

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ALDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

9 September 2020

The Alden City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, 9 September 2020, at 6:01 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, Jerome Wuerflein, Spencer Wacholz, and Bryce Adams. John Grauppman from Bolton-Menk and Bob Mathiason 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 13 August 2020, along with the August Treasurer's Report and transfers, and the Hours Report.

Fire Chief Thunstedt reported on the meeting in Glenville. He was contacted by the state about any COVID-19 CARES Funding that the city has requested. The members of the fire department toured the new Albert Lea Fire Station and discussed the Albert Lea Fire Academy training. Chief Thunstedt reported the Pork Chop Feed was successful, feeding around 350 people and running out of food. CAFs truck report has been clarified to be covered under mobile property. Chief Thunstedt also brought to the attention of the Alden-Conger School Board about extending their dealings about the weight room, but no word has been heard from. Reindal motion to accept the Fire Report, 2nd by VanEngelenburg, motion carried.

Public Works Superintendent, Jerome Wuerflein reported MDA inspected the water plant and had no issues. We have repaired several water issues. We had an issue with the utilizes locates, they did not show up. Public Works called the gas and Midco and they located their own. North Park restrooms are ready for paint and electrical. We are waiting to hear when the water tower will be cleaned also waiting on the lift station pump and a date for North Park fence. Public Works would like to have Barga Co. do some pothole patching on North Star Rd. they have patched out there before and it seems to hold up very well. North Star Rd. will need a big repair soon. We are waiting for a price on street patching. Reindal motioned to not exceed \$8,000 for North Star Rd. pothole patching, 2nd by VanEngelenburg motion carried Public Works have started to clear an area in the compost site for the recycle bins. We have bought fencing materials for repairing the pond fence. North Park trees should get trimmed about mid-September. Wuerflein also reported the generator will be part of the water plant. Wuerflein also reported more street issues including but not limited to a sink hole on Mason, driveway issue on West Main, Janzig Property, and some curb areas to be repaired by Blackstone Asphalt, just awaiting an estimate. All water repairs were made. Bolton-Menk and Beemer meeting was before the council meeting, and was decided to pay the remaining \$6,000. VanEngelenburg motioned to authorize the payment, 2nd by Reindal, motion carried. There was an investigation of the school tile which suggested to probe and replace the tile. VanEngelenburg motion to accept Public Works Report, 2nd by Reindal, motion carried.

Mayor Hitchcock passed around a letter from Phyllis Meyer.

Bob Mathiason, who was representing Carlston and Alden Townships, to propose the NE corner of the compost site to be the new placement of the Waste Management Recycling Bins. Townships both agreed to pay for the gravel for the containers and Waste Systems okayed the site. The townships are requesting a three-year agreement to be prorated expenses for the gravel if broken by the city before the end of the agreement. Discussion about the agreement ensued for a length of time. Reindal motioned to accept the premise of the agreement, 2nd by VanEngelenburg, motion carried.

Discussion about adding Clerk Wacholz to all accounts that are associated with the city to Security Bank in Alden. Intense discussion ensued before motion was made by VanEngelenburg 2nd by Reindal, motion carried.

The city was also presented with the option to pass a resolution to honor IRIS, Infants Remembered in Silence, every October 15th. VanEngelenburg motioned to create a resolution to honor IRIS, 2nd by Reindal; motion passed.

The following items have been tabled for a later meeting: Police Enforcement contract, Liquor Licensing, City Attorney, and Clerk Technology Software.

The bills provided for the month have been accepted by motion from Reindal 2nd by VanEngelenburg, motion carried. The following bills for the month are as follows:

Albert Lea – Freeborn County Chamber of Commerce.....	\$175.00
Alden Advance.....	\$267.61
Freeborn County Co-operative Oil Co.....	\$179.39
Frontier.....	\$2.84
Gopher State One Call.....	\$22.95
DPC Industries.....	\$171.14
MN Department of Health.....	\$777.00
MN Pollution Control Agency.....	\$100.00
Heiman Inc.....	\$14.12
Minnesota Energy Resources.....	\$141.02
Freeborn Mower Coop Services.....	\$2,124.65
Jim Thunsdedt.....	\$41.99
Fastenal Company.....	\$86.47
Reindal Electric, Inc.....	\$445.00
Thompson Sanitation.....	\$3230.30
Bolton-Menk.....	\$4090.00
Raleigh's Ace Hardware.....	\$310.81
Southern Lock & Glass.....	\$75.00
Arnold's of Alden, Inc.....	\$367.57
Bomgaars.....	\$249.21
Cardmember Services.....	\$42.00
Heartman Insurance.....	\$250.00
Jerome Wuerflein,	\$542.62
Minnesota Public Facilities Authority	\$92,045.02

Midcontinent Communications,	\$118.36
Spring Touch Lawn & Pest Control.....	\$224.95
Motorola Solutions Inc.....	\$201.06
Staples Enterprises Inc.,	\$244.50
Greg Hitchcock,	\$62.30
South Central News,	\$40.00
American Legal Publishing Corporation.....	\$915.00
MacQueen Equipment/Emergency,	\$228.56

Wages:

Bryce Adams.....	\$1177.23
Jerome Wuerflein.....	\$1555.82
Spencer Wacholz.....	\$1224.21
PERA.....	\$761.26

There is one additional bill that is shared with the AC School District from John Hullopeter Construction LLC of \$20,187.79 where the school and the city will each pay half. VanEnglenburg motioned to pay half 2nd by Reindal, motion carried. Bill will be paid once city receives the school portion.

VanEnglenburg motioned to adjourn meeting, 2nd by Reindal.

Mayor Hitchcock adjourned meeting at 8:00 pm.

Next Council Meeting will be 04 October 2020.

Greg Hitchcock, Mayor

Spencer Wacholz, Clerk-Treasurer