

# Alma

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Paul Gronquist moved to approve the bills in the amount of \$223,010.70. Tonya Hensley seconded. Motion carried.

### APPROVALS:

Dan Deiter moved to approve the 2025 Alma City Budget. Council Member Don Westhoff seconded. Motion carried.

Dan Deiter moved to approve the 2025 Alma Recreation Budget. Jared Falk seconded. Motion carried.

Don Westhoff discussed employee sick time. Clerk Sherry Smith reported that she changed a setting within the timeclock software that will not allow sick time to be eligible for overtime. The employees can now utilize sick time (not counted as working hours) if circumstances arise that they will have to work over 40 hours a week. Don also discussed increasing the employees pay rate if they get called out after hours to time and a half

regardless of taking sick leave prior to being called out. Jared Falk motioned to increase the pay rate to time and a half when called out. Don Westhoff seconded. Motion was denied. Dan Deiter, Paul Gronquist and Tonya Hensley voted no.

Michael Slobodnik asked the council to consider allowing the on-call employees to extend their travel time to 45 minutes while on call. Currently they can only travel 15 minutes from Alma while on call. This will be discussed at a future meeting.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding employees' pay when attending meetings/trainings.

### CITY PERSONNEL

#### REPORTS:

City Clerk Sherry Smith reported on the following:

- She is not able to attend the Alma Area Match Day on August 27, 2024, due to a conflict. Dan Deiter and Ken Smith will attend.
- New nets for the tennis court had to be purchased. They will be delivered in time for the first meet on August 27, 2024.

- She asked about doing a fall city wide clean up. It was decided to do this the last weekend in September through the second week in October.

City Superintendent Michael Slobodnik reported on the following:

- He discussed updating the security system at all city buildings. He will look into more options before the next meeting.
- He has put the sidewalk project out for bid.
- He asked the council to put \$26,000.00 of the reimbursement from the state back into equipment reserve.
- The new street sweeper the city purchased does not meet the city's needs. He would like to place it on Purple Wave.
- He gave an update on the street work being done by the high school.

Don Westhoff asked about the hole in the street by Dollar General. This will be taken care of as soon as possible.

Dan Deiter asked about the

shelters at the RV park. The city is currently waiting for the cement slab to be poured. There was also discussion about the roofs.

### OLD BUSINESS:

There was a discussion about solar power. Michael has been talking to Wamego, they have an ordinance in place as well as an inspector. Wamego also utilizes the same billing software that Alma does.

### COUNCIL

#### REPORTS:

Dan Deiter congratulated Sherry Smith for obtaining her CMC Designation (Certified Municipal Clerk).

Don Westhoff did not have anything to report.

Jared Falk did not have anything to report.

Tonya Hensley did not have anything to report.

Paul Gronquist did not have anything to report.

Ken Smith did not have anything to report.

At 7:58 p.m. Dan Deiter moved to go into executive session for attorney client privilege for 10 minutes and to have Sherry Smith, Michael Slobodnik, and

City Attorney Tom Barnes in attendance. Paul Gronquist seconded. Motion carried.

Barbara Frank left the meeting. At 8:08 p.m. the regular meeting resumed.

There was no action taken coming out of the executive session.

Ken Smith drew the following names to receive a \$50.00 credit on their utility bill. This drawing was for completing the lead and copper survey that was sent out.

Richard Ross, Dennis Treff, Gwen Hendricks, Scott William, Joyce Mathies, Larry Garrison, Holy Family Parish Rental, Mike Orton, Marty Williams, Jane Barnes, Tracy Phillips, Don Hendricks, Linda Stevens, Lakiva Chisolm, James Heder, Phil Schutter, Coleen Falk, General Dishman, Hendricks Hardware, Vicki Evans.

At 8:11 p.m. Paul Gronquist moved to adjourn to the Alma City Hall on September 3, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. to conduct regular city business. Tonya Hensley seconded, and the motion carried.

Sherry Smith,  
City Clerk

# Maple Hill

### APPROVED MINUTES Budget Hearing Meeting – August 12, 2024

This special meeting of the governing body was called for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of ad valorem tax.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Casey Cain called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Brian Mayer, John Hoffman, Lori Payne, Bruce Prater and Thomas McAnerney. Quorum established. Others present were Deborah Mikoleit and City Clerk Lynn Hoobler.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS OR OBJECTIONS: No one was present other than the governing

body. Mayor Cain asked if the council had any comments or questions on the proposed budget.

There were no questions, so Brian made a motion to approve the 2025 budget as presented. Thomas seconded the motion, and it passed 5-0.

At 6:48 John made a motion to adjourn the budget hearing. Lori seconded the motion, and it passed 5-0.

Lynn Hoobler, City Clerk  
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### APPROVED MINUTES MAPLE HILL, KANSAS REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING – August 12, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Casey Cain called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Hoffman, Brian Mayer, Lori Payne, Thomas McAnerney and Bruce Prater. Others present were Lana and Kent Johnson, City Attorney Scott Hesse, Deborah Mikoleit, Chief Bob Sauerbrunn,

Officer Jon Sumner, Tom Mayer and City Clerk Lynn Hoobler. Thomas Patry arrived at 7:03. (The meeting was recorded)

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA: Bruce made a motion to approve the agenda. Lori seconded the motion, and it passed 5-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Brian made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held July 8, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. Thomas seconded the motion, and it passed 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Lana Johnson introduced herself to the council and gave some history of her life living in Maple Hill. She said she was in attendance to discuss the possibility of having a mural painted on a building in Maple Hill. She reported that she was notified by Stephani Imthurn, the Economic Director for Wabaunsee County, about the possibility of getting a grant to help pay for it. She said she is the chair of the committee, along with Nancy Hier and Peggy Jackson. She said Garrett Larson is a local resident and is the artist who has done several murals in surrounding towns. She said he is the art teacher in Rossville and does very good work. She said there are several grants available. The one in McFarland falls under historical preservation and it was done on the old bank building. She noted that it cost about \$15,000, so it's not an inexpensive project. She said she has talked to the Stockgrowers State Bank president about doing it on the south side of the building or on the south side of Molly Schulte's beauty shop. She said she is just sharing the idea because it's still in the talking stage, and it would probably happen in the spring if it happens at all. She also mentioned the 150th anniversary of the Old Stone Church. She gave some background about that but went on to say that they are planning a celebration for that on May 25th of next year. She said this is just more information for the council to be aware of. She said she would come back periodically to keep them updated. She moved on to give information about the Senior Center, the meals they provide, activities they do

and that it is also an Emergency Warming Center when needed. Brian said he can be available to help deliver meals in the afternoons if they ever need help.

TREASURERS REPORT: (Deborah Mikoleit or Lynn Hoobler) Deborah reviewed the departmental expenses and ending balances for July. She noted a couple of transfers she made that were discussed at the budget workshop. The council didn't have any more questions or comments, so Lori made a motion to pay the city bills as submitted. John seconded the motion, and it passed 5-0. Bruce asked why we are only paying 2-3 officers when we have 6 on the payroll. The mayor said they only get paid when they work. Lynn said they all have full time jobs and get on a chat page they have to let each other know when someone is coming in.

MAINTENANCE REPORT: (Tom Mayer) Tom reported he had two water connections on Sunset last month and will be doing another one south of town probably closer to November. Thomas Patry asked if there will be an address for the cabin so the fire department has it. Lynn said she will give it to him after the meeting.

### DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

SEWER / SOLID WASTE: (Bruce Prater) Nothing to report on the sewer but he said he would give an update on the website. He talked to Kelsey Palmer about the website, and he did a deep dive into it. He said there aren't really any low-cost templates to use so we would have to go to a word press and to license that would probably be 2-3 grand a year. Kelsey said he doesn't have time to develop that. He said there is a guy in St. Marys that does small commercial websites, but government is a different ballgame. He wanted to mention that he got a letter from Civic Plus offering a reduced support fee, down from \$6,000.00 to \$2,520.00. He said he wants to maintain our domain name and will report on that later.

WATER DEPARTMENT: (Brian Mayer) Nothing to report.

STREETS: (John Hoffman) Nothing to report.

ZONING DEPARTMENT (Lori Payne) Nothing to report.

PUBLIC SAFETY: (Mayor Casey Cain) Chief Bob Sauerbrunn reported there was a car chase that ended in a DUI arrest and there was a fire at 105 Sunset that was set by a child. It caused approximately \$800.00 damage. He said a written warning was served to someone for their camper still being parked on the street. He was told they will move it. Officer Sumner said the ordinance they are using doesn't have very good language for them to issue anything else so they can use a state statute for being a public nuisance, which will take it out of the cities jurisdiction and move it to the county, as another option. There was a discussion about the ordinances they are trying to use, but they just don't address this issue. Bob said the resident has disconnected the water hose and extension cords, but it's beyond the 10 days they were given to get it moved. Lori asked if they could revisit 3 ordinances Lynn had received from other 3rd class cities that address campers, trailers and RV's specifically. She said there is another one on Main St. now. A discussion was had on what language might be helpful for future problems. Lynn gave Scott a copy of what she saved, and he will draw something up for the next regular meeting. Lori asked if they are doing the "no excuses" month for citations. Chief Sauerbrunn said it will be in effect for the entire month of August.

PARK Department: (Thomas McAnerney) Thomas asked if we have gotten the kids swings in and Lynn said they were dropped off late in the day. He discussed how to possibly convert part of the tennis court into pickle ball courts along with redoing the parking lot. He said a couple of options were discussed at the budget workshop. Tom said that Paxico plays a lot of it and that's why they put 2 courts in. There was a discussion about how to redo the surface of the parking lot as well as how to develop the pickle ball courts.

MAYOR'S REPORT: (Mayor Casey Cain) The mayor read an email from Stephanie Imthurn that was sent to all city clerks. It stated

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