

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ALDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

10 February 2021

The Alden City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, 10 February 2021, at 6:00 PM. Present was Mayor Greg Hitchcock and council members Mr. Reindal, Mr. Wichmann, Ms. VanEnglenburg and Mr. Duncan. City Staff present were Jim Thunstedt and Spencer Wacholz. Jerome Wuerflein was absent.

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

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

Chief Thunstedt reported the department had 0 fire calls, 7 medical calls and 1 MVA in January. The county meeting was conducted via ZOOM, and chief Thunstedt reported that the Albert Lea Fire Academy students are doing well and able to train in-person in small groups. The second round of COVID-19 vaccinations are complete for all but two firefighters who received their first in the middle of January. We will soon have a total of 14 firefighters vaccinated. The FEMA AFG Grant for 2021 was submitted and the final plans for the new gear lockers for the station are nearing. VanEnglenburg made the motion, Reindal 2nd to accept the Fire Report; motion carried.

There was no public works report since Supervisor Wuerflein was absent from the meeting.

Lowell Bruns requested two council members to attend the Alden Area Community Foundation's March meeting on 1 March 2021. Mayor Hitchcock and Council member VanEnglenburg volunteered to attend.

The council requested Clerk Wacholz to find more information on our current mowing contracts to prepare to advertise proposals in the event if those contracts have expired.

Duncan motioned, VanEnglenburg 2nd, to pass a resolution for Establishing an Urban and Rural Service District; motion was carried. The official copy of the resolution is in the clerk's office.

The city council requested a special meeting on 24 February 2021 at 6 pm located in the City Meeting Room at 174 Water St. to discuss more in-depth about Employee Absences and Time Off Policy.

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

Alden Advance	\$280.89
Arnold's of Alden	\$265.96
Brooks Safety Equipment	\$129.82
Bomgaars	\$37.98
Bryce Adams	\$30.00

Clarey's Safety Equipment	\$140.40
Empire Pipe	\$8,220.00
Freeborn County Oil	\$155.15
Karl's Carquest	\$9.19
League of MN Insurance Trust	\$9,434.00
Midcontinent	\$200
Minnesota Energy	\$1,692.52
Minnesota Public Facilities Authority	\$7,227.97
Raleigh's Ace Hardware	\$10.33
Robyn Wacholz	\$301.21
Thompson Sanitation	\$3,230.30
USABlueBook	\$117.13
Vessco Inc	\$470.31
Office of Secretary of State	\$120.00
Freeborn County Fire Association	\$100.00
Freeborn Mower Coop	\$2,616.18
Frontier	\$220.15
Little Falls Machine, Inc	\$1,106.72
MN Dept. of Health	\$777.00
Spencer Wacholz	\$30.00
Staples Enterprises	\$743.48
Sparkling Image	\$200.00
Jerome Wuerflein	\$64.19

VanEnglenburg motioned to adjourn meeting, 2nd by Wichmann.

Mayor Hitchcock adjourned meeting at 7:56 pm.

Spencer Wacholz – Clerk

Greg Hitchcock - Mayor