

Almont City Proceedings

Minutes of Almont City Monday, July 1st, 2024

Present: Russell Kramer, Kaity Olson-Brett, Sharmayne Erhardt, Andrew Heinrich, Seth Feland and Lynne Jacobson. Also present: Buzz Bruington, Jane Melchior and Pete Olson.

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

Minutes from the previous meeting were read. Kaity made a motion to accept the minutes as read; Sharmayne seconded; motion passed. Treasurer's report was provided along with current balances in accounts. Kaity made a motion to accept; Seth seconded; motion passed. Bills for mowing and road work were presented for approval. Council approved unanimously.

Lynne advised with the new council members that a President and Vice President should be appointed to run meetings in the event the mayor is absent. Seth nominated himself for the President's position; hearing no other nominations; council unanimously accepted his nomination. Sharmayne nominated herself for the Vice President's position; hearing no other nominations; council unanimously accepted her nomination.

Old Business:
Discussion on the mobile home that was to be removed by Willmans was discussed. Russ advised he will visit with them on status. Lynne will call the county building inspector for the status on the mobile home on Main Street.

Lynne was advised by Moore Engineering that we needed a Main Street Initiative Community Action Plan for

the Department of Commerce. They prepared one for us with a 3-phase target. They also advised that they will be submitting the CDBG application and need a motion to proceed. Kaity made a motion to accept the Action Plan and to submit the completed application; Seth seconded; motion passed.

Jess was not in attendance at the meeting regarding the water billing matter so this matter was tabled until next month. Further discussion was held regarding the billing of empty lots, how much to bill, etc. Lynne will prepare a notice to send to council for their review and will then be inserted into the water billings and will be mailed to owners who do not receive water bills.

Lynne advised that the Consumer Confidence Water Reports have been completed and will be sent to the residents.

Mowing of the ditches along County Road 86 was discussed. Russ will get a mower to get this done and also to mow the lagoon area.

Discussion was held regarding the gravel on the streets. Sharmayne made a motion to get one more side dump load when available; Kaity seconded; motion passed.

New Business:
Jane Melchior was present to discuss the park. She complimented the council on the street improvements. She advised that the Garden Club is willing to redo the flower/rock beds in the park but stressed that the park needs to be maintained as this spring it was in very bad condition and a lot of work was done

by her, the 4-H kids, and various other individuals. Sharmayne made a motion to go ahead; Kaity seconded; motion passed. Jane also advised that County Commissioner Ray Morrell will be in Almont on July 20th for coffee at garden club, and that he is willing to help in any way he can for the community of Almont.

Lynne presented the State's results of the inspection of the city's water system. Defects were found, discussed and addressed. Lynne will order the necessary signs; Russ will mow the areas required; Sharmayne will purchase the locks and Russ will get them installed at the gate, lift station and control panel.

Russ advised that the ND Country Fest inquired about dumping sewage into the lagoon and also to possibly purchase water. Discussion was held on this matter and the council felt they needed more information; however, a roll call vote was held with Sharmayne, Kaity and Andrew with a no vote; Seth with a yes. Russ will call them with the council's decision.

A motion to adjourn was made by Kaity and seconded by Sharmayne. Meeting adjourned at 9:29 p.m.

*Calls were made to obtain more information on the Country Fest's request and after further inquiry council unanimously voted down the requests.

/s/Russell Kramer
Russell Kramer, Mayor
/s/Lynne Jacobson
Lynne Jacobson, Auditor
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the road for security reasons, which is understandable, right? But then we people don't go up to the cow or they don't go up to the cow and leave a donation."

The donations made by tourists or locals making the drive or walk to see Salem Sue help to maintain the local icon with fresh paint and regular cleaning. This year's tours are meant to fill that gap and maybe make some more money. This comes as Salem Sue has grown in popularity as well.

"You go to the Denver Airport and Salem Sue is the sign for North

Dakota, not the Buffalo," Young said. "And when celebrities come to visit our state, they take their picture with Salem Sue. It's one of the things to do in North Dakota, to come visit and take your picture with them."

Outside of Salem Sue, the Lions Club offers support for many causes in the New Salem community and beyond. They provide scholarships, provide eyeglasses and are in charge of the popular tradition of Santa Days held around Christmas. On September 21, the Lions Club organized a collaboration with Gateway to Science

in Bismarck, ND, to bring exhibits for school children to see in the New Salem City auditorium.

"We have it all set up, all set up with the school, set up with the auditorium. So it's going to be awesome," Young said.

The New Salem Lions Club will be present during this year's Cow Town Hoe Down celebration as well, bringing sweatshirts and knick knacks to celebrate both Salem Sue's 50 birthday and the various class reunions that will occur during the weekend long event.



Merchandise the Lion's Club will sell at the upcoming Cow Town Hoe Down event. Options include multiple colors of sweaters, lanyards, coozies, water bottles and tumblers. Credit: Robert Mechaley



Dan Klug from the New Salem Lions Club gets behind the wheel to drive ND Country Fest crew up to see Salem Sue. Credit: Robert Mechaley

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SPECIAL MEETING Monday, July 8th, 2024, 6:30pm

City Auditorium

These minutes are being published subject to review and revision by the New Salem City Council.

Gaebe called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Attendance
Council Mayor: Josh Gaebe

Council members present: Corey Lausch, Perrin Goetzfridt, Chad Goetzfridt, Delton Kautzman, Sheppard Olsen, Bryan Moen

Others present: City Works Raymond Kazandjian, Robert Boehm, City Auditor Melissa Davis, City Engineer Todd Norton, Jon Engelstad, Blaise Olsen

Minutes
Kautzman moved and C. Goetzfridt seconded to approve the June 10th, 2024 city council minutes and the June 20th and July 1st special meeting minutes with the change of P. Goetzfridt abstaining from the council/mayor pay increase for special meeting and portfolio meetings on the June 10th regular meeting. All voting aye, the motion carried.

Water & Sewer Committee
Norton presented an award recommendation for the priority 6 project which will be completed in 2025. Kautzman moved and Moen seconded to award the base bid and alternate number one to Crow River Construction in the amount of \$3,445,738.50 and to sign the Notice of Award and agreements pending attorney approval. All voting aye, the motion carried.

Kazandjian presented three estimates for pump hoses that are needed at the lagoon. C. Goetzfridt moved and P. Goetzfridt seconded to approve the purchase of 3 PVC hoses costing \$659.95/hose. All voting aye, the motion carried.

Street Committee
The council looked at three estimates for LED solar stop signs for the corner of 8th and Elm. The council was in agreement to have Kazandjian check with Morton County on pricing before making any decisions.

Police Committee
The council reviewed the June police report.

Personal Committee
The council reviewed the city work report.

Gaebe made the following portfolio appointments:
Water/sewer ~Kautzman
Streets ~Kautzman
Auditorium ~Moen
Police ~Olsen
Sanitation ~Lausch
Board of Health ~Moen
Building ~P. Goetzfridt
Personnel ~C. Goetzfridt
Ordinances ~Lausch
C. Goetzfridt moved and P. Goetzfridt seconded to approve the appointments made by Gaebe. All voting aye, the motion carried.

Ordinance Committee
Davis stated the city is still waiting on the council and mayor pay resolution from Mahoney.

New Business
Davis presented the preliminary budget for 2025. Af-

ter much discussion about the equipment the city will need to complete chip sealing in the future C. Goetzfridt moved and Kautzman seconded to approve the preliminary budget with increasing the general fund equipment/machinery fund by \$10,000. All voting aye, the motion carried.

P. Goetzfridt moved and C. Goetzfridt seconded to hold the final budget hearing on September 9th, 2024 at 5:30pm. All voting aye, the motion carried.

Consent Agenda
Kautzman moved and Moen seconded to approve the consent agenda, all voting aye, the motion carried.

1. Pledge of Securities
2. Liquor License Transfer
a. The Field to New Salem City Auditorium - 8/10/24 -Wedding

b. The Field to New Salem City Auditorium - 8/17/24 -Wedding

c. The Field to New Salem City Auditorium - 9/28/24 -Wedding

Kautzman moved C. Goetzfridt seconded to approve the bills as presented. All voting aye the motion carried.

517e941 PAYMENT
6/24/2024 \$2,353.87
518eND State Tax Commissioner 7/1/2024 \$105.19 state taxes-quarterly
519eNDPERS 7/1/2024 \$2,144.28 retirement payment
520e941 PAYMENT
7/8/2024 \$2,453.81
521eWEB.COM
7/8/2024 \$21.99

17450 Becker, Carter 6/17/2024 \$1,141.33
17451 Boehm, Robert 6/17/2024 \$1,831.63
17452 Davis, Melissa 6/17/2024 \$1,293.79
17453 Haff, Tyler 6/17/2024 \$627.29
17454 Kazandjian, Raymond 6/17/2024 \$2,008.61
17455 Yellow Bird, Miranda 6/17/2024 \$1,112.95
17456 AE 2 S 6/24/2024 \$8,088.50 2024 Project

17457 C RAM 6/24/2024 \$127.50 shop computer
17458 MARC 6/24/2024 \$2,115.16 Bacterial enzymes
17459 MDU 6/24/2024 \$3,278.13 street lights
17460 Becker, Carter 7/1/2024 \$698.41
17461 Bennett, Shane 7/1/2024 \$92.35
17462 Boehm, Robert 7/1/2024 \$1,743.25
17463 Davis, Melissa 7/1/2024 \$1,293.79
17464 Fitterer, Lynette 7/1/2024 \$261.89
17465 Gaebe, Joshua 7/1/2024 \$295.52
17466 Goetzfridt, Chad 7/1/2024 \$295.52
17467 Goetzfridt, Perrin 7/1/2024 \$295.52
17468 Haff, Tyler 7/1/2024 \$249.18
17469 Kautzman, Delton 7/1/2024 \$286.60
17470 Kazandjian, Raymond 7/1/2024 \$1,964.13
17471 Lausch,

Corey 7/1/2024 \$295.52
17472 Meyer, Mark 7/1/2024 \$288.02
17473 Moen, Bryan 7/1/2024 \$193.93
17474 Yellow Bird, Miranda 7/1/2024 \$1,166.07
17475 B R A U N ELECTRIC INC 7/8/2024 \$250.00 North Siren
17476 C O F E R SANITATION 7/8/2024 \$91.61 Garbage Service
17477 C U R T I S RUD OIL 7/8/2024 \$322.54 diesel
17478 D A K O T A AWARDS 7/8/2024 \$26.74
Notary Stamp
17479 D A K O T A PUMP & CONTROL 7/8/2024 \$618.00 Annual Inspection
17480 F A R M E R S LUMBER & GAMBLE 7/8/2024 \$3,763.92 aud/shop supplies
17481 F E R G U - SON ENTERPRISES LLC 7/8/2024 \$1,089.61 locator
17482 Gaffaney's Floral 7/8/2024 \$324.83
17483 Flowers Lynette
17484 M A R C 7/8/2024 \$385.81 Veg-a-kill
17484 M E L I S S A DAVIS 7/8/2024 \$268.33
17485 M I S S O U R I Mileage WEST WATER SYSTEM 7/8/2024 \$18,966.84 water purchase
17486 M O R - GRAN- SOU ELECTRIC 7/8/2024 \$143.83 street lighting
17487 MORTON COUNTY AUDITOR 7/8/2024 \$3,360.00 police contract
17488 N A P A 7/8/2024 \$832.41 equipment parts
17489 N D D E P T OF HEALTH - MICRO 7/8/2024 \$25.00 labs
17490 N E W S A - L E M JOURNAL 7/8/2024 \$1,623.62 printing/publishing
17491 N O R T H DAKOTA LEAGUE OF 7/8/2024 \$1,363.00 City Dues
17492 O F F I C E DEPOT Business Credit 7/8/2024 \$84.85 Shop Ink
17493 O N E C A L L CONCEPTS 7/8/2024 \$24.85 811 calls
17494 P A R K D I S - T R I C T 7/8/2024 \$1,148.43 state aid
17495 R O U G H RIDERS INDUSTRY 7/8/2024 \$32.28 street signs
17496 S A N I T A - T I O N P R O D U C T S 7/8/2024 \$1,816.67 Sweeper Parts
17497 Kaelberer Construction Inc. 7/8/2024 \$1,514.65 Transtrash
17498 V E S T I S 7/8/2024 \$1,268.09 aud mats, and paper products
17499 W E S T R I V - E R 7/8/2024 \$286.43 phones

Gaebe adjourned the meeting at 7:01pm. The next regular New Salem City Council meeting will be Monday, August 12th, 2024 at 5:30pm.

/s/Josh Gaebe
Josh Gaebe, Mayor
/s/Melissa Davis
Melissa Davis, Auditor
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