

## **MINUTES OF THE ALDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING – October 12, 2022**

The Alden City Council met in its regular session, October 12, 2022 at 6:00pm.

The meeting was called to order Mayor Reyerson.

Council members present: Mayor Reyerson, Ms. VanEngelenburg, Mr. Reindal, Mr. Wichmann, Mr. Duncan. City Staff Present: Fire Chief Thunstedt, Public Works Director Jerome Wuerflein. Others present: Ted Herman, Tim Harves, Shirley Newman, Stephanie Headt

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

No minutes, Treasurer's report, or Hours report were available from the September meeting to approve.

Fire report was presented by Chief Thunstedt. The department had 0 fire calls, 8 medical calls and 1 mutual aid call in September. The county meeting was held at the Freeborn County Museum for the County Fire Association 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Past Presidents were in attendance along with past department chiefs. Medical consortium was held September 21<sup>st</sup>. There are 9 members up for the 2-year renewal of the first responder certification. MBFTE training dollars appear to be set at \$300 per firefighter for fiscal year 2023. No word yet on the Freeborn-Mower Operation Round up. Listing will be out Mid-October. Turnout gear has been measured and ordered. It will take about 18 weeks to get here. Fire Chief recommended Dan Larson for membership to the AFD. He is fully trained, but is not a first responder yet. He is considering that. Motion by VanEngelenburg and seconded by Wichmann to approve Dan Larson's membership to the Fire Department. Carried. Next month will be the November appreciation feed at the Legion. It will be on election day. Bills were presented to Mayor Reyerson. Motion by Duncan and seconded by Reindal to approve the fire report as presented. Carried.

Superintendent Wuerflein presented the Public Works report. The sweeper has been repaired. There was build up in manholes on Northstar Road, and they were jettered out. He believes we should consider doing some line cleaning every year to stay ahead of it. If we find issues when videoed, we should repair as we find them. Docks and Buoys are out of the lake for the season. Bolton-Menk rep stopped to talk with Jerome. They spoke about streets and found most of the repairs can be done with just a mill and overlay, other than Scotte Lane will need a complete repair. Discussion was had on purchasing the mower being leased from Arnold's. Motion by Wichmann and seconded by VanEngelenburg to purchase the mower from Arnold's. Carried. Motion by Wichmann and seconded by Reindal to approve the public works report as presented. Carried.

Ted Herman addressed the Council as the county commissioner for District 5, which will be the district Alden will be in after the redistricting takes effect in January. If he is re-elected, he will be available to attend regular council meetings to help us in any way that he can. Mr. Herman spoke of some of the items the county is working on currently.

Tim Harves addressed the Council on behalf of Jeff Strom, who is running for Freeborn County Sheriff. Mr. Strom will also be a presence with the city council and at meetings if he is elected Sheriff and would like to work collaboratively with the city.

Motion by Reindal and seconded by Wichmann to pass the Resolution for Rural Service District designation with no changes. Carried.

There was a Data Breach. We have notified our Insurance Agent, the League of MN Cities, and a claim has been started. We are working with our attorneys, and anyone affected by the data breach will be contacted by outside council.

City Clerk Wacholz has given a letter of resignation. Motion by VanEngelenburg and seconded by Wichmann to accept the resignation. Carried.

Approval of city bills was not done due to the current situation with the Clerk position. The Mayor will work through the bills and contact vendors if necessary so they can be approved at the next meeting.

Election judges need to be appointed. Ms. VanEngelenburg and Mr. Wichmann are eligible to be judges, as the other council members are on the ballot so they are not. Ms. VanEngelenburg will contact the County Auditor's office to find out how to go about doing that.

Motion by Duncan and seconded by Reindal to adjourn the meeting. Carried.