

# Almena City Council Minutes

The Almena City Council was called to order by Council President, Robert Hawks, on Monday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 7:00 pm. Answering roll call were Bob Hawks, Ethan Hays, and Sarah Montgomery. A quorum was declared. Minutes were read and approved from the October, 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025 meeting.

**Fire Chief Report** – (not present)

**Visitor Recognition-** Liz Howard, requested that the city okay the changing of classification on a portion of her property from residential to farm. The council will evaluate this request and get back with her.

## **New Business**

- Kenny Gibson – addressed the council regarding issues at both 601 and 710 Washington. Complaints regarding fireworks. City expects progress in cleaning up at 710 and wants to see the plans for fencing prior to erecting a fence. At 601, fence on north side needs to be repaired or removed.
- Shad Chandler has received his Water and Wastewater Certification.
- Council approved the removal of the stipend for Chandler Schnuerle
- KDOT agreement for next phase of 383 construction; motion to grant permission for Mayor to enter into the agreement. Motion Carried
- CMB licenses for Almena Market and Home Oil presented for approval. Approved Motion Carried
- Illegal dumping at the tree dump – violators were given the opportunity to clean up what was dumped. City will not press charges
- New signers on all city Bank Accounts and Certificates of Deposit will be Lacey Hansen, Ethan Hays, and Bryce Marble this is in addition to the City Clerk and Deputy City Clerk. Liz will be removed effective 11/1/25; Tracy will be removed effective 1/11/2026.

## **Old Business**

- Discuss Maintenance and Repair of Dwellings (handed out guidelines last month) will have to push this to the December meeting.
- Bryant Street parking west of Main Street. We do not need to designate the north side of street as a “no parking” zone at this time.
- Logo Contest entries –Makenna Hammond was the winner and will receive \$250. Good Job Makenna and all of the other submissions in the contest. There were several great entries to choose from.
- Whitney bid for demo of 130 Bryant St. City council stated they will assist in the cost of 2k.

## **Attorney Discussion/Report** (Attorney not present, but sent email update)

- Not present – Dog Issues, City Clerk reported that Judge Enfield met with owners on dog violations. Monday, 11/10/25. Fines were assessed and fines to be paid within 6 months.

## **City Operator Report**

- Not present – moved policy on Wastewater and Water to December.

## **City Clerk Report**

- Liquidated one CD and deposited into General Checking
- Main Street planters refurbished and trash enclosures – approx. \$900 spent.
- Bonding of employees, insurance regarding crime and fidelity on employees (comp and non-comp).

## **Deputy City Clerk Report**

- Main Street Memorial Park Update- upcoming meeting and only have one quote.
- Delinquent Account Status

## **Financial Report**

- Approve Bills MOTION CARRIED.
- Balance Sheet
- Check register

With no further business it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:34pm. MOTION CARRIED. The next meeting will be held on Monday, December 1, 2025, at 7PM. Cathy Rivera, City Clerk. Minutes are not approved until the next meeting.