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ALMA CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2015  
7:00 P.M.  
ALMA MUNICIPAL COMPLEX

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Minutes
4. Mayor's Notes
5. Old Business
  - A. Clean Line Discussion
  - B. Resolution 2015-1
6. New Business
  - A. State of City Address
  - B. Resolution 2015-2
  - C. Annexation
7. Department Reports
8. Adjourn

RESOLUTION NO. 2015- 1

EASTERN CLEAN LINE TRANSMISSION PROJECT'S REQUEST TO OPERATE AS A PUBLIC UTILITY IN ARKANSAS.

WHEREAS, Clean Line Energy Partners, LLC, has submitted to the United States Department of Energy an application for its Plains & Eastern Clean Line transmission project to construct and operate a transmission line throughout various states, including Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, the project will not provide energy to the citizens of this state or benefit consumers of energy within this state; and

WHEREAS, the proposed transmission line would pass through numerous Arkansas counties, including Crawford and will potentially have detrimental impacts on the property of landowners in these areas; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Energy should not approve the application of Clean Line Energy Partners, LLC, for its Plains & Eastern Clean Line transmission project unless it identifies clear and substantial benefits to the State of Arkansas that exceed any detrimental impacts caused by the project;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF ALMA, ARKANSAS that the City of Alma encourages the United States Department of Energy to carefully consider the application of Clean Line Energy Partners, LLC for its Plains & Eastern Clean Line transmission project and urges the United States Department of Energy to not approve the application unless it identifies clear and substantial benefits to the State of Arkansas that exceed any detrimental impacts caused by the project.

APPROVED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2015.

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MAYOR KEITH GREENE

ATTEST:

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CRISSY INGE  
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## STATE OF THE CITY

February 2015

Now that 2014 is behind us we can certainly take pride in all of the accomplishments that were either finalized or set in motion by forward planning. Mayor Ballentine left the City in excellent shape to insure that 2015 will be a great year for Alma. He deserves the thanks of the entire community. The results of the Sales Tax Renewal are beginning to develop into actions in the Public Works area, the City Parks, and the Fire and Police Departments.

### PUBLIC WORKS

The year finished with a refinanced lower interest rate Water and Sewer Bond, improved water office, inside and out, and a completed road overlay of Edwards Road, North of Eagle Crest. New purchases of portable back up and pump power generators. Improved parking at Community Building and completed design work for a Drinking Water Fluoridation System. Construction contracts in progress for improving the Waste Water Collection System, Highway 162 utility relocation, Downtown streetscape, and camera upgrade on traffic signals. Work will continue for improvements in the Storm Water Management Plan and the Water Distribution System. The Highway 162 Project is scheduled to be completed by May of 2016.

### FIRE DEPARTMENT

2014 ended a great year that has prepared the Fire Department for Future Growth of the City. State grants and the Sales Tax Renewal has provided the funds to install radios for better fire ground communication that is also important for mutual aid situations. Turn out gear, rescue tools, and self-contained breathing apparatus, items that had been in service 10-25 years, have been replaced. One new pumper truck and 2 new brush trucks are on order. All of these improvements are necessary to keep our fire insurance rating low. 2015 will be a year that the Fire Department can better serve the community.

### POLICE DEPARTMENT

With the slow economic picture of the last two years the Police Department has not had an opportunity to improve the crime fighting technology. To help remedy this situation for 2015 we have the recently passed bond issue and several grants for a new radio communication system and electronic finger printing capabilities. Through the help of a federal grant and the Alma School District a new Resource Officer is in place. This is always a great opportunity to improve the relationship between young students and the police officers.

## PARKS DEPARTMENT

Repairs to the water park facility were extensive in 2014. The goal this year was to get in a position to open in May and be assured that there would be a minimal amount of time that any part of the facility was not operating properly. In January of this year the land across from Meadors Inn was purchased for additional park use. Due to vandalism and theft, city property had been tagged for identification. Improved signage to all city property and areas of access has been completed. The fishing dock is scheduled to be repaired in March.

We have many reasons to be optimistic about 2015. I am looking forward to the challenges that will be in our future. Everyone needs to be aware of the County Sales Tax Renewal in May and its importance to the City.

Alma Mayor,

Keith Greene

The Local Government  
Purchasing Cooperative

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-2

of

City of Alma

(Name of Local Government)

Cooperative Member

WHEREAS, the CITY OF ALMA, (hereinafter "Cooperative Member") desires to participate in a local government cooperative purchasing program pursuant to the authority granted by Chapter 791 of the Texas Government Code, the Interlocal Cooperation Act ("Act");

WHEREAS, CITY OF ALMA, has elected to be a Cooperative Member in the The Local Government Purchasing Cooperative (hereinafter "Cooperative"), a local government purchasing cooperative program created by local governments in accordance with and pursuant to the Act and Section 271.101, *et seq.*, of the Texas Local Government Code;

WHEREAS, the Cooperative Member, is of the opinion that participation in the Cooperative's purchasing program will be highly beneficial to the taxpayers of the local government through the efficiencies and potential savings to be realized; and

WHEREAS, the Cooperative Member desires to participate and join with other local governments in an Interlocal Participation Agreement ("Agreement") for the purpose of fulfilling and implementing their respective public and governmental purposes, needs, objectives, programs, functions and services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cooperative Member requests that the Cooperative include its stated needs for all categories, including but not limited to, instructional, maintenance, custodial, and food service goods and services, in the Cooperative's purchasing program and select vendors for those items, whereby the Cooperative Members may be allowed to purchase those items from the Cooperative's contracts; and that Cooperative is authorized to sign and deliver necessary requests and other documents in connection therewith for and on behalf of the Cooperative Members that have elected to participate.

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Cooperative Member authorizes its Board President, Superintendent or other officer to execute the Interlocal Participation Agreement which includes the adoption and approval of the Organizational Interlocal Agreement previously executed and adopted by two or more local governments.

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED that the execution of this Resolution shall evidence the election of Cooperative Member and eligible local governments to become members of the Cooperative upon the terms and conditions stated. The Board of Trustees has, and at the time of adoption of this Resolution had, full power and lawful authority to adopt the foregoing Resolution and to confer the obligations, powers, and authority to the persons named, who are hereby granted the power to exercise the same.

I certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the resolution duly adopted by CITY OF ALMA on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of FEBRUARY in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Local Government)  
the year 2015, and that the same now appears of record in its official minutes.

CITY OF ALMA, Cooperative Member

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Representative

Date: 02/19/2015

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(Title)

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

Date: \_\_\_\_\_