

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ALDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

18 November 2020

The Alden City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, 18 November 2020, at 6:02 PM. Mayor Greg Hitchcock took council members attendance by roll call. Council members Mr. Reindal and Ms. VanEngelenburg; Mr. Wichmann and Mr. Duncan were absent. City Staff present were Jim Thunstedt, Spencer Wacholz, and Bryce Adams. Jerome Wuerflein was absent. Dan Kolker and David Doppelhammer from Peterson, Kolker, Haedt, and Benda, LTD were also in attendance.

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

Approved as presented were the Minutes of the 9 October 2020, along with the October Treasurer's Report and transfers, and the Hours Report.

Fire Chief Thunstedt reported having one false alarm fire call and three medical calls in October 2020. The county meeting was in Hayward, which Chief Thunstedt was unable to attend. The fire department did not achieve the FEMA Grant for 2020, and grant writing has begun for the 2021 grant with the same grant writer. The fire department was awarded Freeborn-Mower Operation Roundup and MN Energy Resources Grants. Duncan motion to accept the Fire Report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Reindal, motion carried.

Public Works employee, Bryce Adams reported in the place of Wuerflein the water tower was cleaned. The paint looked to be in good shape and there was not much sediment in the tower itself. The lift station pump was repaired, but still suffering from some noise somewhere in the system; currently checking all possibilities. There was a new overhead door installed in the shed by the water plant. The docks and buoys were pulled from the lake, and the hydrants were flushed and drained. Water has been shut off at the beach and North Park restrooms. The generator for the water plant has been ordered. Wichmann motion to accept Public Works Report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by VanEngelenburg, motion carried.

Possible online eBill and ePayment options for citizens was presented to the council by Clerk Wacholz as well as a postal meter. After some discussion the council decided to allow Wacholz to run more cost analysis on the postal meter and to gather more information on the eBill and ePay options.

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

Albert Lea Steel	\$28.80
Bolton & Menk	\$752.50
Bomgaars	\$69.99
Bryce Adams	\$120.00
Fire Safety	\$990.75
First Independent Bank	\$8,480.00
Freeborn County Coop	\$146.16
Freeborn Mower Coop	\$1,273.48
Frontier	\$215.85
Gopher State One-Call	\$43.20
Jerome Wuerflein	\$574.20
Jerry Kroeger	\$1,384.67
Jim Thunstedt	\$162.86
John Hullopeter	\$868.00
Karin Anderson Grant Writing	\$700.00
Karl's Carquest	\$309.21
Kary Tillman, MCFOA	\$45.00
Midco Diving	\$2,698.00
Midcontinent Communications	\$692.09
MN Dept of Health	\$777.00
MN Dept. of Labor	\$10.00
MN Energy Resources	\$322.94
MN Rural Water Association	\$320.00
Morreim Drainage	\$48.37
Quill LLC	\$133.26
Raleigh's Ace	\$77.71
Ron's Plumbing	\$95.00
Sanco Equipment	\$257.48
Spencer Wacholz	\$120.00
Spring Touch Lawn & Pest	\$225.00
Thompson Sanitation	\$3,230.30
Total Glass-Lock	\$549.80
US Bank	\$10.94
USAbLe Life	\$127.80
Utility Consultants	\$4,725.50
Zarnoth Brush Works	\$833.50
Fastenal	\$133.37
Ferguson Waterworks	\$59.65

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

Mayor Hitchcock adjourned meeting at 7:35 pm.

Next Council Meeting will be 9 December 2020.

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Greg Hitchcock, Mayor

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Spencer Wacholz, Clerk-Treasurer