

# Almena City Council

The Almena City Council was called to order at 7:00 PM on Monday, July 11th, 2023 by Council President Bob Hawks. Answering roll call were Amy Chandler, Bob Hawks, and Ethan Hays. A quorum was declared. It was moved and seconded to approve the June 5th, 2023 Minutes. MOTION CARRIED. The agenda was adopted without changes.

## **Fire Chief Report** – Fire Chief Not Present

### **Visitor Recognition-**

- Danny Engelhardt wanted to know if we had everything for 516 Main. Council informed of paperwork still needed to register deed.
- Dave Coffman asked for compensation regarding mowing and watering of city lots/islands done by Bonnie Wescott. No decision was made at this time.
- Mike Shearer approached council regarding bill received for clearing sewer blockage. Council agreed that blockage was likely on city side.

### **New Business**

- Brian Thompson presented Budget Audit -MOTION CARRIED to approve Audit. Brian also presented contract through 2027 to provide auditing services with Mapes and Miller. MOTION CARRIED and contract was signed.
- Kenny Gibson informed council of removal of fence that was causing obstruction of view the corner of Washington and Benton. Kenny agrees that fences need to allow city access to utilities and signs. Kenny requested a stop sign be placed at that corner. Stop sign granted.
- Bob Hawks, Sarah Montgomery, and Justin Davis will be on this year's November ballot for City Council
- Ordinance # 457 Water Rate Increase was approved with start date of September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023

### **Old Business**

- Update on letters/compliance with prohibited dog breeds
- Codes regarding livestock in town further was discussed
- Proposed ordinance # 458 on fencing regulation was further discussed

### **Attorney Discussion/Report**

- Discussion on ordinances above
- Compost pile violations- awaiting reports from Sheriff office
- Dog Case heading to court July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023

### **City Operator Report**

- Street Repairs will begin this week on North & South Streets from Van Horn heading East, Brockton (North of FB field) & Elevator
- Well #13 repair being scheduled

### **City Clerk Report**

- EMC dividend check was received
- Letter from dog owner discussed
- The city determined that there is a need for a structural engineer to inspect certain houses for structural integrity.

### **Deputy City Clerk Report** –

- Compliance Tracking Update
- Unregistered dog list turned over to attorney for legal action
- 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 9:09pm. MOTION CARRIED.  
The next meeting will be Monday, August 7, 2023 at 7PM. Annette Puent, Deputy City Clerk

Minutes are not approved until next meeting.