

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ALDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

10 March 2021

The Alden City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, 10 March 2021, at 6:00 PM.

Present was Mayor Greg Hitchcock and council members Mr. Reindal, Mr. Wichmann, Ms. VanEnglenburg and Mr. Duncan. City Staff present were Jim Thunstedt, Spencer Wacholz., and Jerome Wuerflein. Also present was the City Attorney, Dave Doppelhammer.

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

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

Chief Thunstedt reported the department had 0 fire calls, 1 medical mutual aid call and 0 MVA in February. The county meeting was held in Hollandale, and chief Thunstedt reported that the county contracts are finished and sent to the City Clerk. Kyle Ignaszewski, Wyatt Ladwig and Chief Thunstedt attended a training to continue annual SCBA fit testing in house. The Alden and Freeborn FD had Ice Water Rescue Training Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup>. Shared services are moving forward with the individual addresses being assigned a zone within the county. Wells FD is also interested being a part of this.

Superintendent Wuerflein presented possible projects for beautification around the lake, parks, and cemetery. There was discussion regarding the lawn mowing for the cemetery and city. The bid from Travis Greenfield was presented to the council with Wichmann motioning to accept the bid with Reindal 2<sup>nd</sup> to accept the bid, motion carried. Wuerflein presented a project to repaint the water tower. More information will be present at future meetings. Discussion was had on how to proceed with the Rip-Rap project for Morin Lake. The city purchased a used snow blower from Tim Peterson. The water plant generator has been set. There was a water main break near North Star Rd. The property of 318 Euclid was found to be vacant so Wuerflein shut the water off. There was garbage dumped by the ponds. The Freeborn County Sheriff's Department was notified, and garbage was cleaned up.

Discussion and information were presented to the council about various routes the city could take with either Ordinance Enforcement vs. Law Enforcement. Mr. Doppelhammer provided multiple different options at the city's disposal. The council will decide which route to take when more financial information and based on the needs of the city.

Reindal motioned, Wichmann 2<sup>nd</sup>, to create a resolution to send water bills to owners instead of occupants; motion was carried. The official copy of the resolution will be presented next council meeting.

The city council requested a special meeting on 24 March 2021 at 6 pm located in the City Meeting Room at 174 Water St. to discuss Ordinances with the City Attorney.

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

<b>Freeborn County Oil</b>	<b>\$535.11</b>
<b>Frontier</b>	<b>\$220.15</b>
<b>Gopher State</b>	<b>\$2.70</b>
<b>Quill LLC</b>	<b>\$139.47</b>
<b>Transworld Network</b>	<b>\$10.54</b>
<b>Westrum Leak Detection</b>	<b>\$862.50</b>
<b>Karl's Carquest Auto</b>	<b>\$51.80</b>
<b>Freeborn Mower</b>	<b>\$2713.25</b>
<b>Thompson Sanitation</b>	<b>\$3230.30</b>
<b>Alden-Conger School</b>	<b>\$1976.38</b>
<b>Raleigh's Ace Hardware</b>	<b>\$41.76</b>
<b>Albert Lea Steel</b>	<b>\$53.52</b>
<b>Arnold's Of Alden</b>	<b>\$202.00</b>
<b>CliftonLarsonAllen LLP</b>	<b>\$1890.00</b>
<b>Fire Safety USA</b>	<b>\$614.90</b>
<b>Midcontinent</b>	<b>\$242.34</b>
<b>Bryce Adams</b>	<b>\$15.98</b>
<b>Vadim Municipal Software</b>	<b>\$576.00</b>
<b>Staples Enterprises</b>	<b>\$242.76</b>
<b>Hawkins Inc.</b>	<b>\$891.31</b>
<b>Jerome Wuerflein</b>	<b>\$2.69</b>
<b>Freeborn County Auditor-Treasurer</b>	<b>\$547.43</b>
<b>Tim Peterson</b>	<b>\$900</b>

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

Mayor Hitchcock adjourned meeting at 8:28 pm.

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Spencer Wacholz – Clerk

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Greg Hitchcock - Mayor