

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ALDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

14 April 2021

The Alden City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, 14 April 2021, at 6:00 PM.

Present was Mayor Greg Hitchcock and council members Mr. Reindal, Mr. Wichmann, Ms. VanEnglenburg and Mr. Duncan. City Staff present were Jim Thunstedt, Spencer Wacholz., and Jerome Wuerflein. Also present were Shirley Newman, Ann Bryson, and the City Attorney, Dave Doppelhammer.

Mayor Hitchcock called the meeting to order and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approved as presented were the Minutes of the March Meeting, along with the March Treasurer's Report and transfers, and the Hours Report.

Chief Thunstedt reported the department had 0 fire calls and 4 medical calls in March, the county meeting that was to meet in London was postponed to April. The Alden FD along with Conger FD and Freeborn FD had an LP fire and hazard class on Saturday March 20<sup>th</sup>. Alden FD and Freeborn FD had a live burn training in Freeborn on Saturday March 27<sup>th</sup>. The new gear lockers have arrived and will be installed in the next month or two. Chief Thunstedt is working on submitting a request for funds letter for the Le Verne Carlson Foundation for equipment.

Superintendent Wuerflein presented multiple bids to pain the water tower. After discussion, Duncan motioned, Wichmann 2<sup>nd</sup>, to hire Central Tank to paint the water tower; motion carried. Wuerflein also brought computer issues he has been experiencing at his office. Reindal motioned, VanEnglenburg 2<sup>nd</sup>, to purchase a laptop for Wuerflein as a replacement for his office computer. The council deferred to Clerk Wacholz to find the best option.

Al and Halane Besser arrived at the meeting around 6:30 pm to discuss with the council about the sewer work the city had done near their property at 170 Lincoln Ave. Al paid the bill of \$726.37 and requested some compensation since the sewer work went into the street. VanEnglenburg motioned, Reindal 2<sup>nd</sup>, to pay for half of the bill of \$726.36; motion carried.

Mr. Doppelhammer brought some information that the city needs to act on to continue with the plan for rewording a selection of ordinances. Discussion was had and with Wichmann's motion, Vanenglenburg 2<sup>nd</sup>, to make Mr. Doppelhammer the prosecuting attorney for the city; motion carried.

Clerk Wacholz had brought two sealed bids for the old snowplow truck that was put up for sale. Clerk Wacholz read aloud the bids. Wichmann motioned, VanEnglenburg 2<sup>nd</sup>, to sell the snowplow truck to Martin Korn of Kiester, MN for a sum of \$1051.00, motion carried.

City Council reviewed the liquor licenses for Mine Again's and The American Legion. VanEnglenburg motioned, Wichmann 2<sup>nd</sup>, to renew the liquor licenses; motion carried.

Discussion was made for the new building plans for Reindal Electric. Duncan motioned, Wichmann 2<sup>nd</sup>, to approve an easement between the city and Reindal Electric, motion carried. Council member Reindal abstained from voting after the discussion.

The bills provided for the month have been accepted by motion from Reindal, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wichmann, motion carried. The following bills for the month are as follows:

<b>Alden Advance</b>	<b>\$117.22</b>
<b>Bryce Adams</b>	<b>\$60.00</b>
<b>CliftonLarsonAllen LLP</b>	<b>\$1050.00</b>
<b>Core &amp; Main</b>	<b>\$2301.97</b>
<b>FP Mailing Solutions</b>	<b>\$188.40</b>
<b>Freeborn County Auditor-Treasurer</b>	<b>\$1375.34</b>
<b>Freeborn County Coop</b>	<b>\$164.78</b>
<b>Freeborn Historical Society</b>	<b>\$150.00</b>
<b>Freeborn Mower</b>	<b>\$2298.24</b>
<b>Frontier</b>	<b>\$220.15</b>
<b>Gopher One State</b>	<b>\$5.40</b>
<b>Jerome Wuerflein</b>	<b>\$60.00</b>
<b>League of MN Cities Trust</b>	<b>\$1379.00</b>
<b>Little Falls Machine</b>	<b>\$571.63</b>
<b>Metro Sales</b>	<b>\$57.56</b>
<b>Midco</b>	<b>\$220.00</b>
<b>Minnesota Energy</b>	<b>\$467.00</b>
<b>Minnesota Pollution Control Agency</b>	<b>\$345</b>
<b>Minnesota Revenue</b>	<b>\$1364.69</b>
<b>MN Dept. of Labor and Industry</b>	<b>\$35.00</b>
<b>MN DNR</b>	<b>\$300.00</b>
<b>Reindal Electric</b>	<b>\$87.65</b>
<b>Ron's Plumbing</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>
<b>Spencer Wacholz</b>	<b>\$60.00</b>
<b>Staples</b>	<b>\$495.34</b>
<b>Thompson Sanitation</b>	<b>\$3230.30</b>
<b>US Able Life</b>	<b>\$41.85</b>
<b>US A Blue Book</b>	<b>\$212.39</b>
<b>Utility Consultants</b>	<b>\$196.00</b>
<b>Vadim Municipal Software</b>	<b>\$1891.45</b>
<b>Zarnoth Brush Works</b>	<b>\$25.70</b>

Wichmann motioned to adjourn meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by VanEnglenburg.

Mayor Hitchcock adjourned meeting at 8:37 pm.

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Spencer Wacholz – Clerk

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Greg Hitchcock - Mayor