

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ALDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

12 May 2021

The Alden City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, 14 May 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 were Ann Bryson, Donna Schmidt, Sarah Nelson, and new County Commissioner Brad Edwin.

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

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

Chief Thunstedt reported the department had 1 grass fire call and 2 medical calls in March. Chief Thunstedt was not able to attend the county meeting that was in London. The first responders had a consortium on April 21st. The Fire Department will set up parade numbers and man the fireworks for Morin Lake Days. Chief Thunstedt will be working on submitting a MN DNR grant and sending a letter to the Le Verne Carlson Foundation. The new lockers will be installed this month. Delay was for materials to mount them. Three firemen passed their tests. VanEnglenburg motioned, Wichmann 2nd, to accept the Fire Report; motion carried.

Superintendent Wuerflein reported that the concrete pouring will start at the end of May. The riprap for the lake will be handled by the Army Corps of Engineers instead of the DNR. There was discussion on dust control from the intersection of Powers and Elizabeth to the compost site. Duncan motioned, Reindal 2nd to place dust control down from the compost site to the intersection of Powers and Elizabeth. Wuerflein requested vacation starting June 1st to June 6th. VanEnglenburg motioned, Reindal 2nd to approve Wuerflein's vacation request; motion carried. There was discussion about North Park. Wichmann motioned, Reindal 2nd, to accept the Public Works Report; motion carried.

Sarah Nelson, from Intego Insurance, give an update on current policy, discussed new premiums with optional additional policies.

There was discussion regarding the Morin Lake Days.

Clerk Wacholz received the Joint Powers Agreement from the state. Reviewing the agreement with the attorney will proceed before a decision is made. A meeting was set up with the attorney to discuss ordinances with the committee.

Clerk Wacholz presented two new software options for the city. One is for the utility billing from UBMax, a Minnesota based company. The other is CenterPoint from CSA Software for accounting. Both software options will increase efficiency within the office. Discussion about converting software and council decided to give Clerk Wacholz another month to compile more information regarding the subscription of current software.

Brad Edwin, Commissioner for our County District, introduced himself to the council. He has been visiting the other cities and townships in the area.

Clerk Wacholz wanted an updated pay rate for Bryce Adams following his 3-year anniversary. VanEnglenburg motioned, Duncan 2nd, to give Adams his anniversary step increase; motion carried.

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:

Al Besser	\$363.19
Alden Advance	\$96.08
Bomgaars	\$351.93
Bryce Adams	\$92.73
Core & Main	807.30
Freeborn County Coop	\$379.35
Freeborn Mower	\$2,023.24
Frontier	\$220.73
Gopher State	\$10.80
Jerome Wuerflein	\$30.00
Jim & Dudes	\$13.25
Karl's Carquest	\$129.76
League of MN Cities Trust	\$14,959.00
Minnesota Energy	\$1,328.85
Minnesota Revenue	\$1,664.76
Parker Hemmingson	\$63.16
PERA	\$2,390.02
Peterson, Kolker, Haedt & Benda	\$941.40
Raleigh's Ace	\$12.24
Sanco	\$59.34
SE MN Emergency Medical Services	\$400.00
Spencer Wacholz	\$50.00
Staples Enterprises	\$33.67
TeamLab	\$4,226.00
TransWorld	\$19.97
Travis Greenfield	\$950.00
US Bank	\$3,371.85
USable Life	\$98.40
Utility Consultants	\$232.50

Duncan motioned to adjourn meeting, 2nd by Reindal.

Mayor Hitchcock adjourned meeting at 7:38 pm.

Spencer Wacholz – Clerk

Greg Hitchcock - Mayor