

Almena City Council

The Almena City Council was called to order at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, September 5th, 2023 by Mayor Tracy Stutsman, who had to leave at 7:23pm. City Council President, Bob Hawks continued the meeting. Answering roll call were Amy Chandler, Bob Hawks, Ethan Hays, and Brian Sproul (by phone). A quorum was declared. It was moved and seconded to approve the August 7th, 2023 Minutes. MOTION CARRIED. The agenda was adopted with added changes: New Business- g) North Island on Main St. and h) Emergency Water Plan review.

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

Visitor Recognition- No visitors were present

New Business

- Add Annette Puent as an additional Safety Deposit box signer. MOTION CARRIED
- Northern Valley 5K run October 7th, noted and approved
- Steering committee for multi-use park – more members needed. 3 have volunteered so far goal is 5
- Playground equip considered for north side of Community Center, tabled.
- BBQ grill donated, okayed to place on north side of Community Building – Home Oil will have propane tank marked for this purpose.
- Open burning prohibited under code 7-204 “a) It shall be unlawful for any person to kindle or maintain any bonfire, rubbish fire or trash fire or permit any such fire to be kindled or maintained on public or private property within the corporate city limits; b) unless prior permission has been obtained from the Fire Chief to kindle or maintain any bonfire, rubbish or trash fire”.
- North Island – mayor questioned why Bonnie Wescott is not taking care of it any longer – she told City Clerk she wanted to discontinue her volunteer efforts in caring for the islands.
- Updated Emergency Water Plan reviewed and approved by City Council.

Old Business

- To contact the Health department we need a specific concern.
- Fence Ordinance – Ordinance no. 458 approved, Motion Carried.

Attorney Discussion/Report

- 2 dog complaints on dog nuisance at 600 Ives.
- Fencing Ordinance discussion.

City Operator Report

- Street Repair- 18 blocks completed with Chip and Seal. Road in front of Elevator will be completed next. Discussion regarding 9 additional city blocks at 3k/block. Cracks need filled prior to chip/seal.
- Well #13 repair- completed.
- Sewer Machine- mid 20k range, will get prices on sewer camera.
- 516 Main Demo completed. Used ½ price landfill charge. Cost was 11,500 plus landfill fees of 1200.
- Report on Hail Damage – 5 doors on Fire Station, Water Salesman roof, Digital Sign.

City Clerk Report

- Reminder - Water rate change effective on September 29th. Customers will see increase on Nov 1st bill.

Deputy City Clerk Report –

- Compliance Tracking Update – concern on yard at 311 Washington – notice will be sent to resident and HO
- 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 8:30pm, by President Bob Hawks. MOTION CARRIED.

The next meeting will be Monday, October 2nd at 7PM. Cathy Rivera, City Clerk

Minutes are not approved until next meeting.