

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ALDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

21 July 2021

The Alden City Council met in regular session on Wednesday 9 June 2021, at 6:00 PM.

Present was council members Mr. Wichmann as acting mayor, Ms. VanEnglenburg Mr. Reindal and Mr. Duncan. Mayor Greg Hitchcock was absent from the meeting. City Staff present were Jim Thunstedt, Spencer Wacholz., and Jerome Wuerflein.

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

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

Chief Thunstedt reported the department had 1 false fire, 1 Haz-Mat and 2 medical calls in June. County meeting was held in Myrtle. The AFD had vehicle extrication at T&W Towing June 23<sup>rd</sup>. 11 members participated in the training. Morin Lake Days went well from the AFD standpoint. The fireworks went off without a problem. Fireman's tournament was cancelled due to weather. Annual porkchop feed will be Saturday 21 August 2021. In-person and take-out will be available. VanEnglenburg motioned, Wichmann 2<sup>nd</sup>, to accept the Fire Report; motion carried.

Superintendent Wuerflein reported the lake project are getting under way. Garbage enclosures will be shipped in the few weeks, grills have been quoted out, steel has been purchased for the cemetery's water tank enclosure but still missing some materials. Morin Lake Days had a couple complaints from MNDOT. Wuerflein and Wacholz met with members of MNDOT to get more concrete idea of what the issues were. There was discussion for more signage and more active traffic directors. Superintendent Wuerflein also suggested closing the beach/swimming area due to the blue-green algae. Reindal motioned, VanEnglenburg 2<sup>nd</sup>, to accept the Public Works Report; motion carried.

Bryce Adams submitted vacation time starting Thursday, 22 July to Thursday, 29 July. VanEnglenburg motioned, Reindal 2<sup>nd</sup> to accept Bryce Adams vacation request, motion carried.

Discussion was had about the current accounting program and its cloud usefulness. Duncan motioned, Reindal 2<sup>nd</sup>, to cancel the Asyst Cloud subscription, motion carried.

Discussion was had about when to resume water shut offs due to the lifting of the peacetime-emergency that prohibited shutting water off during the pandemic. Duncan motioned, Reindal 2<sup>nd</sup>, to resume water shutoff policies, motion carried.

Clerk Wacholz's one year anniversary is 27 July, which also comes with a step increase to salary. Duncan motioned, VanEnglenburg 2<sup>nd</sup>, to increase Wacholz's salary by a step, effective on 27 July, to \$25.04 per hour, motion carried.

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

<b>Albert Lea Steel</b>	<b>\$244.42</b>
<b>Alden Advance</b>	<b>\$90.00</b>
<b>Bryce Adams</b>	<b>\$30.00</b>
<b>City of Albert Lea</b>	<b>\$4,110.00</b>
<b>CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP</b>	<b>\$2,625.00</b>
<b>First Independent Bank</b>	<b>\$9,230.00</b>
<b>FP Mailing Solutions</b>	<b>\$94.20</b>
<b>Freeborn County Coop</b>	<b>\$1,243.65</b>
<b>Freeborn Mower</b>	<b>\$4,029.31</b>
<b>Frontier</b>	<b>\$220.73</b>
<b>Gopher State One Call</b>	<b>\$22.95</b>
<b>Hawkins Inc.</b>	<b>\$177.12</b>
<b>Jerome Wuerflein</b>	<b>\$30.00</b>
<b>Jim &amp; Dudes</b>	<b>\$153.56</b>
<b>L&amp;D Ag</b>	<b>\$128.66</b>
<b>Metro</b>	<b>\$57.07</b>
<b>Midco</b>	<b>\$513.74</b>
<b>Minnesota Energy</b>	<b>\$21.14</b>
<b>Minnesota PFA</b>	<b>\$82,975.95</b>
<b>Peterson, Kolker, Haedt &amp; Benda</b>	<b>\$1,230.00</b>
<b>Alden Post Office</b>	<b>\$56.00</b>
<b>Quill</b>	<b>\$206.96</b>
<b>Raleigh's Ace</b>	<b>\$115.21</b>
<b>Reindal Electric</b>	<b>\$5,869.80</b>
<b>Sanco</b>	<b>\$223.29</b>
<b>Southern Lock &amp; Glass</b>	<b>\$85.00</b>
<b>Spencer Wacholz</b>	<b>\$762.94</b>
<b>Staples</b>	<b>\$28.52</b>
<b>Transworld Network</b>	<b>\$16.55</b>
<b>Travis Greenfield</b>	<b>\$1425.00</b>
<b>US Bank</b>	<b>\$845.66</b>
<b>US Able Life</b>	<b>\$71.25</b>
<b>US A Blue Book</b>	<b>\$369.71</b>
<b>Utility Consultants</b>	<b>\$233.00</b>
<b>Westrum Leak</b>	<b>\$900.00</b>

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

Acting Mayor Wichmann adjourned meeting at 7:45 pm.

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Spencer Wacholz – Clerk

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Greg Hitchcock - Mayor