

# Almena City Council

The Almena City Council was called to order at 7:00 PM on Monday, October 2nd, 2023 by Mayor Tracy Stutsman. Answering roll call were Amy Chandler, Bob Hawks, Kevin Sides. A quorum was declared. It was moved and seconded to approve the September 5th, 2023 Minutes. MOTION CARRIED. The agenda was adopted with added changes: New Business h) Executive Session for personnel issue.

**Fire Chief Report** – Fire Chief Not Present - City clerk presented Fire Chief's concern on open burning.

**Visitor Recognition-** Leo Towne, requesting forgiveness of 50% water bill due to a leak that was being worked on and is now corrected. Motion Carried. Timothy and Katelyn Sprigg and Justin Davis explained that they now own the building that was the Senior Center and discussed their plans for the use of the center. Requested that Justin be allowed to be on the Steering Committee for the planning of the open space on Main Street.

## **New Business**

- 715 Pratt was addressed as far as possible health concerns. Health Dept will be contacted.
- 308 Benton – unfit/dangerous structure, will address with owner.
- Engine brake noise concern of residents, nothing the city can do, it is a County issue.
- 2007 Silverado, hail damage. Options, keep or let insurance co have it, decided to keep it.
- Fire Dept door quote submitted. Bob to get with quoting company on repairs.
- Building permit application for 506 Walnut for carport approved, Motion carried.
- Executive session called by Mayor for 5 minutes regarding personnel, no action taken.

## **Old Business**

- Resident concern on Dog Case – dog is a device animal, not a service animal. Court on Wednesday.
- Fencing ordinance needs to be sent to 403 Washington with a letter about their fence in the back.

## **Attorney Discussion/Report**

- 2 dog complaints Arraignment on October 4<sup>th</sup>.

## **City Operator Report**

- Not present, clerk covered the following items: Scada system work in progress; passed our state inspection; mosquito spray purchase; side by side repaired.

## **City Clerk Report**

- Water rate has been updated in JUS
- Electricity problem in Community Center East and South wall, and in ceiling.
- Movie Night Oct 11<sup>th</sup>, Trunk or Treat on Main Street (still need volunteers) and Home Oil hot dog feed Oct 31st

## **Deputy City Clerk Report –**

- Compliance Tracking Update – 606 Ives and 311 Washington
- Delinquent accts discussed

## **Financial Report**

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

With no further business it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:09pm. MOTION CARRIED.

The next meeting will be Monday, November 6th at 7PM. Cathy Rivera, City Clerk

Minutes are not approved until next meeting.