

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ALDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

11 August 2021

The Alden City Council met in regular session on Wednesday 9 June 2021, at 6:00 PM.

Present was Mayor Greg Hitchcock and council members Mr. Wichmann, Ms. VanEnglenburg Mr. Reindal and Mr. Duncan. City Staff present were Jim Thunstedt, Spencer Wacholz., and Jerome Wuerflein. Various members of the Alden Fire Department and Dave Iveland from Lawn Pro were also present at the meeting.

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

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

Chief Thunstedt reported the department had 1 vehicle fire, 2 motor vehicle accidents, 6 medical and 1 mutual aid calls in July. County meeting was held in Twin Lakes. The AFD did not receive the MN DNR grant for equipment. Chief Thunstedt will be requesting funds from Freeborn-Mower Operation Round-Up for equipment. FEMA AVG grant has been awarding departments funds for the last year's grant. This will continue into late August-early September. AFD will host the county meeting on Monday 20 September 2021. Wachlin resigned her position on the AFD due to the shortage of workers at her current place of employment. Duncan motioned, Reindal 2<sup>nd</sup>, to accept the Fire Report; motion carried.

Superintendent Wuerflein reported that the city has received a Rip-Rap Permit for the lake shore. The trash cans have arrived and need some additional work to bring them up to our standards. Trees at North Park have been trimmed. Freeborn County has been quarantined due to Emerald Ash Borer. The city can do nothing, treat the trees, or remove the trees. The water plant system was programmed in anticipation of painting the water tower to run water down the street. VanEnglenburg motioned, Wichmann 2<sup>nd</sup>, to accept the Public Works Report; motion carried.

Dave Iveland presented information about the Emerald Ash Borer.

Ross Skov reported on the AFD Benefit level provided by PERA to \$1,200 with the city not having to contribute to the Benefit. VanEnglenburg motioned, Duncan 2<sup>nd</sup>, to accept the new benefit level; motion carried.

Clerk Wacholz provided a resolution named 2021.01 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALDEN, MINNESOTA, APPROVING SUMMARY PUBLICATION OF ORDINANCE 2021.01. Wichmann motion, VanEnglenburg 2<sup>nd</sup>, to accept the resolution; motion carried.

Clerk Wacholz provided a resolution named 2021.02 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALDEN, MINNESOTA, APPROVING SUMMARY PUBLICATION OF THE ORDINANCE 2021.02. Wichmann motioned, Reindal 2<sup>nd</sup>, to accept the resolution; motion carried.

Clerk Wacholz provided information to the city council about the potentially new Accounting and Payroll software. After some discussion, Wichmann motioned, Reindal 2<sup>nd</sup>, to accept CenterPoint from CSA Software as the new Accounting and Payroll software; motion carried.

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

<b>Albert Lea Steel</b>	<b>\$253.89</b>
<b>Alden Advance</b>	<b>\$67.57</b>
<b>Bryce Adams</b>	<b>\$30.00</b>
<b>Fastenal</b>	<b>\$329.94</b>
<b>Fire Safety Minnesota</b>	<b>\$275.00</b>
<b>Freeborn County Coop</b>	<b>\$70.94</b>
<b>Freeborn Mower</b>	<b>\$1,878.31</b>
<b>Frontier</b>	<b>\$220.06</b>
<b>Gopher State</b>	<b>\$28.35</b>
<b>Heartman Insurance</b>	<b>\$250.00</b>
<b>Jerome Wuerflein</b>	<b>#30.00</b>
<b>League of MN Cities</b>	<b>\$390.00</b>
<b>Minnesota Revenue</b>	<b>\$1,606.00</b>
<b>PERA</b>	<b>\$804.26</b>
<b>Premium Park Products</b>	<b>\$1,512.00</b>
<b>Quill</b>	<b>\$86.43</b>
<b>Raleigh's Ace</b>	<b>\$19.39</b>
<b>Reindal Electric</b>	<b>\$2,549.95</b>
<b>Spencer Wacholz</b>	<b>#30.00</b>
<b>Staples Enterprises</b>	<b>\$403.99</b>
<b>Team Lab</b>	<b>\$2,417.93</b>
<b>Thompson Sanitation</b>	<b>\$6,459.14</b>
<b>Travis Greenfield</b>	<b>\$900.00</b>
<b>USable Life</b>	<b>\$14.70</b>
<b>Utility Consultants</b>	<b>\$118.50</b>

Duncan motioned to adjourn meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Reindal.

Mayor Hitchcock adjourned meeting at 7:45 pm.

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Spencer Wacholz – Clerk

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Greg Hitchcock - Mayor