

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ALDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

10 August 2022

The Alden City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, 8 June 2022, at 6:00 PM. Present was Mayor Jerry Reyerson and council members Mr. Wichmann, Mr. Reindal, Mr. Duncan and Ms. VanEngelenburg. City Staff present were Jim Thunstedt, Jerome Wuerflein, and Spencer Wacholz. Members of the community included Will Jacobs, Nikki Eckstrom and Rick Christenson.

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

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

Chief Thunstedt reported the department had 1 fire call, 2 service calls, and 2 medical calls in August. The county meeting was in Hayward. This year the Freeborn County Fire Association is 70 years old. Discussion on when to have a meeting and invite all past chiefs to attend. AFD was awarded the MN DNR grant for \$4,000. This will be used for SCBA bottle replacement. Pumper and tanker were pump tested and serviced. Fire hose pressure testing was done in July. Chief Thunstedt met with ISO at the end of July and updated the department with the information. AFD Relief Association Pork Chop Supper was Saturday 20 August. Requested to have the back alley closed from 8 am to 9 pm so VanEnglenburg motioned, Duncan 2nd, to accept the alley closed behind the fire station; motion carried. Chief Thunstedt also brought Cole Grunzke forward as a new member of the AFD. VanEnglenburg motioned, Reindal 2nd, to accept Cole Grunzke as a member of the AFD; motion carried. VanEnglenburg motioned, Reindal 2nd, to accept the Fire Report; motion carried.

Public Works Superintendent, Jerome Wuerflein reported the payloader lost loader function. Arnold's was able to fix the issue. Chip seal is done, and they should be back in a few weeks to sweep up loose material. The city has put more pins to measure from the north end of the cemetery. Trimming trees is still progressing when time is available. Stakes were placed on the west end of the lake for new trees and benches, Superintendent Wuerflein would like input on where locations are at. Superintendent Wuerflein also requested to purchase a battery-operated chainsaw. VanEnglenburg motioned, Duncan 2nd, to accept the Public Works Report.

Nikki Eckstrom is running for County Commissioner and gave a brief description of her qualifications and reasoning for running.

Rick Chreistensen talked to the council about the old lights from the athletic field from United South Central School District. He would gift them to the city for any number of them so the city chose to do so.

Clerk Wacholz brought the new mileage rate to the council's attention. Reindal motined, VanEnglenburg 2nd, to set the mileage to 62.5 cents per mile as according to the Internal Revenue Service; motion carried

Will Jacobs presented a project for the Eagle Scouts. He would like to put a sign at North Park in honor and memory of former mayor Greg Hitchcock. Duncan motioned, Reindal 2nd to accept Will Jacobs project; motion carried.

Mayor Reyerson requested the council, fire chief, city clerk, and superintendent to have a workshop to finalize a preliminary budget and levy for the city on 31 August 2022 at 6 pm.

The bills provided for the month have been updated after duplicates were found and accepted by motion from Duncan 2nd by Reindal, motion carried. The bills for the month are as follows:

Alden Advance	\$118.18
Arnold's	\$1,041.04
Bomgaars	\$513.57
Alex Burris	\$30.00
Dakota Supply	\$271.17
Expressway	\$581.41
Fire Safety USA	\$377.85
Freeborn County Coop	\$405.18
Gopher State One Call	\$28.35
Greener World Solutions	\$14,000
Jim & Dudes	\$88.62
Karl's Carquest	\$12.64
Lakeside Auto	\$877.65
Metro Sales	\$76.22
Motorola Solutions	\$20,506.88
Postmaster	\$66.00
Quill LLC	\$145.61
Raleigh's Ace	\$8.99
Team Lab	\$5,324.23
Thompson Sanitation	\$3,230.30
US Bank	\$1,058.93
WW Blacktopping	\$40,000
Spencer Wacholz	\$30.00
Jerome Wuerflein	\$30.00

Mayor Reyerson told the council of his vacation the week of 12-16 September. He asked if the council would be willing to move the meeting back a week. Reindal motioned, Wichmann 2nd, to move the September Council Meeting to Wednesday 21 September at 6 pm; motion carried.

VanEnglenburg motioned to adjourn meeting, 2nd by Reindal.
 Mayor Reyerson adjourned meeting at 7:35 pm.