

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ALDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

9 June 2021

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

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

Mayor Hitchcock 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 May Treasurer's Report and transfers, and the Hours Report.

Chief Thunstedt reported the department had 1 Haz-Mat and 2 medical calls in May. The county meeting discussion was primarily about the train derailment in Albert Lea. Chief Thunstedt submitted a grant from the DNR for safety equipment as well as a letter to the Verne Carlson Foundation. VanEnglenburg motioned, Wichmann 2nd, to accept the Fire Report; motion carried.

Superintendent Wuerflein reported what the DNR and Army Corps of Engineers discussed with him about the rip rap. We are still waiting on delivery of the trash cans for around the cement pads that were poured around the city. Wichmann motioned, VanEnglenburg 2nd, to accept the Public Works Report; motion carried.

There was discussion regarding the Morin Lake Days.

There was discussion about the power outage that happened earlier in the day.

Clerk Wacholz submitted vacation request for 10 July – 17 July 2021. VanEnglenburg motioned, Wichmann 2nd, to accept Wacholz's vacation; motion carried.

Discussion about the number of absences predicted for the 14 July meeting. VanEnglenburg motioned, Wichmann 2nd, to move the regular council meeting from 14 July to 21 July 2021; motion carried.

Clerk Wacholz presented information about UBMax utility billing software. After some discussion, Wichmann motioned, VanEnglenburg 2nd, to have UBMax as our new utility billing software; motion carried.

Clerk Wacholz brought Resolution 062021-1 to the council. The resolution is titled RESOLUTION SELECTING ONE OF THE COUNCIL MEMBERS AS ACTING MAYOR IN THE CASE OF DISABILITY, ABSENCE OF THE MAYOR FROM THE CITY OR A VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF MAYOR. VanEnglenburg motioned, Wichmann 2nd, to accept Resolution 062021-1; motion carried.

Clerk Wacholz brought Resolution 062021-2 to the council. The resolution is titled RESOLUTION APPROVING STATE OF MINNESOTA JOINT POWERS AGREEMENTS WITH THE CITY OF ALDEN ON BEHALF OF ITS CITY ATTORNEY. Vanenglenburg motioned, Wichmann 2nd, to approve Resolution 062021-2; motion carried. Copies of the resolutions are available in the Clerk’s Office.

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

Alden Advance	\$570
Frontier	\$220.73
Gopher State	\$36.45
Bryce Adams	\$92.73
Arnold’s	\$220.00
Quill	\$39.83
Minnesota Dept Of Health	\$777.00
PERA	\$3,162.46
Karl’s Carquest	\$11.72
Minnesota Energy	\$1,810.93
USABlue Book	\$88.83
USAble Life	\$113.10
Raleigh’s Ace	\$3.80
Expressway	\$344.08
Fire Safety	\$215.00
Ron’s Plumbing	\$179.01
Jerome Wuerflein	\$30.00
Bomgaars	\$589.25
Midco	\$350.59
Travis Greenfield	\$1,700.00
St. Cloud State University	\$325.00
Spencer Wacholz	\$50.00
Hilltop Greenhouse and Farm	\$665.73
Southeastern MN League of Municipalities	\$40.00
US Bank	\$398.51

Wichmann motioned to adjourn meeting, 2nd by VanEnglenburg.

Mayor Hitchcock adjourned meeting at 7:26 pm.

Spencer Wacholz – Clerk

Greg Hitchcock - Mayor