

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ALDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

20 July 2022

The Alden City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, 8 June 2022, at 6:00 PM. Present was Mayor Jerry Reyerson and council members Mr. Wichmann, Mr. Reindal, Mr. Duncan and Ms. VanEngelenburg. City Staff present were Jim Thunstedt, Jerome Wuerflein, and Spencer Wacholz. Members of the community included Ashton Thelen, Gabe Gabriel, Rolando Cantu-Murillo, and Cory Green.

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

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

Chief Thunstedt reported the department had Reindal motioned, VanEnglenburg 2<sup>nd</sup>, to accept the Fire Report; motion carried.

Public Works Superintendent, Jerome Wuerflein reported Superintendent Wuerflein

requested the dates of 15 August 2022 to 19 August 2022 for vacation. VanEnglenburg motioned, Wichmann 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve of the vacation request; motion carried. Wichmann motioned, Duncan 2<sup>nd</sup>, to accept the Public Works Report.

Ashton Thelen provided information repairing the museum pergola as a project for his Boy Scout Troop. After Thelen's presentation the council asked the young man more questions about the project. After the discussion, Reindal motioned, Wichmann 2<sup>nd</sup>, to approve Thelen's project.

The council discussed a possible amendment to the current Farm Animal ordinance to allow and limit the number of chickens a property can have. The council directed Clerk Wacholz to contact the attorneys to begin the process.

Discussion about implementing a new ordinance to have a Point-of-Sale Building Inspection inspired by the ordinance that is implemented by the City of Hartland. Wichmann motioned, VanEnglenburg 2<sup>nd</sup>, to approve the process of adding the Point-of-Sale Building Inspection ordinance; motion carried.

Rolando Cantu-Murillo had questions about getting a permit to do landscaping. He also asked some questions regarding the letter he received from the city about a junk vehicle.

Gabe Gabriel asked a question about residency and council positions. He also brought up an issue with a tree on his property interfering with some sort of power/telephone/fiberoptic line.

Clerk Wacholz second anniversary is 27 July 2022, and he requested a review. The council decided to have a special closed meeting on 27 July at 5 pm.

Donna Schmidt sent Clerk Wacholz information on Morin Lake Days history for the council to read at their leisure.

The bills provided for the month have been updated after duplicates were found and accepted by motion from VanEnglenburg 2<sup>nd</sup> by Reindal, motion carried. The bills for the month are as follows:

Thompson Sanitation	\$3,230.30
Jim & Dudes	\$251.03
Com-Tec Land Mobile	\$462.00
Jim Thunstedt	\$30.08
First Independent Bank	\$8,332.00
Utility Consultants	\$462.51
Freeborn Mower	\$4,376.81
Hawkins	\$15.00
Dakota Supply Group	#349.62
MN Public Facilities Authority	\$82,990.00
Jerome Wuerflein	\$30.00
Alex Burris	\$30.00
Spencer Wacholz	\$30.00
USAble Life	\$169.65
Metro Sales	\$75.22
Quill	\$111.12
Reindal Electric	\$115.00
Softline Data	\$745.00
Bomgaars	\$145.73
City of Albert Lea	\$550.00
Gopher State	\$24.30
Raleigh's Ace	\$8.99
Frontier	\$216.17
Jerry Kroeger	\$346.77
NCCOOP	\$135.00
Alden Advance	\$574.92
FP Mailing	\$94.20
Ron's Plumbing	\$2,057.53
Arnold's	\$19.96

VanEnglenburg motioned to adjourn meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Reindal.  
 Mayor Reyerson adjourned meeting at 7:35 pm.

## MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL ALDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

27 July 2022

Mayor Reyerson called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm and immediately closed the meeting. Discussion about Clerk Wacholz's performance the past year was done during the closed session. Wichmann motioned, Duncan 2<sup>nd</sup>, to approve Clerk Wacholz's increase step in pay to \$26.44/hr and awarding him his 2<sup>nd</sup> week of vacation in accordance to the Personnel Policy.

VanEnglenburg motioned, Wichmann 2<sup>nd</sup>, to adjourn.  
Mayor Reyerson adjourned meeting at 6:50 pm