Creamery was considered and discussed. Council Member Pam Bales moved that said motion be passed. Council Member Dan Deiter seconded this motion. Thereupon, Mayor Maurice Baker declared said motion duly passed and the Resolution was then duly numbered

Resolution 2009-6 and was signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk.

A Sewer Rate Agreement between Alma Creamery, L.L.C., and the City of Alma was submitted for approval. Council Member Pam Bales moved to approve the agreement as submitted. Council member Dan Deiter seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Maurice Baker recommended the appointment of Jon Bolinder for the position of Zoning Administrator. Council Member Dan Deiter moved to appoint Jon Bolinder for the position of Zoning Administrator with the pay beginning on September 1, 2009. Council Member Gary Lesline seconded this motion. Motion carried.

City Clerk Sharon White reported that the Open Door Club donated \$500.00 towards the purchase of chairs for the Community Center.

City Utility Superintendent Jon Bolinder reported and discussed the following:

- He reported on the success of the table top mock disaster exercise that was conducted on October 2, 2009 at the Community Center. Kansas Department of Health and Environment complimented the group for having a disaster plan in place for all of the surrounding communities to work together in light of a disaster. There were forty two (42) in attendance including representatives from the Wabaunsee County Fire Districts, Wabaunsee County Sheriff, City Law Enforcement, EMS and City and County Local Government. The Kansas Rural Water Association coordinated this even with Kansas Department of Health and Environment at no cost. It was determined that this event will help all that were present to be more prepared in case of a disaster.
- He reported that Trent Viergever has completed his Class II Wastewater Operator Certificate.
- He reported that Nex-Tech Mobile Radio Company would like to put wireless networking equipment on the water tower to accommodate the USD 329 Mill Creek Valley School System. It was the consensus of the Governing Body to move forward by having him bring an agreement from the company for discussion. He submitted a bid from Ebert Construction for \$24,000.00 as the city's portion of lowering the gas line for the Balderson Street Project in Wamego, Kansas. After much discussion Council Member Gary Lesline moved to accept the bid as submitted. Council Member Paul Gronquist seconded this motion. Motion carried. City Attorney Tom Barnes informed the Governing Body that as soon as it has been determined if this road is a City or County road he will know if easements need to be obtained.
- He reported that the Pre-Construction Meeting pertaining to the Wastewater Renovation Project is scheduled for October 9, 2009 at 2:00

p.m. to be held at the Water Plant. Alma Foods has also been notified of the meeting.

- He reported there is a possibility of obtaining grant money from Kansas Department of Transportation to resurface Hwy 99 within the city limits. B and G Consultants is willing to survey and handle the paperwork at no cost. Once the City obtains the grant money they can then decide who will be hired to design the project. It was the consensus of the Governing Body for him to move forward with this option.
- He reported that Wabaunsee County is not interested in sharing the cost of \$5,006.00 to participate in the KMU Safety Training Program. He was again submitting the request for the City to join this safety training program. After much discussion Council Member Pam Bales moved to participate in the KMU Safety Training Program. Council Member Gary Lesline seconded this motion. Motion carried. The Governing Body talked about the fact that they are glad to have this opportunity since they want to be sure to provide a safe working environment.
- He discussed the meeting request for Mike Orton and himself to attend Gas Pipeline Training in Salina, Kansas. The Governing Body decided that the two employees would drive to and from Salina and not stay in a hotel. After he compared the cost of driving six (6) trips it was determined that it would save the City money to stay in the hotel. After much discussion and reviewing the facts it was decided to allow the hotel stay for two (2) nights. They will drive down the morning of the first meeting and return on the third day after the morning sessions.
- He discussed the need to reseed the pool area. It was decided for Mark Falk to handle this matter since he did such a nice job reseeding the area by the Welcome to Alma sign.

City Attorney Tom Barnes reported on the meeting that was held with Hormel Foods Cooperate Division on September 30, 2009.

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

There was no other new business.

At 7:45 p.m. Council Member Pam Bales moved to adjourn to October 20, 2009 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