

ALMA CITY COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2015

7:00 P.M.

ALMA MUNICIPAL COMPLEX

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Keith Greene at 7:00 P.M.

Present: Councilman John Tribulak, Councilman Doug Wilson, Councilman John Ware, Councilwoman Rinda Baker, Councilman and Fire Chief Eddie Wakefield, Councilwoman Maria Washburn, Mayor Keith Greene, City Clerk Crissy Inge, Police Chief Russell White and Public Works Director Mark Yardley

Wakefield made a motion to approve the January City Council minutes as submitted and was seconded by Wilson. The motion carried 6 to 0

Mayor Greene stated there will be a study session held at Alma City Hall on Monday March 2, 2015 at 5:30 PM to discuss issues miscellaneous city business.

Wilson reported he is still reaching out to property owners regarding the Alma Cemetery.

Jerry Harry spoke about the proposed towers by Plains and Eastern Clean Line Energy. (See Attachment)

Wilson made a motion to put Resolution 2015-1, a resolution encouraging 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, and was seconded by Wilson. The motion passed 6 to 0. Greene read the resolution. Wakefield made a motion to approve the resolution and was seconded by Tribulak. The motion carried 6 to 0.

Mayor Greene presented the State of the City address (See Attachment)

Wilson made a motion to put Resolution 2015-2, a resolution allowing the City of Alma 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, and was seconded by Tribulak. The motion passed 6 to 0. Baker made a motion to read the resolution by title only and was seconded by Wilson. The motion passed 6 to 0. Wakefield stated the resolution would allow the City to receive discounted rates on equipment and vehicles and there would be no cost to the City. Wilson made a motion approve the resolution and was seconded by Baker. The motion carried 6 to 0.

City Attorney Chuck Baker gave an update on the annexation of "islands" within the City of Alma. He stated there are approximately 20 properties completely surrounded by the City of Alma that will be taken into the city. There will be a public meeting held on March 19, 2015 at 6:30 PM in the Alma City

Council room and the annexations will be voted on by the Alma City Council on April 16, 2015 at the regular Alma City Council meeting. (See Attachment)

Public Works Director Mark Yardley gave the Public Works Report. (See Attachment) Yardley reported bill was passed allowing decisions regarding fluoride to make by the community, if approved by the Senate the City could have local control again. Wakefield made a motion to approve \$39,990 to Hughes Electric Co, Inc for installation of a 100kw generator and switch gear at the WWTW influent pump station and was seconded by Wilson. The motion passed 6 to 0.

Police Chief Russell White gave the police report. (See Attachment) White stated there will be some employees leaving the department and others changing positions over the next couple of months, but doesn't see any problems with the changes.

Fire Chief Eddie Wakefield gave the Fire Report. Wakefield reported 3 calls during the month of January. The department has received some equipment that was purchased with sales tax proceeds. Wakefield stated the Alma Fire Department was able to use the new burn trailer purchased by the county for training purposes last week. The department will get 6 weeks of use out of the trailer each year, which will be a great asset to the City of Alma.

Wilson made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Baker. The motion passed 6 to 0. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 P.M.