

Almena City Council

The Almena City Council was called to order by Mayor Tracy Stutsman at 7:00 PM on Monday, April 1st, 2024. Answering roll call were Bob Hawks, Ethan Hays, and Sarah Montgomery. A quorum was declared.

Minutes were read and approved from the March 4th, 2024 meeting. MOTION CARRIED

The agenda was adopted with additions: New Business: (F) BB gun; (G) Structural Compliance Issues
Old Business: (D) Alley

Fire Chief Report –Fire Chief Not Present- no new fires reported

Visitor Recognition-None present

New Business

- Proposal on the repeal of Ordinance 441 and increase amount of deposit for utility services to equal 2-month avg bill and lengthen time to keep deposit to 2 years was presented. This would address issues regarding residents moving out without notice and leaving high bills for landlords. Tabled for now.
- Community Center kitchen sinks faucets are needing a “pull down” to better assist with washing large pots. A motion was made to purchase these new faucets MOTION CARRIED.
- Curb cut requested at 410 Main- Granted
- Received quit claim deed for 308 Benton from James Anderson. City Attorney. Acceptance Pending attorney’s findings.
- CD renewals are coming up- comparisons of interest rates with local financial institutions ongoing.
- Complaints regarding young person shooting out of windows with bb gun- cameras will be checked and Sheriff notified.
- Structural Compliance Issues- there are many dilapidated structures throughout the town that need addressed.

Old Business

- Emergency Preparedness –Obtaining quotes on generators.
- Low response rate on Lead and Copper Survey- received 31 out of 177. Need all customers to respond.
- Water Salesman- Received 3 quotes, Accepted quote Hawks Construction.
- Alley behind Home Oil is in need of rock. Agreed to add more rock

Attorney Discussion/Report

- Dog Court update; Discussion on getting LCRR Survey’s returned; Property for Park tax exempt.

City Operator Report

- Presented water salesman quote and discussion on other topics

City Clerk Report

- Discussion of requirements on Lead and Copper Revised Rule. After much discussion it was decided to incentivize residents to complete the survey by offering \$25 to complete and also to reward those who have completed the survey with a \$25 credit.
- Houses at 602 and 606 Williams – the county/city receives no property taxes CHDO Exemption.

Deputy City Clerk Report

- AR Aging
- Steering Committee update

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. MOTION CARRIED.
The next meeting will be Monday, May 6th 2024, at 7PM. Cathy Rivera, City Clerk

Minutes are not approved until next meeting.