

Almena City Council

The Almena City Council was called to order by Mayor Tracy Stutsman at 7:00 PM on Monday, May 6th 2024. Answering roll call were Bob Hawks, Ethan Hays, and Sarah Montgomery and Kevin Sides. A quorum was declared.

Minutes were read and approved with changes to the April 1st, 2024 meeting. MOTION CARRIED

The agenda was adopted with additions: Old Business: (C) Lead and Copper lines

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

Visitor Recognition-Stephanie Hilburn was present to discuss customer sidewalk repair. Council agreed to pay standard costs which is 50% of approved customer quote. Dog nuisance discussed. Feral cats continue to be a problem.

New Business

- Proposal from Miller and Assoc to perform structural inspections \$140/hr, Council agreed to research other options.
- Northern Valley School in need of curb replacement for a cost of \$1,000. APPROVED
- Several Homes in town are in need of structural repairs. Owners will be contacted.
- Water leak T. Thomas- ½ water only will be forgiven as per the norm.

Old Business

- Emergency Preparedness –grants are being researched to buy a generator for the city (NCCF & FEMA)
- Lead and Copper Survey- we will be applying \$25 credit to June bill for customers who have completed survey

Attorney Discussion/Report

- Discussion on structural compliance and animal issues
- Dog Court update
- 308 Benton – 2nd half taxes due, otherwise it's okay to file Quit Claim Deed
- Licensing Agreement with Senior Center for weekly rental presented. Motion for Mayor to continue the process regarding the licensing agreement. MOTION CARRIED

City Operator Report

- City Operator reported on city wide clean up and recent water leak
- Street signs needing to be updated due to fading. Cost of \$2,000 was reported.
- Asphalt Roads chip and seal- \$2,500/block. Evaluating need.
- Some curb repair/replacement discussed. Islands on Main Street will be narrowed before repair.
- Electrical problems in Community Center are now resolved.

City Clerk Report

- Quickbooks is pushing online service. New cost for 2024 Desktop Pro is \$661.09.
- Senior Center is purchasing a new sink, garbage disposal, and faucet. City will have installed.

Deputy City Clerk Report

- AR Aging and Compliance update
- 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 8:15pm. MOTION CARRIED. The next meeting will be Monday, June 3rd 2024, at 7PM. Annette Puent, Deputy City Clerk

Minutes are not approved until next meeting.