

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ALDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

13 April 2022

The Alden City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, 13 April 2022, at 6:00 PM. Present was Acting-Mayor Jeff Wichmann and council members Mr. Reindal, Mr. Duncan, Ms. VanEngelenburg. City Staff present were Jim Thunstedt, Jerome Wuerflein, and Spencer Wacholz. Also present was Dan Hollund, Matt Munson, and Donna Schmidt.

Acting Mayor Wichmann 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.

Clerk Wacholz swore in Jerry Reyerson as Interim Mayor to fulfill the remainder of former mayor Greg Hitchcock's term.

Chief Thunstedt reported the department had 2 medical calls in March 2022. The county meeting was in Geneva. There was a house in Armstrong to do a live burn training. There will be one truck at the Val Seipp visitation on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April. The DNR Assistance Grant is open. Due date is listed as 30 June 2022. There was a motion by Reindal, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wichmann, to move the insurance check to the rolling block fund; motion carried. Wichmann motioned, Duncan 2<sup>nd</sup>, to accept the Fire Report; motion carried.

Public Works Superintendent, Jerome Wuerflein reported multiple bids for chip seals for 1<sup>st</sup> Ave, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave, South Mason and Morin Road. There is still a problem with the plow truck. Only option is trying a new fuel pump to remedy the issue. Wuerflein started the lead service line inventory. Wuerflein also replaced the master cylinder and brake lines in the street sweeper. There's a washout problem by the beach and possibly having a concrete waterway will help the situation. Wuerflein also priced out a few new hydrants for South Broadway. Duncan motioned, Reindal 2<sup>nd</sup>, to accept the Public Works Report.

Dan Hollund asked for permission to place a new garage on his property. Council agreed if it complied with the ordinances and Superintendent Wuerflein confirms it, the garage will be fine.

Donna Schmidt presented information for the Morin Lake Days parade. She requested the council to borrow signs from the City of Albert Lea. Wichmann motioned, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Reindal, to borrow signage from the City of Albert Lea. Schmidt also requested a donation from the city for the sum of \$1,200 to help with Morin Lake Days celebrations. Duncan motioned, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wichmann, to approve the donation.

Clerk Wacholz presented that receiving updated account information has been relatively successful and requested the city purchase an addon for the utility billing software to allow mass messaging to residents. The addon is PublicAlerts that works seamlessly with UBMax Utility Billing Software. Reindal motioned, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wichmann, to approve addon; motion carried.

Clerk Wacholz is attending training in Saint Cloud for the Municipal Clerks Institute for year 2 of a 3-year program and requested the council meeting be moved back a week. Wichmann motioned, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Duncan, to approve the move; motion carried.

The council was provided with five resumes for the open Public Works Maintenance position. The council decided to interview all five candidates and set Wednesday 20 April 2022 as the interview date.

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

Albert Lea Steel	\$47.24
Alden Advance	\$197.59
Alden-Conger School	\$2,011.28
Bernie Schultz	\$6,800
Bomgaars	\$156.38
Clare's Safety	\$141.65
Freeborn County Auditor/Treasurer	\$3,347.57
Freeborn County COOP	\$1,285.85
Freeborn County Shopper	\$619.00
Freeborn Mower Coop	\$2,460.65
Frontier	\$216.79
Gopher Sate	\$14.85
Karl's Carquest	\$234.52
Lakeside Auto	\$95.00
Metro Sales	\$27.46
Midcontinent	\$307.27
Minnesota Energy	\$1,673.13
MN Pollution Control Agency	\$345.00
South Central Regional	\$50.00
Staples	\$186.04
Star Eagle	\$84.00
Sweeper Services	\$738.44
Thompson	\$3,230.30
ULINE	\$138.34
US Bank	\$1,873.86
US Able Life	\$41.85
US A Blue Book	\$266.70
Utility Consultants	\$129.74
Spencer Wacholz	\$957.06
Witmer Public Safety	\$205.50
Jerome Wuerflein	\$30.00

Wichmann motioned to adjourn meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Duncan.  
 Mayor Reyerson adjourned meeting at 8:00 pm.

## MINUTES OF THE CLOSED SPECIAL MEETING 20 April 2022

The Alden City Council met in special session on Wednesday, 20 April 2022, at 6:00 PM. Present was Mayor Jerry Reyerson and council members Mr. Reindal, Mr. Duncan and Mr. Wichmann. Absent was Ms. VanEngelenburg. City Staff present were Spencer Wacholz and Jerome Wuerflein.

Mayor Reyerson called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm

The council and city staff interviewed the 5 candidates.

After the final candidate, Reindal motioned, Wichmann 2<sup>nd</sup>, to adjourn; motion carried.

Closed meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.