

Almena City Council

The Almena City Council was called to order at 7 p.m. on Monday, May 6, 2019 by Mayor Tracy Stutsman. Answering roll call were, Brian Sproul, Ethan Hays, Bob Hawks. A quorum was declared.

Two corrections were made on the minutes. (Change order was corrected to #1) It was moved and seconded to approve the May minutes after changes, as written, MOTION CARRIED.

Additions to the Agenda:

Tim Bashford was added to Old Business.

The Fire Chief was not present, but gave a short report to Mayor, Tracy Stutsman. He stated there had not been a lot of activity as far as EMT calls to report this month.

Special: Update on Water Project from Alan Luttrell. There will be a progress update meeting at 9 AM on Tuesday May 7, 2019 at the Community Building. Alan said they will fix streets that were affected by project. Cement will be put under Bricks on Main Street. Copies of Estimate 3 was submitted. It was moved and seconded to pay Estimate 3 for \$130,319.65. MOTION CARRIED. Change order #3 was distributed to council members and explained by Mr. Luttrell that it was the cost to convert the single-phase power to a three-phase power. Change Order cost was \$23,100. MOTION CARRIED.

City Code Report

- Jeniece Schemper presented a spreadsheet of junked or inoperable vehicles. There were 29 vehicle letters sent, 2 Travel Trailers, 2 Boats & Trailers, 1 Motorcycle, and 1 Business letter sent. There will be more letters sent.

Visitor Recognition

- Stephanie Gierhart-Norton Senior Center. Norton Senior Center has a new 14 passenger bus and said Almena will now have access to the 6 Person Mini Van. This can be available to senior Citizens on Monday & Thursday 8 AM-12 PM for errands or Dr Appointments. Also Attending to hear the information was Elaine Johnson and Roger Archer. The Library will be the tentative pickup/drop off point. The Public should contact the Norton Senior Center if interested.

New Business:

- Carpet One Rep Mike Vitztum was present with flooring samples and a bid for the Community Building. No decision was made.

Old Business:

- Update on the Pickup Truck purchase for the City. It was moved seconded to purchase the vehicle.
- Chandler is working on finding bids for the best choice for street repairs. Bids need to come in before we can apply for grants. Tracy said to get some asphalt to patch the holes as a temporary fix until we figure out what the best product/process will be.
- It was decided not to discount Tim Bashford for two water traps. He had requested this based of all of the damage done to his yard from the water project.
- There was discussion regarding the replacement of meters for inactive accounts.

City Operator Report:

- Chandler looked into a towing accessory for removing junk vehicles. He also said checking into New Look Body Shop towing the vehicle would be \$65.00.
- Discussion was made on where to store vehicles for easy pick up by a scrap dealer.
- Doug Sebelius will be contacted about the next step in addressing those that have not complied.
- Discussion was made on the Bobcat and prices on different types of Skid Steers.
- We will be purchasing one new Air Conditioner Unit because a Capacitor is blown and the part is no longer available. Cost will be approximately \$3,000.
- Discussion on fixing an oven in the kitchen or purchasing a new oven. Cathy will get some prices on a new oven. The door is sprung and it may be cheaper to replace vs. repair. Also there will be a separate circuit installed for the ovens.

City Clerk Report:

- Cathy is going to check with Doug Sebelius on Ord 443-CMB. The cost to publish the Ordinance was \$510.90, she will ask him why do some need to be posted and other Ordinances do not.

- Discussion on a house with no heat that is being rented. Letters will be sent to a list of landlords, it will include regulations for these dwellings.
- Cathy had Rural Development Surveys to hand out to the council on a housing study.

Financials were reviewed. Delinquent accounts were discussed. There being no further business it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. MOTION CARRIED at 8:57 PM.

The next meeting will be Monday, June 3, 7pm.

Jeniece Schemper – Deputy City Clerk

Minutes are not approved until next meeting.