

Almena City Council

The Almena City Council was called to order at 7 PM on Monday, Aug 5, 2019 by Mayor Tracy Stutsman. Answering roll call were Amy Chandler, Bob Hawks, Ethan Hays. A quorum was declared.

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

Two more items were added to the New Business and motion was made to adopt the Agenda. Motion Carried.

No Fire Chief report was given, the Fire Chief was not present.

Special: Update on Water Project from Alan Luttrell Pay Estimate 6 was submitted. Bob Hawks mentioned the Estimate 6 stated that the project was 100% Complete and this is not right. Alan agreed, and said that would be corrected. Dave Barber will be at the next meeting. There will be a progress meeting Tuesday August 7 at 9 AM. It was moved and seconded to pay Estimate 6 for \$178,592.43. MOTION CARRIED. Alan commented on our thoughts on coming up with the matching funds for our Block Grant, and also Mill Levy concerns going forward. If we qualify the project would probably be done Spring of 2021.

City Code Report

- Jeniece Schemper stated there were 13 more junked vehicle letter sent this month, and 6 weed and grass letters.
- Visitor Recognition: There were no visitors.

New Business:

- Received a customer complaint by e-mail on 802 Pratt Street. Strong smell and dogs in the house. No one seems to live there. There is no running water. If the dogs are not registered, the animals will be impounded. The City will be checking to see if the house is inhabitable.
- A Fire Hydrant will be put in on the North side of the bridge south of town.

Attorney Report

- Doug Sebelius spoke on the Sale of Almena RR property to LI RR LLC. After much discussion, this was tabled another month.

City Operator Report:

- Chandler reported that Brad with New Look will be coming to tow some vehicles this week.
- Tracy inquired about the grass at the Community Building being brown in spots. Chandler had replaced three sprinkler heads; this should be corrected now.
- Cathy inquired about a possible new ordinance for viscous dogs (not just Pit Bull) Attorney suggested input from Dr. Graf.

City Clerk Report-Cathy Rivera

- Cathy reported that approximately 90 more surveys are needed, and Cathy stated we would have to go door to door to try to get these done. It was decided to wait a year to apply for the Grant. Surveys are not coming in like we would like and deadline is approaching. We will continue to get the surveys and they can be used for up to three years.

Financial Report

- Bills were presented and approved. MOTION CARRIED
- Balance sheet was provided.
- Check register, Budget, and Delinquent accounts were reviewed. It was decided to give one customer until Wednesday to pay the delinquent bill, then shut off.

With no further business it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 pm. MOTION CARRIED.

The next meeting will be Monday, September 9, 2019 at 7pm.

Jeniece Schemper – Deputy City Clerk

Minutes are not approved until next meeting.