

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ALDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

9 February 2022

The Alden City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, 9 February 2022, at 6:00 PM. Present was Acting-Mayor Jeff Wichmann and council members Mr. Reindal, Mr. Duncan, Ms. VanEngelenburg. City Staff present were Bryce Adams, Jim Thunstedt, Jerome Wuerflein, and Spencer Wacholz. Also present were Paul Weigel, Parker Hemmingsen and Peggy Johnson.

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 1 mutual aid fire call, 2 medical calls, 3 mutual aid medical calls and 1 smoke detector service call in January. The county meeting was in Emmons. There are some state fire schools coming up. Fire incident reports for 2021 are to be completed by 28 February 2022. E EMS is changing the use of King airways to I-Gels. First responders will train with the new airways. The FD is inquiring more information about a fire truck for sale from the Eagan Fire Department. The truck would replace the tanker truck. Price is \$200,000 with short term financing possible. Discussion about the state of the financial well-being of the city ensued. Reindal motioned, VanEnglenburg 2<sup>nd</sup>, to allow the Chief Thunstedt to continue pursuit of the purchase of this fire truck; motion carried. VanEnglenburg motioned, Duncan 2<sup>nd</sup>, to accept the Fire Report; motion carried.

Public Works Superintendent, Jerome Wuerflein reported that the plow truck was repaired but the repair did not solve the problem it is still experiencing. The IH tractor has a valve issue that the PW is working on. The 3-point broom conversion to PTO driven is coming along okay, just waiting on parts. Still waiting for the storm sewer lining, hoping that when the warm weather arrives the issue will be resolved. Downtown received new parking signs. Maintenance work was completed on the hall boilers. Duncan motioned, VanEnglenburg 2<sup>nd</sup>, to accept the Public Works Report.

Discussion ensued about the contract other cities have with the City of Albert Lea for ordinance enforcement. VanEnglenburg motioned, Duncan 2<sup>nd</sup>, to pursue a contract with the City of Albert Lea for Ordinance Enforcement; motion carried.

The council was presented with a presentation from TextMyGov.com for mass notification for the city. Clerk Wacholz also provided information from Softline Data, company who created the Utility Billing software the city uses, that provides a similar service. The council advised Clerk Wacholz to get updated information for residents and businesses.

Discussion about Peggy Johnson's water bill ensued. The council and Ms. Johnson agreed to terms on an updated bill.

Discussion about who would be added to be authorized to sign official city documents and checks. Jon Duncan was agreed to be added to the list that includes Jeff Wichmann and Spencer Wacholz. Other additions to the annual assignments were discussed and accepted in the resolution Annual Assignments for 2022 after VanEnglenburg motioned, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Duncan, was carried. A copy of the resolution is available in the Clerk's Office.

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

Alden Advance	\$94.35
Arnold's Of Alden	\$61.15
Bryce Adams	\$30.00
CliftonLarsonAllen	\$2625.00
Fastenal	\$299.29
Fire Safety USA	\$198.85
Freeborn County Coop	\$288.86
Freeborn Mower	\$2923.40
Frontier	\$216.79
Hawkins Inc	\$10.00
J&P Repair	\$2754.00
Jerome Wuerflein	\$30.00
Johnson Heating & AC	\$302.67
Midcontinent	\$518.43
Minnesota Energy	\$2127.80
MN State Fire Chief Assn.	\$220.00
Peterson Kolker Haedt and Benda	\$690.00
Raleigh's Ace	\$51.71
Softline Data	\$28.10
Spencer Wacholz	\$30.00
Thompson Sanitation	\$6460.60
US Bank	\$1033.64
US Able Life	\$14.70
Utility Consultants	\$129.74

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

Acting-Mayor Wichmann adjourned meeting at 7:55 pm.

## MINUTES OF THE CLOSED SPECIAL MEETING 15 FEBRUARY 2022

The Alden City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, 9 February 2022, at 6:00 PM. Present was Acting-Mayor Jeff Wichmann and council members Mr. Reindal, Mr. Duncan. Ms. VanEngelenburg. City Staff present were Spencer Wacholz

Acting Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm and preceded to close the meeting. Discussion made during the closed session was about personnel. At 6:50, Duncan motioned, VanEnglenburg 2<sup>nd</sup>, to open the meeting. Reindal motioned, VanEnglenburg 2<sup>nd</sup>, to accept the resignation of Bryce Adams effective 24 February 2022. VanEnglenburg motioned, Duncan 2<sup>nd</sup>, to open and post the Public Works Maintenance position to various outlets.

VanEnglenburg motioned, Reindal 2<sup>nd</sup>, to adjourn the meeting.

Acting-Mayor Wichmann adjourned meeting at 7:00 pm.