

Almena City Council Minutes

The Almena City Council was called to order by Mayor Tracy Stutsman at 7:00 PM, Monday June 2nd, 2025. Answering roll call were Bob Hawks, Ethan Hays, and Sarah Montgomery. A quorum was declared. Minutes were read and approved from the May 7th, 2025 meeting. MOTION CARRIED with wording clarification.

Fire Chief Report –Fire Chief not present

Visitor Recognition- Dallas Gosselin from Norton County Economic Development

New Business

- Ordinance #463- (Adopting a Neighborhood Revitalization Program). Dallas Gosselin was present to discuss the Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP). The NPR was created to address the current needs of housing (quality, quantity, and affordability) in order to attract and retain potential employees in our community. A motion was made to approve Ordinance #463- MOTION CARRIED- APPROVED
- Sewer Issue at 309 Washington- Customer paid \$656.00 bill for sewer work done, deemed City responsibility. A motion was made to reimburse the customer for costs. MOTION CARRIED
- Several customer complaints of abandoned vehicles and dog issues were addressed. The dog issues will be referred to Norton County Court. The process of removing the abandoned vehicles will be started.
- The blights were discussed and all will be addressed by Notices to Abate.
- Cameras and signs will be updated at the shop and tree dump to deter people from illegally dumping household waste and other items..

Old Business

- Library has had several applicants for Library Director Position. Interviews being conducted.
- Treasurer job description to be created
- A CD that matured was reinvested at another bank with a 1% higher interest rate.

Attorney Discussion/Report (Attorney not present)

City Operator Report

- Several projects regarding flowers, spicket, and trees were completed around the City Office to increase beautification and provide the shop with a windbreak/living fence.
- A new window for the Kubota has been ordered
- Street repairs and patching to start as soon as temperatures at in the 80 degree range
- SCADA system communication problem with south well field.
- Emergency generator for “sheltering in place” at the community center was further discussed.

City Clerk Report

- KDOC grant that was applied for in February was denied.

Deputy City Clerk Report

- Main Street Memorial Park- no update at this time
- 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 8:42pm. MOTION CARRIED. The next meeting will be held on Monday, July 7th 2025, at 7PM.

Annette Puent, Deputy City Clerk. Minutes are not approved until the next meeting.