

ALMA CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING

THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2015

6:30 P.M.

ALMA MUNICIPAL COMPLEX

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Keith Greene at 6:30 P.M.

Present: John Tribulak, Doug Wilson, John Ware, Eddie Wakefield, Maria Washburn, City Attorney Chuck Baker, Mayor Keith Greene and City Clerk Crissy Inge. Rinda Baker was absent.

Mayor Greene opened the meeting for public discussion regarding the parcels to be brought into the Alma city limits. Mr. Bart Hutchinson asked if he would be given sewer service once his property on Mountain Grove is brought into the city and stated he was previously told in 2001 by Alma City Council he would be given the service if he elected to come into the city limits. Public Works Director Mark Yardley stated there is currently no plans to run sewer lines up Mountain Grove Road due to the significant costs. Greene stated the current administration is attempting to correct the error the City of Alma made in the past by allowing illegal "islands" of property within the City of Alma and expects some pains with the growth.

Wakefield made a motion to close the public hearing and was seconded by Wilson. The motion carried 5 to 0.

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7:00 P.M.

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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, 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. Councilwoman Rinda Baker was absent.

Wakefield made a motion to approve the February City Council minutes as submitted and was seconded by Wilson. The motion carried 5 to 0. Tribulak, Wilson, Ware, Wakefield, Washburn in favor. None opposed.

Mayor Greene stated the final walk through at the Alma Senior was completed and the building looks great. Greene stated the parks department did a great job repairing the fishing pier at the Pier Park.

Wilson made a motion to put Ordinance 2015-4, an ordinance annexing certain lands that are completely surrounded by the incorporated limits of the City of Alma, Arkansas, on the table and was seconded by Washburn. The motion passed 5 to 0. Tribulak, Wilson, Ware, Wakefield, Washburn in favor. None opposed. Greene read the ordinance in entirety. Wilson made a motion to suspend the rules and read the ordinance a second time, title only, and was seconded by Washburn. On Clerk calling roll, the following vote resulted: 5 ayes and no nays. Tribulak, Wilson, Ware, Wakefield, Washburn in favor. None opposed. When asked by Tribulak, City Attorney Chuck Baker confirmed all requirements have been met to legally adopt the ordinance. Wilson made a motion to suspend the rules and read the ordinance a third and final time, title only, and was seconded by Wakefield. On Clerk calling roll, the following vote resulted: 5 ayes and no nays. Tribulak, Wilson, Ware, Wakefield, Washburn in favor. None opposed. Wilson made a motion to adopt the ordinance and was seconded by Wakefield. On Clerk calling roll, the following vote resulted: 5 ayes and no nays. Tribulak, Wilson, Ware, Wakefield, Washburn in favor. None opposed. Tribulak made a motion to adopt the emergency clause and was seconded by Wilson. On Clerk calling roll, the following vote resulted: 5 ayes and no nays. Tribulak, Wilson, Ware, Wakefield, Washburn in favor. None opposed.

Tribulak made a motion to put Resolution 2015-3, a resolution expressing the willingness of the City of Alma to utilize federal-aid transportation alternatives program funds, and was seconded by Wilson. The motion passed 5 to 0. Tribulak, Wilson, Ware, Wakefield, Washburn in favor. None opposed.

Greene read the resolution in entirety. Wakefield made a motion approve the resolution and was seconded by Tribulak. On Clerk calling roll, the following vote resulted: 5 ayes and no nays. Tribulak, Wilson, Ware, Wakefield, Washburn in favor.

Fire Chief Eddie Wakefield gave the Fire Report. Wakefield reported a good month for the Department in February. Everything is going well with equipment and vehicle purchases for the Fire Department. The training trailer owned by the county will be used by Alma Fire Department for training in August of 2015 and again in April of 2016.

Police Chief Russell White gave the police report. (See Attachment) White stated the department is doing well on budget. The department is currently short employees, but will be waiting on May before replacing anyone. White stated the department is still looking at polices and upgrades available for body cameras but has not made any decisions on purchasing at this time.

Public Works Director Mark Yardley gave the Public Works Report. (See Attachment) Yardley reported Morrison Shipley has been hired to work on mandatory flood water management manual now required for all cities. City Attorney Chuck Baker thanked Yardley for all of his work on the annexations and stated Yardley did an amazing job of negotiating contracts for the Hwy 162 property acquisitions.

Wilson made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Wakefield. The motion passed 5 to 0. Tribulak, Wilson, Ware, Wakefield, Washburn in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.