

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ALDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

11 September 2021

The Alden City Council met in regular session on Wednesday 9 June 2021, at 6:00 PM.

Present was 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. Various members of the Alden Fire Department and Dave Iveland from Lawn Pro 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 August Meeting, along with the September Treasurer's Report and transfers, and the Hours Report.

Chief Thunstedt reported the department 2 fire calls, 2 MVA, 1 Mutual Aid and 5 medical calls in September. The county meeting was at Albert Lea Fire Department. Annual porkchop feed served around 300 meals. AFD completed a refresher on CPR in August. AFD applied for funds from Freeborn-Mower Coop Services for rescue tools. AFD took home 1st and 2nd place trophies in water wars during Kernal's Days in Wells. VanEnglenburg motioned, Duncan 2nd, to accept the Fire Report; motion carried.

Superintendent Wuerflein reported that the city finish placing and outfitting the trash cans for around the parks and lake. The water tank enclosure was installed at the cemetery. The school has been working on painting the dugouts. Gerald Paulson still has water problems during heavy rain. We ran a camera down the line and found some places needed for maintenance. We repaired an air valve by the lift station and jetted a couple of storm lines. Dave Iveland, from LawnPro, will be doing a tree survey during the week of 13 September. Superintendent Wuerflein requested to purchase a plow blade for the tractor. Duncan motioned, Wichmann 2nd, to accept the Public Works Report; motion carried.

There was letter from the attorney about the decision regarding the property located at 377 S Broadway. He encouraged the city refuse any offer of donation of the property. VanEnglenburg motioned, Wichmann 2nd, to accept the attorney's judgement and decline any offer for property located at 377 S Broadway, motion carried.

Discussion about raising water rates was had. After discussion, it was determined to acquire more information for each of the rates and surcharges for the water/sewer charges.

Clerk Wacholz presented the preliminary levy to the council. Reindal motioned, Wichmann 2nd, to propose a 10% increase to the levy, motion carried. The final levy decision will be held before the December Regular Council Meeting on 8 December 2021 at 6:01 pm.

Clerk Wacholz provided a resolution named 2021.03 A RESOLUTION OPTING TO INCREASE BENEFIT LEVEL FOR FIREFIGHTERS WHO ARE VESTED IN THE

STATEWIDE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER PLAN. VanEnglenburg motion, Duncan 2nd, to accept the resolution; motion carried.

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

Alden Advance	\$127.12
Alden Historical Society	\$2,000
Alden Legion Post 404	\$2,000
Alden Lions Club	\$500
Automatic Systems	\$1,866.50
Beemer	\$2,337.50
Bryce Adams	\$30.00
Clarey's Safety Equipment	\$435.00
Empire Pipe	\$1,660.00
Expressway	\$82.99
Fire Safety USA	\$1,491.25
Freeborn Auditor	\$1,350.78
Freeborn County COOP	\$399.30
Frontier	\$220.06
Gopher One State	\$10.80
Hawkins	\$10.00
Jerome Wuerflein	\$37.70
Kamstrup	\$1,009.18
MidCo	\$246.74
MN Dept of Health	\$777.00
MN Energy	\$36.00
Overhead Door	\$2,620.00
Quill	\$35.99
Raleigh's Ace	\$411.90
Security Bank	\$20.00
Spencer Wacholz	\$30.00
Staples Enterprises	\$26.40
Thompson Sanitation	\$3,230.30
TransWorld	\$19.02
US Bank	\$1,287.93
Witmer Public Safety	\$628.16
Zoll	\$259.52

Duncan motioned to adjourn meeting, 2nd by VanEnglenburg.

Mayor Hitchcock adjourned meeting at 7:35 pm.

Spencer Wacholz – Clerk

Greg Hitchcock - Mayor