

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ALDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

9 March 2022

The Alden City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, 9 March 2022, at 6:00 PM. Present was Acting-Mayor Jeff Wichmann and council members Mr. Reindal, Mr. Duncan, Ms. VanEngelenburg. City Staff present were Jim Thunstedt, Jerome Wuerflein, and Spencer Wacholz. Also present were Rick Christensen, Jerry Reyerson, Ann Bryson, Shirley Newman, and Shane Classon.

Acting Mayor Wichmann 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 5 medical calls, 1 mutual aid medical call, and 1 MVA in February. The County meeting was in Freeborn, but only 5 departments were present, so no business was discussed. Recruitment and retention were the only thing talked about at the meeting. EMR consortium training was held on 16 February. 2021 fire incident reports have been filed with the state. Form FA-1 Fire State Aid Application is due 15 March. Chief Thunstedt also gave an update on the fire truck. VanEnglenburg motioned, Reindal 2nd, to accept the Fire Report; motion carried.

Public Works Superintendent, Jerome Wuerflein reported the plow truck is still at Pat's. He's looking at a fuel pressure problem. Thein Well is coming to inspect wells. Morin Lake Parade Street close signs was discussed to limit complaints from MNDOT from last year's parade. Superintendent Wuerflein wanted to discuss mowing prospects for the city. The council instructed Clerk Wacholz to get in touch with the city's current contract holder for an update. Duncan motioned, VanEnglenburg 2nd, to accept the Public Works Report.

Clerk Wacholz presented the council with a letter from other clerks and mayors of other cities in southern Minnesota about the surplus of money from the state. The letter was about asking for more LGA money that is awarded to cities from the state. Discussion about joining the petition was had. VanEnglenburg motioned, Duncan 2nd, to sign the petition to increase LGA money petition; motion carried.

Rick Christensen presented information about possible entrepreneurship within small cities.

Ann Bryson gave an update on Morin Lake Days for 2022. They will be 17-19 June 2022.

Clerk Wacholz presented a Resolution 2022.01 AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF ALBERT LEA FOR ENFORCEMENT OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES. VanEnglenburg motioned, Duncan 2nd, to approve the resolution; motion carried.

Discussion between the council about the empty mayor seat was had. VanEnglenburg motioned, Reindal 2nd, to appoint Jerry Reyerson as Mayor of the City of Alden effective his swearing in on 13 April 2022; motion carried.

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:

Albert Lea Steel	\$61.04
Alden Advance	\$124.43
Arnold's	\$341.92
Bomgaars	\$61.15
CliftonLarsonAllen LLP	\$2,657.81
Fastenal	\$175.41
Fire Safety	\$457.85
Freeborn County COOP	\$589.05
Frontier	\$216.79
Gopher State	\$2.70
Hawkins	\$208.12
Jim &Dudes	\$542.35
Johnson Heating and AC	\$112.50
Karl's Carquest	\$51.05
League of MN Cities	\$10,025.00
Little Falls Machine	\$2,066.95
Midcontinent	\$97.27
MN Dept. of Health	\$777.00
Minnesota Energy	\$2,121.87
Parker Hemmingsen	\$245.77
Quill	\$35.99
Raleigh's Ace	\$215.03
Team Lab	\$1,015.00
Thompson	\$3,230.30
Spencer Wacholz	\$30.00
Jerome Wuerflein	\$30.00
Witmer Public Safety	\$58.49

VanEnglenburg motioned to adjourn meeting, 2nd by Duncan.

Acting-Mayor Wichmann adjourned meeting at 7:03 pm.

MINUTES OF THE CLOSED SPECIAL MEETING 28 MARCH 2022

The Alden City Council met in regular session on Monday, 28 March 2022, at 6:00 PM. Present was Acting-Mayor Jeff Wichmann and council members Mr. Reindal, Mr. Duncan. Ms. VanEngelenburg. City Staff present were Spencer Wacholz

Acting Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm

Clerk Wacholz presented Resolution 2022.02 Reestablishing Precincts and Polling Places. VanEngelenburg motioned, Duncan 2nd, motion carried.

VanEngelenburg motioned, Duncan 2nd, to adjourn the meeting.

Acting-Mayor Wichmann adjourned meeting at 6:30 pm.