

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ALDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

8 December 2021

The Alden City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, 8 December 2021, at 6:31 PM. Present was Mayor Greg Hitchcock and council members Mr. Reindal, Mr. Wichmann, Mr. Duncan. Ms. VanEngelenburg. City Staff present were Jim Thunstedt, Jerome Wuerflein, and Spencer Wacholz. Jaimie Christianson was in attendance.

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

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

Chief Thunstedt reported the department had 1 false fire call, 1 mutual aid grass fire, 1 MVA and 1 medical calls in November 2021. The county meeting was in Conger, updated on Auto Aid, which looks to be operational by 1st quarter 2022. Chief Thunstedt gave an update on the FEMA grant. FD physicals will be on 13 December 2021. VanEnglenburg motioned, Wichmann 2nd, to accept the Fire Report; motion carried.

Public Works Superintendent, Jerome Wuerflein reported that Bryce Adams passed his CDL test. Two trees were taken down behind the fire hall, Bob Mathiason's water meter test was within 0.5% of the reading of the control meter. Superintendent Wuerflein proposed having a written water meter policy. VanEnglenburg motioned, Wichmann 2nd, to create and implement a Water Meter and Usage Policy. Duncan motioned, VanEnglenburg 2nd, to accept the Public Works Report.

Clerk Wacholz presented two bids for the sale of excess equipment from Cabela's in Owatonna for the price of \$1,706.00 and from Ahlman's for a price of \$1,399.00. VanEnglenburg motioned, Duncan 2nd, to sell the equipment to Cabela's, motion carried.

After some discussion the City Council decided to set the 2022 Budget and Tax Levy, motion by Duncan, 2nd by Reindal, to approve the 2022 Budget with all proposed changes of: the Cost-of-Living increase by 3%; and adjustments to better represent the payroll estimates, motion carried. Motion by Duncan, 2nd by Wichmann, to adopt the 2022 Tax Levy at 5%.

<u>LEVY PURPOSE</u>	<u>LEVY AFTER AIDS</u>
GENERAL FUND	\$181,153
FIRE PROTECTION	\$14,830
BONDS – 2017	<u>\$55,680</u>
TOTALS	\$251,663

Wichmann motioned, 2nd by Reindal, to approve Resolution 2021.7 RESOLUTION CERTIFYING UNPAID CHARGES, motion carried. A copy of the resolution can be found in the clerk's office.

The council designated the Alden Community Center as the city's polling place for 2022, motion was made by Duncan, 2nd by VanEnglenburg, motion carried.

The bills provided for the month have been accepted by motion from Reindal 2nd by VanEnglenburg, motion carried. The following bills for the month are as follows:

Bryce Adams	\$30.00
Alden Advance	\$105.26
Clarey's Safety	\$451.93
Conger Meat Market	\$95.00
Dakota Supply	\$2,300.76
Fire Safety	\$1,030.00
Freeborn County Coop	\$132.80
Freeborn Mower	\$2,338.83
Frontier	\$218.43
Gopher State	\$4.05
H&L Mesabi	\$270.00
Hawkins	\$669.85
Johnson Heating and AC	\$2,629.00
Karl's Carquest	\$279.25
Little Falls Machine	\$2,244.70
Minnesota Dept Health	\$777.00
Minnesota Dept Labor	\$10.00
Minnesota Energy	\$232.47
Northern Country	\$25.35
Parker Hemmingsen	\$13.46
Quill	\$122.98
Raleigh's Ace	\$111.86
Reindal Electric	\$213.25
Ron's Plumbing HVAC	\$180.00
Staples	\$402.90
Thompson	\$3,230.30
US Bank	\$1,291.66
USable Life	\$113.10
Spencer Wacholz	\$125.94
Jerome Wuerflein	\$30.00

Duncan motioned to adjourn meeting, 2nd by Wichmann.

Mayor Hitchcock adjourned meeting at 8:10 pm.