

Almena City Council

The Almena City Council was called to order at 7 PM on Monday, March 2nd, 2020 by Mayor, Tracy Stutsman. Answering roll call were Amy Chandler, Bob Hawks, Ethan Hays, & Brian Sproul. A quorum was declared.

The minutes from the last meeting were read by Mayor Tracy Stutsman. It was moved and seconded to approve the February minutes. MOTION CARRIED.

No Fire Chief report.

No Water Project Pay Estimates this month.

Visitor Recognition

- Hayden Schnuerle & Paul Gosselin inquired about purchasing an abandoned house on 130 Bryant. They were told the house was not on the Tax Sale yet so it is not yet available for purchase.
- Others present included those listed on the sign-in sheet and others who did not sign in.

New Business

- A call was received from a concerned resident about snow piled up on Railroad Street. This was discussed and will be addressed by Chandler.
- A list of dilapidated properties in Almena will be made and discussed at the April City Council Meeting.

Old Business

- Franchise Agreement with AT&T. Ordinance #448 was presented for approval. MOTION CARRIED.
- Resolution # 2019-21 was presented on 130 Bryant Street. MOTION CARRIED.
- Chandler presented a map on the streets that are in need of repair with Millings, then Chip and Seal. The Estimate for this was received from Tri State Paving for \$39,000. MOTION CARRIED.

Attorney Report

- No Report. Items were covered.

City Operator Report:

- Chandler presented information on the purchase of a replacement Cart Lift for the Trash Truck for \$2700.00. MOTION CARRIED.
- Chandler presented information on the purchase of a Pickup lift for moving Chlorine Bottles, which weigh 230-240 pounds. It can also be used for 55 Gallon Drums. Cost approximately \$2700.00. MOTION CARRIED.

City Clerk Report

- Request to write off old debt for \$136.02 from 2016 on 311 Brockton was approved.
- Request to write off old debt for \$241.05 from 2014 on 403 Washington was approved.
- A letter that was mailed to all Landlords regarding delinquent tenant notification and minimum housing requirements was discussed. Notices will be sent to Landlord within 10 days of the tenant being past due on their city utility bill.
- Dog Licensing was discussed. Only ½ of the dogs in the city have been licensed. Impounding of the unlicensed dogs is what is called for in the Code. An effort will be made to contact known dog owners.
- The city now has the ability to offer on-line payments on the cityofalmena.com website. The customers can also bring in a credit/debit card to the office for payment. There is a small service fee for paying online with card or check and also when paying by credit/debit card at the office. Fee is 2.5% for credit/debit card and 1.50 flat fee for electronic check on-line.

Financial Reporting

- Bills were presented and approved. MOTION CARRIED
- Balance sheet was provided.
- Check register, Budget to Actual, and Delinquent accounts were reviewed.
- With no further business it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 PM. MOTION CARRIED.

The next meeting will be Monday, April 6, 2020, at 7 PM.

Jeniece Schemper, Deputy City Clerk.

Minutes are not approved until next meeting.