

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ALDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

August 9th, 2017

The Alden City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, August 9th, at 6:00 PM. Council members present were Riebe, Wichmann, VanEngelenburg and Duncan. City Staff present were Chief Thunstedt, Chief Harpham and Scholten. Reyerson and Wuerflein were absent. Heath Reindal, Alissa Blaha from Southern Minnesota Initiative Fund and Paul Stieler from Save Our Hospital were also present.

Councilman Riebe called the meeting to order.

Approved as presented were the Minutes of the July 12th Council Meeting, along with the July Treasurer's Report, Transfer of Funds, Hours Report, Police Report, Fire Department Report, and the Public Works Report.

Chief Harpham presented the Police Report. The Council asked Harpham to watch parking during the Morin Road and Alley construction project to ensure all parking is legal. Harpham informed the Council of some reported burglaries in town, so he reminded everyone to keep vehicles and homes locked.

Chief Thunstedt informed the Council of Ross Miller's letter of resignation from the Alden Fire Department. Motion by Duncan, second by Wichmann and carried to approve Ross Miller's resignation.

Motion by VanEngelenburg, second by Wichmann and carried, to approve the request by the Alden Fire Department to close the alley behind the fire station on August 26th from 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM for the Annual Pork Chop Feed.

The Public Works Report was reviewed. Wuerflein's report included issues with the chlorine system at the water plant, which are in process of being dealt with. The report also included information regarding an inspection done by the MPCA. The Council decided to table any discussion regarding the inspection until next month.

Heath Reindal requested the Council consider a zoning reclassification on parcels 21.009.0030 and 21.009.0130 at the address of 150 S Broadway from C-A Shopping Area District to C-2 General Commercial District. The Council decided to move forward with the rezoning process and scheduled the Public Hearing for 5:30 PM on Wednesday, September 13th, 2017.

Alissa Blaha presented information and an annual update regarding Southern Minnesota Initiative Fund.

Paul Stieler requested the City write a letter to Mayo Clinic Health System to express support for the Save Our Hospital movement. Motion by Wichmann, second by

VanEngelenburg and carried, to provide Save Our Hospital with a letter of support on behalf of the City of Alden.

Scholten informed the Council the property located at 290 S Broadway is no longer available for the City to acquire after Freeborn County offered it to the City because of tax forfeiture. Scholten stated the owner of the property entered into a confession of judgement, which makes the property no longer available.

Motion by VanEngelenburg, second by Wichmann and approved by all, the following: RESOLVED, To grant On-Sale, Off-Sale, and Sunday Liquor Licenses for the year October 1, 2017, to October 1, 2018, to MineAgains Bar & Grill, located at 127 N Broadway in Alden; upon payment of \$500.00 for the On-Sale License, \$100.00 for the Off-Sale License, and \$200.00 for the Sunday Liquor License, and fulfilling all other requirements and upon approval from the Minnesota Liquor Control Director.

The Council scheduled the second budget workshop for Wednesday, August 30th, 2017 at 5:00 PM.

Motion by Duncan, second by VanEngelenburg and carried, to approve the bills as follows:

Alden Advance - June council minutes, TIF report 157.77; B & D Metal Works - loader & 3 pt mower repairs 44.85; Bolton & Menk - 2017 Morin Rd. & Downtown Alleys Improvement Project 4030.50, 2017 Wastewater Treatment Facility Forcemain Replacement 7689.50; Bomgaars - sprayer repairs, rodent control @ ponds 228.11; DPC Industries - chlorine 161.71; EFTPS - July Federal payroll tax deposit 3399.83; Freeborn County Coop Oil - July fuel purchases 181.20; Freeborn Mower - 6/5 - 7/4/17 electric services 1723.21; Gopher State One Call - July line locates 8.10; Harpham, Kris - July cell phone allowance 30.00; Home Federal Savings Bank - 2007 (Final) & 2011 Bond Issue payments 54,199.44; Karl's CarQuest Auto Parts - Ford tractor repair 56.38; Midcontinent Communications - 7/17 - 8/16/17 shop/police internet service 157.50; MN Energy - 6/13 - 7/13/17 gas services 173.83; MN Revenue - July state withholding tax 687.77; PERA - 7/3 - 7/30/17 employee retirement contributions 2201.47; Precision Septic - ½ storm sewer line repair on Swenson property 150.25; Quill Corporation - multifold towels 80.97; Reindal Electric - door lock repair @ Morin Lake restrooms 55.00; Sanco Equipment - Toro repair 100.06; Team Lab - herbicide, freight 901.50; US Able Life - August premium 53.70; Wuerflein, Jerome - July cell phone allowance 30.00; Visa - water meter seals, water/sewer supplies, postage, MRWA Line Tracing Training Session - Jerome 246.45; Allen's Tow N' Travel - winch out Case Loader on 640th Ave. Alden 325.00; Frontier Communications - phone service from 7/30 - 8/29/17 169.98; Great Lawn Services - mowing/trimming city & cemetery 3120.00; Guggisberg, William - July Mileage 32.00; Raleigh's Ace Hardware - meeting room table repair 16.18; Robin's Blacksmithing - replace coupling @ water plant, service call 137.50; Security Insurance Agency - utility permit bond 250.00; Thompson Sanitation - July garbage service 3089.86; TransWorld Network - long distance calling (office) 8.41; Wells Aviation - 5.2 gallons 100 LL 22.62; Xerox Corporation - copier service agreement 6/30 - 7/27 90.39; wages, less ded: Kristin Harpham 3015.46; Shirley Newman 1048.96;

Alexis Scholten 2296.18; Jerome Wuerflein 2679.48; William Guggisberg - July 175.46.  
FIRE DEPARTMENT: Albert Lea Electric Co. - saw, drill & impact kit 558.35; Fire  
Safety USA - insulated fire boots, shipping/handling 190.00; Freeborn County Coop Oil -  
July fuel purchases 30.67; Midcontinent Communications - 7/17 - 8/16/17 internet  
service 52.50; Riverland Community College - FFI, FFII & Hazmat training for R.  
Mirelli 1370.00.

Motion by Duncan, second by VanEngelenburg and carried, to adjourn at 7:26 PM.