

Almena City Council

The Almena City Council was called to order by Mayor Tracy Stutsman at 7:00 PM on Monday, August 5th, 2024. Answering roll call were Bob Hawks, Sarah Montgomery, Kevin Sides and Brian Sproul. A quorum was declared.

Minutes were read and approved from the July 1st, 2024 meeting. MOTION CARRIED

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

Visitor Recognition- No visitors present

New Business

- Recruitment – 3 applicants, potential candidate, discuss hiring and training.
- Mayor called for a 10 minute executive session to discuss personnel at 7:16pm. Mayor Stutsman resumed meeting at 7:26pm announcing wage decision will be given to the City Clerk. MOTION CARRIED
- Hop-A-Long I.T. Services proposal. MOTION CARRIED
- City of Almena Logo discussed. It was decided that the City Clerk would present the idea to Ken Tharman at Northern Valley Schools to see if there is an interest in holding a contest to design a logo.

Old Business

- Lead and Copper Survey update- kick-off meeting with consulting firm hired by KDHE. We will begin knocking on doors in September. Possible charge to customers for determining their service line material for the mandatory EPA Revised Rule on Lead and Copper lines.
- Discussed \$8600 bid to tear out and replace the curb and sidewalk across from City Hall. Council asked for clarification on size of area.

Attorney Discussion/Report

- Dog Case update – hearing today re Wenzl/Dockendorf dog at large.
- Deed for 424 Main St. Needs corrected then filed.

City Operator Report

- South Well field, one well down – repairs are scheduled for this week.
- Equipment repairs.
- Concrete poured for Impound Kennel at shop.
- Update on moving from the area

City Clerk Report

- Budget Hearing- August 12, 2024 at 7pm
- Leak at 205 Bryant – gave 50% forgiveness water only.
- Complaint on bind weed from customer – called county, they do not handle complaints inside the city, outside city if called there is a cost to spray.
- Complaint from customer regarding speeding on Mills Ave. States there needs to be more speed limit signs to be able to enforce. Sarah reminded council that Mills Ave. was put in with the help of a grant from Farm to Market.
- Steering committee update

Deputy City Clerk Report - Deputy City Clerk not present

Financial Report

- Approve Bills MOTION CARRIED.
- Balance Sheet
- Check register
- Delinquent Account Status

With no further business it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 pm. MOTION CARRIED. The next meeting will be for a Budget Hearing and will be held on Monday, August 12th, 2024 at 7PM.

Cathy Rivera, City Clerk. Minutes are not approved until next meeting.