

Almena City Council Minutes

The Almena City Council was called to order by President Bob Hawks at 7:00 PM on Monday, April 7th, 2025. Answering roll call were Bob Hawks, Kevin Sides, and Sarah Montgomery. A quorum was declared. Minutes were read and approved from the March 3rd, 2025 meeting. MOTION CARRIED

Fire Chief Report –Fire Chief had to leave before meeting started, and did not give a report.

Visitor Recognition- No visitors were present

New Business

- Substitute trash truck driver (Eddy) retiring- Names of others who might be interested in substitute driver position were brought up.
- Ordinance #462- (an amendment to Ordinance #460) This amendment was created to include details regarding fencing corner lots. APPROVED
- Quote presented for a 2nd Chlorine tester- A second Chlorine tester would ensure we have a back-up to use if ever needed and update our current tester. Motion to accept quoted price of \$639.96, and if price is no longer available, permission to spend up to \$700. MOTION CARRIED
- City-Wide clean up- date this year will be on April 28. All items to be sorted and placed at curb by 8am.
- Discussion regarding Library Director position for the Almena City Library.
- Building permit for Storage Shed at 601 Van Horn presented. APPROVED
- Housing codes for rental properties discussed. Houses considered blights will be addressed at next meeting.
- Need for generator discussed. Quotes for generator will be brought to next meeting.
- A motion was made to present a \$100 memorial in honor of our City Librarian, Harold Rivera. MOTION CARRIED
- Curb replacement quote- The curb on the corner of Main and Bryant had more extensive work than originally estimated to replace it correctly. A motion was made to approve the increase quote by \$1,000 to configure sidewalk to standard. MOTION CARRIED

Old Business

- Leak at 25998 Hwy 383 continued to be monitored
- Almena “Welcome” sign- KDOT will be contacted regarding keeping the placement of the sign where originally was before highway project, on the corner of Main and Hwy 383.
- Treasurer position to be filled- a job description will be created and posted

Attorney Discussion/Report

- Discussion on Amendment #462 and housing code information

City Operator Report

- Chip and Seal- problem streets identified. Proposal presented from B&H. Motion to approve proposal for an estimated spending of \$64,000. MOTION CARRIED

City Clerk Report

- Discussion of possible grants for generator

Deputy City Clerk Report

- Main Street Memorial Park- Sign at Park to display image and work to be done in Phase 1, to be completed this week. Design of military symbols in process.
- 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 8:54pm. MOTION CARRIED.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, May 5th, at 7PM.

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