

Almena City Council

The Almena City Council was called to order at 7:00 PM on Monday, August 7th, 2023 by Mayor Tracy Stutsman, who had to leave later at 7:24pm. City Council President, Bob Hawks continued the meeting. Answering roll call were Amy Chandler, Bob Hawks, Ethan Hays, and Kevin Sides. A quorum was declared. It was moved and seconded to approve the July 11th, 2023 Minutes. MOTION CARRIED. The agenda was adopted with added changes Old Business: b. Bonnie Wescott/ Dave Coffman request and c. Structural Integrity Housing List.

Fire Chief Report – Fire Chief Not Present

Visitor Recognition- No visitors were present

New Business

- Budget Hearing- The budget hearing was opened at 7:08pm, and with nothing to be addressed, it was motioned to be closed at 7:14pm. MOTION CARRIED.
- No Parking Sign on Washington- a “no parking” sign was erected without prior consent of council. The council determined it should be removed by land owners.

Old Business

- 301 Washington- City will not be pulling back any special assessment on this property.
- Bonnie Wescott/Dave Coffman request- It was determined that there should not be any reduced water rate for upkeep on the islands located on Main Street. Care for the islands began as a volunteer endeavor many years ago. The City will now resume upkeep.
- Structural Integrity Housing List- A list of possibly unsafe dwellings has been created. Discussion regarding possible structural inspection and/or health inspection for houses that are on the list. Norton County Health Dept will be contacted to further assist.

Attorney Discussion/Report

- Update on Illegal Dumping at Compost Pile
- Update on Dog At Large Case and Unregistered Dog Case that is in progress

City Operator Report

- Street Repair- 18 blocks completed with Chip and Seal. Road in front of Elevator will be completed next. Discussion regarding 11 other city blocks for possible repair.
- Well #13 repair- to be done within next 2 weeks
- Sewer Machine- prices were discussed, nothing to be purchased at this time.
- 516 Main Demolition- will commence this week. Approval for ½ price landfill charge.

City Clerk Report- Not present

Deputy City Clerk Report –

- Compliance Tracking Update
- Delinquent accts

Financial Report

- Approve Bills MOTION CARRIED.
- Balance Sheet
- Check register

With no further business it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:01pm, by President Bob Hawks. MOTION CARRIED.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 5, 2023 at 7PM. Annette Puent, Deputy City Clerk

Minutes are not approved until next meeting.