

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ALDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

January 10th, 2018

The Alden City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, January 10th, at 6:00 PM. Council members present were Reyerson, Riebe, VanEngelenburg, Wichmann and Duncan. City Staff present were Wuerflein, Scholten, Chief Harpham and Newman. Chief Thunstedt was absent. Also present were John Graupman of Bolton & Menk, Inc., Scott Hemmingsen and Sheriff Kurt Freitag.

Mayor Reyerson called the meeting to order.

Approved as presented were the Minutes of the December 13th Truth In Taxation Hearing and Council Meeting, along with the December Treasurer's Report, Transfer of Funds, Hours Report, Police Report, Fire Department Report, and the Public Works Report.

Harpham verbally presented the Police Report with information regarding his resignation and a suggested process of turning in his equipment. Motion by Wichmann, second by VanEngelenburg and carried, to have Harpham turn in equipment to Sheriff Freitag and Mayor Reyerson at the Freeborn County Sheriff's Office on Wednesday, January 17th, 2018 at 10:00 AM.

Motion by Wichmann, second by VanEngelenburg and carried, to approve a retroactive 2% longevity raise for Harpham.

Motion by Wichmann, second by VanEngelenburg and carried, to change city keys and locks, which will be lined up by Wuerflein.

In conjunction with the Police Report, Sheriff Freitag informed the council Freeborn County will take over all calls and medicals for Alden at this time. He encouraged the council to make a decision on whether or not the police position will be filled and under what terms.

Scott Hemmingsen presented the Fire Department Report, which included an update on a house burn training in city limits. The house burn at 316 W. Main has been delayed due to weather and scheduling. The training will be done in March or April of 2018. Hemmingsen went on to inform the council the washer/extractor has been installed in the station and a thank you to the city for paying for the installation costs.

The council approved a fire department leave of absence request by Ron Redman.

Wuerflein presented the Public Works Report. He stated there have been several water main issues over the last couple weeks, but everything is back to normal. There was discussion regarding snow removal and how it will get done with one person. Harpham offered to help out part-time. Council directed Scholten to look into if the option would be possible.

There was discussion regarding a city skating rink. After some discussion, it was decided North Park is no longer a suitable location for the rink due to the volleyball courts and with it being later in the season, the council decided to wait and address possible options for next winter at a later time.

Motion by Riebe, second by VanEngelenburg to pay Harpham's January phone allowance in full.

John Graupman of Bolton & Menk reviewed the recent meeting between himself and the Water Plant Committee. He mentioned new water meters would be an option with the project and plans for the project need to be submitted by March 29th. Motion by VanEngelenburg, second by Riebe and carried, to approve Graupman to move forward with submitting plans by March 29th, 2018.

In conjunction with the Police Report, motion by Riebe, second by Duncan to accept the resignation of the Alden Police Chief, Kris Harpham, with an ending work date of January 17th, 2018.

Motion by Riebe, second by Duncan and carried, to approve the presented 2017 Assigned Fund balances.

Motion by Duncan, second by VanEngelenburg and carried, to approve the 2018 city fees as presented with no changes from 2017.

Motion by Wichman, second by VanEngelenburg and carried to adopt and approve the following resolution: RESOLUTION ANNUAL ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2018. The full resolution will be on file at the Alden City Office.

Scott Hemmingsen requested the council look further into his deferred assessments for his properties along Hemmingsen Street. The council decided to table the resolution certifying the deferred assessments to Freeborn County and directed Scholten to contact the City Attorney to look further into the situation.

Motion by Riebe, second by Duncan and carried, to approve Scholten's request to attend MCFOA Clerk's Conference in March of 2018.

Motion by VanEngelenburg, second by Wichmann and carried, to approve the bills as follows: Alden Advance - Nov. council minutes 121.86; Arnold Companies - TIF - Dec. 2017 tax settlement 8845.51; Arnold's of Alden - snow plow truck repair 15.50; Bolton & Menk - 2017 Morin Rd. & Alley Improvement Project 10,982.50; Bomgaars - water supplies, shovels, shop torch cart repair/supply 143.46; DVS Renewal - 2012 pickup & snow plow license tabs 32.00; EFTPS - Dec. federal payroll tax deposit 3956.05; Freeborn County Coop Oil - Dec. fuel purchases 204.78; Freeborn Mower Cooperative - 11/5 - 12/5/17 electric service 1846.51; Gopher State One Call - Dec. line locates 2.70; Harpham, Kris - Dec. cell phone allowance 30.00; Jim & Dudes Plg & Htg - furnace at water treatment plant 312.40; John Hullopeter Cons. - concrete for water main repair front city hall 2025.00, concrete 2nd water main repair front city hall 2425.00; MIDCO - 12/17 - 1/16/18 shop/police office internet service 157.50; MN Energy - 11/13 - 12/14/17 gas services 871.34; MN Revenue - Dec. state withholding tax 440.80, 2017 4th qtr. state sales tax 1337.00; PERA - 12/4 - 12/31/17 employee retirement contributions 2207.38; Raleigh's Ace Hardware - quick clean disinfectant, ice melt 57.55; Reindal Electric - Christmas decoration receptacles repaired 234.70; Thompson Sanitation - Dec. garbage service 3089.86; TransWorld Network - Dec. long distance - office 4.47; Ulland Brothers - Pay Estimate #3 - 2017 Morin Rd. & Alley Project 103,695.75; USAble Life - Jan. Premium 57.30; Utility Consultants - sewer testing, shipping 77.50; Wuerflein, Jerome - Dec. cell phone allowance 30.00; American Engineering Testing - concrete testing 2017 Morin Rd. & Alley Project 2294.40; CliftonLarsonAllen - professional services for 2017 audit 1500.00; Expressway - Dec. fuel purchases 147.26; Frontier - Jan. phone service 197.46; Guggisberg, William - Dec. mileage 32.00; Leach Law PLLC - assessment of Hemmingsen property 462.50; PERA - Dec. OT employee retirement contribution 10.68; Verizon Wireless - Jan. internet aircard squad 35.01; Visa - aerator pump, snow plow repair, bulk water repair, website, water testing supplies, batteries, printer ink, water sample postage 1561.20; Wages & Dec. OT, less deductions: Kristin Harpham 3056.32; Shirley Newman 1031.10; Alexis Scholten 2157.33; Jerome Wuerflein 2773.05; William Guggisberg - Dec. 156.99; Jerome Wuerflein - Dec. OT 65.48. FIRE DEPT: Com-Tex Land Mobile Radio - pagers, shipping 2763.97; Fire Safety USA - fire boots, helmet, fire gloves, deco wipes, shipping 1408.66; MIDCO - 12/17 - 1/16/18 internet service 52.50; South Central Regional Fire Dept. Assoc. - 2017 South Central Dues 50.00; Thunstedt, Jim - paint supplies 41.73.

Motion by Riebe, second by Duncan and carried, to adjourn at 7:53 PM.