

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ALDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

12 January 2021

The Alden City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, 12 January 2022, at 6:00 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.

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

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

Chief Thunstedt reported the department had 0 fire calls, 4 medical calls, 1 mutual aid medical call, 1 weather warning call, and 1 assistance call for downed powerline in December. County Chief's meeting was in Albert Lea and main topic was the tornado outbreak on December 15th. Department physicals were completed by 17 members. Alden Fire Relief Association purchased 24 rechargeable flashlights for the FD, totaled at \$3,358.80. Wichmann motioned, Reindal 2nd, to accept the Fire Report; motion carried.

Public Works Superintendent, Jerome Wuerflein reported the repairs to the storm line in Gerald Paulson's backyard, the curb stops for the ball fields, the curb stop at 225 N Powers as the meter froze inside the house. The plow truck has an issue that is getting looked at. The city lost banners downtown, new ones have been ordered. Trees have been planned to be taken down at the cemetery, and the aerator is on for the lake. Reindal motioned, VanEnglenburg 2nd, to accept the Public Works Report.

Mayor Hitchcock presented the council with his letter of resignation, which would be effective immediately. He states that he cannot continue to be the mayor of Alden with health on the decline. Reindal motioned, VanEnglenburg 2nd to accept Mayor Hitchcock's resignation, motion carried.

Discussion ensued after the resignation of the mayor on how the succession would proceed. After much deliberation about assignments for the year, VanEnglenburg motioned, Reindal 2nd, for a preliminary list until a further evaluation of the empty mayor seat.

Clerk Wacholz presented a letter from the attorney about the ordinances.

Discussion about the fees needing to be set for the year of 2022 was had. Reindal motioned, VanEnglenburg 2nd, to accept the changes to the fee schedule. A copy of the schedule is available at the city office. A copy will also be available on the city's website.

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

Bryce Adams	\$30.00
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Albert Lea Chamber of Commerce	\$180.00
Alden Advance	\$121.34
Arnold's	\$224.75
CliftonLarsonAllen	\$2,625.00
Fire Safety USA	\$1907.60
First Independent Bank	\$66,230.00
Freeborn Coop	\$416.37
Freeborn Co. Fire Association	\$100.00
Frontier	\$218.43
Hawkins	\$15.00
Jim Thunstedt	\$119.03
Karl's Carquest	\$381.76
Lakeside Auto	\$263.27
Little Falls Machine	\$2,066.95
Med Compass	\$1,210.00
Metro	\$102.32
Midco	\$230.00
Minnesota Energy	\$2,242.90
MN PFA	\$6,990.00
MN Fire Dept Assoc.	\$175.00
Raleigh's Ace	\$30.68
Reindal Electric	\$77.55
SE MN Emergency Medical	\$15.00
Staples	\$167.69
Trading Post	\$455.98
USAble Life	\$71.25
Spencer Wacholz	\$152.13
Jerome Wuerflein	\$30.00
Wyatt Ladwig	\$170.44
Zarnoth	\$146.50

Reindal motioned to adjourn meeting, 2nd by Duncan.

Acting-Mayor Wichmann adjourned meeting at 7:35 pm.