

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ALDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

November 13, 2019

The Alden City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, November 13, at 6:00 PM.

Present was Mayor Greg Hitchcock and council members Mr. Reindal, Ms. VanEngelenburg, Mr. Wichmann, and Mr. Duncan. City Staff present were Fire Chief Jim Thunstedt, Jeanne Meyer, and Shirley Newman.

Mayor Hitchcock called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approved as presented were the Minutes of the October 9th Council Meeting. Motion made by VanEngelenburg, 2nd by Reindal. Also approved as presented, was Minutes of the Special Council Meeting of October 28, 2019. Motion by VanEngelenburg, 2nd by Duncan.

Treasurer reports were reviewed and approved, motion by Wichmann, 2nd by VanEngelenburg.

Hour's reports were reviewed and approved, motion by Duncan, 2nd by Reindal.

Chief Thunstedt presented and reported on the Fire Department. Council approved Fire Dept report, motion by VanEngelenburg, 2nd by Reindal.

Public Works Superintendent, Wuerflein was not present, reporting on the public works will be tabled, until next council meeting.

City Business included:

Review of 2020 Budget was discussed, more review will follow, after the upcoming Truth In Taxation Hearing scheduled for December 11th, 2019 at 6:00p.m., at the City Meeting Room, 174 Water Street, Alden, MN.

Pay Estimate No.5 & Final 2017 Street & Alley Improvements Alden MN was presented for review. Estimate was approved. Motion by Duncan, 2nd by Wichmann.

Delinquent Utilities and Mowing was discussed by the council, for non-payment of two properties. Council approved Special Assessments Certifications and Council also approved resolutions directing delinquent utility payment of \$200.24 on parcel #21.015.0030, and delinquent mowing payment \$250. on parcel#21.002.0070. These two parcels to be Special Assessments Certifications and Resolutions; and to be placed on 2020 property tax rolls, by the Freeborn County Auditor-Treasurer. Motion made by VanEngelenburg, 2nd by Wichmann.

The City Council announced that the city office will be closed November 28, and 29th, in observance of Thanksgiving.

Northpark Project was discussed, regarding billings from three vendors: Dakota Supply Group, \$670.49; Rolling Green Fencing Inc. \$10,028.; and Jim & Dude’s Plg. & Htg Inc. \$1,570., for a total of \$12,268.49. Council approved payment of these three vendor billings. Motion by Wichmann, 2nd by VanEngelenburg.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Council discussed the Alden City voters polling place for 2020. Council approved a resolution, for the City of Alden Polling Place for 2020, to be at Alden City Hall at 174 North Broadway, Alden, MN 56009. No change. Motion made by Duncan, 2nd by Wichmann.

There was snow removal, added for other city business. In absence of Public Works Superintendent Wuerflein, the council decided to table until next meeting.

There was a discussion regarding neighborhood complaints, and regarding vehicles sitting on city streets, over prolonged time periods. After reviewing Amended Ordinance #111, Council approved Public Works Superintendent-Jerome Wuerflein, to be authorized to be parking Superintendent for The City of Alden. Motion by Wichmann, 2nd by Reindal.

Motion by VanEngelenburg, 2nd by Wichmann and carried with none opposed, to approve the bills as follows:

BILLS – November 13, 2019

Adams, Bryce - October cell phone allowance	30.00
Alden Advance - September & October council minutes	285.18
Arnold's of Alden - snowplow truck repair	84.70
Bolton & Menk - Water Treatment Plant Imp. Project - 8/10 - 9/6/19	16,245.50
Bolton & Menk - Water Treatment Plant Improvement Project 9/7 - 10/18/19	12,475.00
Core & Main - repair lids, freight	76.77
Crysteel Truck Equipment - snow plow repairs	1,060.00
Dakota Supply Group - water meter for irrigation system @ North Park (A-C)	670.49
EFTPS – October Federal payroll tax deposit	2,538.36
Freeborn County Coop Oil - October fuel purchases	288.97
Freeborn Mower Cooperative - 9/1 - 10/1/19 electric services	1,889.56
Freeborn Mower Cooperative -10/1 - 11/1/19 electric services	2,203.74
Frontier - November phone service	215.01
Gopher State One Call - October line locates	9.45
Greenfield, Travis (Advanced Outdoor Services) - Oct. mowing/trimming @ city	350.00
- Oct. mowing/trimming @ cemetery	450.00
Jim & Dudes Plg & Htg - backflow preventer for irrigation system @ N. Park (A-C)	1,570.00
Midcontinent Communications - 10/17 - 11/16/19 shop office internet service	105.00
- 10/13 - 11/12/19 emergency phone at water plant	36.12
MN Energy - 9/16 - 10/14/19 gas service	137.40
MN Revenue - October state withholding tax	481.80

PERA – 10/7 - 10/20/19 employee retirement contributions	821.75
- 10/21 - 11/3/19 employee retirement contributions	785.72
PERA - 2019 city donation towards Alden Fire Dept. Relief Fund (2/5 yrs)	2,500.00
- additional municipal contribution - Alden Fire Dept. Relief (fair)	4,300.00
Postmaster - 300 \$.35 postage stamps & 100 \$.55 postage stamps	160.00
Raleigh's Ace Hardware - camera supplies	14.38
Raleigh's Ace Hardware - water testing supplies	4.48
Reindal Electric - connect portable generator after ice storm @ city hall	381.00
- lift station repair - ice storm damage	7,691.00
Rolling Green Fencing - North Park softball field fence (A-C)	10,028.00
Spring Touch Lawn & Pest Control-irrigation system @ N. Pk softball field (A-C)	12,160.00
Staples Enterprises - Sept. & Oct. fuel purchases	158.25
Stone Werx Landscape Artists - N. Pk. softball field renovation (A-C)	93,838.48
Thompson Sanitation - October garbage service	3,230.30
TransWorld Network - October & November long distance service - office	7.04
USABLE Life - November premium	42.60
Utility Consultants - sewer testing	384.00
Wuerflein, Jerome - October cell phone allowance	30.00
- Mileage for water training @ Waconia	126.44
Xerox Corporation - copier service agreement	120.51

Wages, less ded:

Bryce Adams	2,174.88
Jeanne Meyer	2,377.80
Shirley Newman	1,141.58
Jerome Wuerflein	3,011.68

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Com-Tec Land Mobile Radio - Motorola portable radio battery	146.70
Freeborn County Coop Oil - October fuel purchase	50.49
Midcontinent Communications - 10/17 - 11/16/19 internet service	105.00
SE MN EMS - EMR Skills Exam - Tomschin, Ignaszewski & Weigel	240.00

Council approved motion by Duncan, 2nd by VanEngelenburg, to adjourn at 6:56 PM.

Greg Hitchcock
Mayor

Jeanne Meyer
Clerk-Treasurer