

Almena City Council

The Almena City Council was called to order at 7:00 PM on Monday, November 6th, 2023. Answering roll call were Amy Chandler, Bob Hawks, Ethan Hays, and Brian Sproul. A quorum was declared. It was moved and seconded to approve the October 2nd, 2023 Minutes. MOTION CARRIED. The agenda was adopted with added changes: New Business c) 601 Washington.

Fire Chief Report – Fire Chief Not Present

Visitor Recognition

Darren Burge- a water line under the street at Van Horn has broken several times over the years due to heavy equipment. Council decided a new sign will be posted and the water line will be replaced.

Mim Tubbs- presented the Wheatridge Apartments “Servicing Work Out Plan” to assist with numerous vacancies.

Cynthia Schemper- requested a 50% water bill forgiveness due to a possible leak/meter issue. MOTION CARRIED.

New Business

- Downtown Survey- a survey has been created to help assist with identifying the needs/wants of the community for the use of the lots located at 512-516 Main. Council approved survey. Survey will be given to Steering Committee on Monday November 13, 2023 for approval before distribution.
- Dog Bites/Issues- There has been reports of 2 separate dog bites. One of the dogs is no longer in the city. Discussion was made regarding “dog at large” issues, registration, and dog cases before the court.
- 601 Washington- yard debris and fence falling. A letter will be sent.
- Furniture on Curbs- several residents have taken furniture out to curb, thinking there was a fall clean up. These residents will be contacted to remove furniture.
- Hail damage to Fire Station doors- replacement of doors due to hail damage at fire station discussed. It was motioned to purchase higher grade doors for \$400 more. MOTION CARRIED.

Old Business

- Almena Area Fire Department- Cathy presented an email response regarding operational funding and the fire station building, to better understand the ownership and responsibility for the building.
- Dog Cases to appear on November 8th- Horacek

Attorney Discussion/Report

- Discussion regarding various recent dog issues

City Operator Report

- Yard hydrants at roadside park- Chandler reported the hydrants at the park are not metered which could result in unrecorded water loss if a leak was to occur. Since the park is rarely used, the Council decided to pull the yard hydrants and to cap off the lines.
- 2 water leaks in October, Ives and Van Horn
- City will request quotes to repair water line on Van Horn

City Clerk Report

- Report on Trunk or Treat, Home Oil Feed, and recent Movie night- Good turnout for the movie, low turn out of trunks for “trunk or treat”. A Big Thanks to Home Oil for the hot dog/porkburger feed.

Deputy City Clerk Report

- Compliance Tracking
- 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 8:12pm. MOTION CARRIED.

The next meeting will be Monday, December 4th 2023, at 7PM. Annette Puent, Deputy City Clerk

Minutes are not approved until next meeting.