

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ALDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

April 11, 2017

The Alden City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, April 11th, at 6:00 PM. Council members present were Reyerson, Riebe, VanEngelenburg, Wichmann, and Duncan. City Staff present were Chief Harpham, Chief Thunstedt, Newman and Scholten. Others in attendance were Mike and Rose Lein, Jeff Zeller, Steve Newman, Brian Jacobs, and Wes Brown of Bolton & Menk.

Mayor Reyerson called the meeting to order.

Approved as presented were the Minutes of the March 8th Public Hearing and Council Meeting, along with the February Treasurer's Report, Transfer of Funds, Hours Report, Police Report, Fire Department Report, and the Public Works Report.

Chief Harpham reported nuisance letters and certified condemning letters were mailed in the month of March. After some discussion, motion by Riebe, second by Wichmann and carried, to have Chief Harpham on call only when on duty, not during off-duty hours.

Motion by Riebe, second by Duncan and carried, to approve Chief Harpham's vacation requests.

Chief Thunstedt presented the Fire Department's monthly report, which included information regarding different training opportunities the firemen participated in. Motion by VanEngelenburg, second by Duncan and carried, to approve the presented bill paid to Rich Mirelli in the amount of \$416.50 for training mileage.

During the Public Works Report, Wuerflein informed the Council he passed the Class D water license. He went on to discuss sanitary sewer cleaning, stating the cost for cleaning was budgeted for 2017, but he would like to look into purchasing a televising line for the City. After some discussion, the Council directed Wuerflein to research options on televising lines. Wuerflein then informed the Council he and Harpham replaced a mailbox and a set of handrails at Redeemer Lutheran Church due to the items being damaged by the snowplow.

Jeff Zeller requested an 8 foot variance to add a deck on the front of his home at 248 Powers Ave. After discussion and review of the drawing provided, motion by VanEngelenburg, second by Riebe and carried to grant Jeff Zeller an 8 foot variance for the construction of a composite deck on the front of his home at 248 Powers Ave.

Motion by Riebe, second by Wichmann and carried, to approve and move forward with the lighting and additional lighting accessories for the 2018 TH 109 Project.

Motion by Duncan, second by VanEngelenburg and carried, to approve the quote from Midwest AquaCare for \$1890.00 per treatment of Morin Lake.

Scholten presented a request from the property owner at 269 Washington Avenue. The resident is requesting permission to install a radio tower, which would stand approximately 40 feet tall. After some discussion, the Council decided to table the request until more information is collected.

Motion by Riebe, second by Wichmann and carried, to approve Scholten's request to attend a region meeting and training session in Blooming Prairie on April 28, 2017 at a cost of \$15.00.

Motion by VanEngelenburg, second by Riebe and carried, to approve a pay step for Scholten to reflect Scholten's one year anniversary.

Mike and Rose Lein expressed their concerns to the Council regarding the Morin Road and Broadway Alley Project. Their concerns included semi traffic in the east Broadway alley, as well as the possibility of safety issues.

Brian Jacobs, representing the Alden Sons of the American Legion, brought forth an issue about the lights at North Park. He explained some of the lights are in poor condition and need repairs. After some discussion, it was decided Wuerflein will get in contact with the appropriate party to get more information.

Dan Hensche requested a letter from the City stating there is no wordage in Ordinance No. 85 restricting him from starting a daycare center at his 127 Broadway property. Motion by VanEngelenburg, second by Wichmann and carried, to supply a letter to Mr. Hensche stating there are no zoning restrictions in Ordinance No. 85 restricting him from starting a daycare at the above stated property.

Wes Brown brought forth information regarding the force main project at the City ponds. He informed the Council new pumps will need to be seriously considered with the project due to the age and unavailability of replacement parts for the current pumps.

Motion by Riebe, second by VanEngelenburg and carried, to approve the bills as follows:
Alden Advance - Feb. council minutes 146.03; Bolton & Menk - 2017 Morin Rd. & Downtown Alley Project 6617.50, 2017 Wastewater Treatment Facility Forcemain Replacement 3722.50, Bomgaars - 3 pt. Blade repairs, snowplow repairs 143.32; CliftonLarsonAllen - professional services for 2016 audit, State Auditor's annual report, confirmation requests, Feb. council mtg. 3375.00; EFTPS - March Federal payroll tax deposit 2317.09; Fastenal - snowplow repairs 34.39; Freeborn County Auditor-Treasurer - ditch assessments 699.19; Freeborn County Coop Oil - March fuel purchases 456.38; Freeborn Mower Coop - 2/5 - 3/5/17 electric service 1991.55; Frontier Communications - April phone service 242.82; Gopher State One Call - March line locates 24.30; Guggisburg, William - March mileage 24.00; Hach - sewer meter maintenance, shipping 222.28; Harpham, Kris - March cell phone allowance 30.00; Karl's CarQuest Auto Parts - fuel & oil filters for street equipment 105.97; League of MN Cities Ins. Trust - deductible for sewer backup claim @ 340 W. Main 2500.00; Midcontinent Communications - 3/17 - 4/16 shop/police office internet service 157.50; MN Dept. of Health - Class D Water Supply System Operator Certificate - Jerome 23.00; MN Dept. of Labor & Industry - air compressor inspection 35.00; MN Dept. of Natural Resources - Aquatic Plant Management Permit 35.00; MN Energy - 2/13 - 3/14/17 gas services 953.69; MN Revenue - March state withholding tax 466.01, 1st Qtr sales tax 1308.00; PERA - 2/27 - 3/26/17 employee retirement contributions 2229.95; Postmaster - 100 \$.35 & 100 \$.49 postage stamps 84.00; Raleigh's Ace Hardware - Redeemer Lutheran Church railing repair 14.38; Reindal Electric - electrical work for shop office construction 706.14; Southern Lock & Glass - rekey locks at city buildings 660.40; Sparkling Image - signs at burn site, compost site, cemetery, name plates 335.00; State of MN Dept. of Public Safety - Hazardous Materials Incident Report 100.00; Thompson Sanitation - March garbage service 3089.86; TransWorld Network - Feb. & March long distance service - office 7.49; USAble Life - April premium 53.70; USTI - utility postcard bill cards, shipping 236.00; USTI - annual

maintenance renewal 1617.10; Utility Consultants - sewer testing, shipping 77.50; Verizon Wireless - Feb. & March wireless internet for squad computer 63.77; Wuerflein, Jerome - March cell phone allowance 30.00; Xerox Corporation - copier service agreement 161.95; Arnold's of Alden - snowplow repairs 71.91; M&S Outdoor Equipment - chain sharpening 14.00; MN Pollution Control Agency - Wastewater General Annual Permit fee 345.00; PERA - 3/27 - 4/9/17 employee retirement contribution 1100.22; Quill - office supplies 40.94; Streicher's - safety vest for police 1063.50; TransWorld Network - long distance service - office 4.60; Visa - doorknob cards, motel for MN Clerk's Conf. - Lexi, motel for MRWA Conf. - Jerome, postage for condemnation notices 713.08; Wages, less ded: William Guggisburg (March) 156.99; Kristin Harpham 4523.19; Shirley Newman 1664.53; Franklin Purdy 36.94; Alexis Scholten 3492.57; Jerome Wuerflein 4019.22. FIRE DEPARTMENT: Haven Industries - utility auger, freight 245.62; Midcontinent Communications - 3/17 - 4/16/17 internet service 52.50; Fastenal - batteries for flashlights 28.61; Thunstedt, Jim - internet wireless router 119.89.

Motion by Riebe, second by Duncan and carried, to adjourn at 8:03 PM.