

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ALDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

13 October 2021

The Alden City Council met in regular session on Wednesday 13 October 2021, at 6:00 PM.

Present were Mayor Greg Hitchcock and council members Mr. Wichmann, Ms. VanEnglenburg, Mr. Reindal and Mr. Duncan. City Staff present were Jim Thunstedt, Spencer Wacholz., and Jerome Wuerflein. Robert Mathiason, Parker Hemmingsen, Craig Poppenhagen, Jayne Overstreet, and Lowell Bruns were also present at the meeting.

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

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

Chief Thunstedt reported the department had 1 mutual aid fire call and 4 medical calls in October. County meeting was in the Alden Community Center and had representatives from 10 departments in attendance. The FD received denial letters for both the pumper truck and turnout gear from FEMA AFG grants. The FD received a \$1,000 donation from DIMA Corp to be used towards cordless tools. Fire Prevention Week is 3-9 October and Paul Weigel, Parker Hemmingsen, and Alex Burris education the elementary students at the station. 9 November 2021 is the annual banquet at the Legion with a 6 pm social and 7 pm dinner. VanEnglenburg motioned, Wichmann 2<sup>nd</sup>, to accept the Fire Report; motion carried.

Superintendent Wuerflein reported that the city had trash dumped in the burn site and by the pond gates. Wuerflein asked about possibility of putting a camera in the area. The storm catch basins were cleaned without any issues. The storm sewer below Gerald Paulson's property needs repair. So far two quotes have come in and the third has not responded. We have had a few high water usage reading, checking monthly has helped catch them. The plow truck needs to be looked at as it acts like a fuel pressure problem. The city pickup needs new tires this fall. Wichmann motioned, VanEnglenburg 2<sup>nd</sup>, to accept the Public Works Report; motion carried.

Craig Poppenhagen, from CliftonLarsonAllen LLP, presented the annual city audit to the council. Copies were given to the council and are also available in the City Clerk's office upon request.

Robert Mathiason had concerns about his water bill. He and the council debated on what action was needed to be taken on the matter.

Jayne Overstreet presented information of the Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation and various programs and services the foundation provides.

Lowell Bruns of the Alden Area Community Foundation presented a letter fulfilling the foundations commitment and obligation to the Morin Lake Project.

The council was reminded of the Truth and Taxation Meeting that is scheduled at 6 pm on 8 December 2021 with the normal city council meeting to follow.

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

<b>Bryce Adams</b>	<b>\$30.00</b>
<b>Albert Lea Chamber of Commerce</b>	<b>\$180.00</b>
<b>Albert Lea Steel</b>	<b>\$726.66</b>
<b>Alden Advance</b>	<b>\$87.44</b>
<b>Arnold's of Alden</b>	<b>\$1164.49</b>
<b>Fastenal</b>	<b>\$45.17</b>
<b>Freeborn County COOP</b>	<b>\$116.29</b>
<b>Freeborn Mower</b>	<b>\$1378.83</b>
<b>Frontier</b>	<b>\$220.06</b>
<b>Gopher State</b>	<b>\$4.05</b>
<b>Hawkins Inc.</b>	<b>\$178.12</b>
<b>Karl's Carquest</b>	<b>\$267.29</b>
<b>Lawn Pro</b>	<b>\$400.00</b>
<b>Metro</b>	<b>\$54.16</b>
<b>Midcontinent</b>	<b>\$283.48</b>
<b>Quill LLC</b>	<b>\$34.87</b>
<b>Raleigh's Ace</b>	<b>\$9.38</b>
<b>Robert's Specialty</b>	<b>\$325.00</b>
<b>Staples</b>	<b>\$361.34</b>
<b>Thompson Sanitation</b>	<b>\$3230.30</b>
<b>Trading Post</b>	<b>\$1,024.97</b>
<b>Transworld Network</b>	<b>\$83.30</b>
<b>Travis Greenfield</b>	<b>\$1,800.00</b>
<b>Tree Top Products</b>	<b>\$4,139.76</b>
<b>US Bank</b>	<b>\$744.16</b>
<b>US Able Life</b>	<b>\$41.85</b>
<b>Spencer Wacholz</b>	<b>\$72.94</b>
<b>Jerome Wuerflein</b>	<b>\$214.44</b>

VanEnglenburg. motioned to adjourn meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wichmann  
 Mayor Hitchcock adjourned meeting at 8:20 pm.

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 Spencer Wacholz – Clerk

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 Greg Hitchcock - Mayor