

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ALDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

August 8th, 2018

The Alden City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, August 8th, at 6:00 PM. Council members present were Riebe, VanEngelenburg, Wichmann, and Duncan. Mayor Reyerson was absent. City Staff present were Chief Thunstedt, Newman, and Scholten. Also present were Greg Hitchcock, Tejpal Bala of Bolton & Menk, Larry Weigel, and Dave Mckean.

Riebe, Pro Tem Mayor, called the meeting to order.

Approved as presented were the Minutes of the July 11th Council Meeting, along with the July Treasurer's Report and transfers, Hours Report, Fire Department Report, and the Public Works Report.

Chief Thunstedt presented the Fire Report. Motion by VanEngelenburg, second by Duncan and carried, to approve the request to close the alley behind the fire station on Saturday, August 25th from Noon until 10 PM for the annual Pork Chop Feed.

The Public Works Report was reviewed. It included updates on the many projects happening throughout the city, including a potential start date in September for the water plant improvement project.

Dave McKean expressed to the council his concern and disappointment about the hot mix plant located at ExpressWay for the TH109 project. He stated his biggest issues included the noise, dust and the lack of notice given to residents living near the plant location.

The council reviewed proposed water rate schedules assembled by Bolton & Menk. The proposed rate schedules reflect water rate increases over a number of years to cover operation, maintenance, and debt expenses related to the water plant improvement project. After some discussion, the council decided they would like to compare rate schedules that reflect a 50 base/50 usage rate and a 40 base/60 usage rate. It was then decided to continue the discussion at a special meeting scheduled for Wednesday, August 15th at 5:00 PM.

The council tabled the discussion regarding deferred assessments and decided to add it to the agenda for the special meeting.

Motion by VanEngelenburg, second by Wichmann and carried, to approve the following: RESOLVED, to grant On-Sale, Off-Sale, and Sunday Liquor Licenses for the year October 1, 2018 to October 1, 2019, to MineAgain's Bar & Grill, located at 127 N. Broadway in Alden; upon payment of \$500.00 for the On-Sale license, \$100.00 for the Off-Sale license, and \$200.00 for the Sunday Liquor License, and fulfilling all other requirements and upon approval from the Minnesota Liquor Control Director.

The council then discussed the charitable gambling ordinance, which states 10% of gaming monies earned by any organization within the city of Alden shall be returned to the City of

Alden. Larry Weigel, the Gambling Manager for the Alden American Legion, requested the council grant a variance to the legion for 5% of gaming monies earned to be returned to the city for 2018. Motion by Duncan, second by Wichmann and carried, to grant the Alden American Legion the said variance.

There was lengthy discussion regarding the tax forfeited property presented in a letter from Freeborn County. The Council decided to move forward with obtaining the property at 285 N Broadway, Parcel No. 21.002.0070 for City use. Motion by Duncan, seconded by Wichmann and carried to approve and adopt the following resolution: RESOLUTION NO. 01-18 AUTHORIZING ACTION ON TAX FORFEITED LAND. The full resolution will be on file and available in the City Office.

In conjunction with the Fire Report, Chief Thunstedt presented to the council the department's proposed budget for 2019. The council then decided to table any other discussion regarding the 2019 budget until the special meeting.

Motion by VanEngelenburg, second by Wichmann and carried, to decline payment of a North Park mowing bill submitted by Scott Hemmingsen.

Motion by VanEngelenburg, second by Wichmann and carried, to approve the bills as follows: Adams, Bryce - July cell phone allowance 30.00; Alden Advance - June council minutes, city election, tax disclosure 157.66; Arnold Companies - Tax Increment Financing - June 2018 tax settlement 8651.65; Bolton & Menk - WWTF Forcemain Replacement Project 2345.00; Bomgaars - bathroom cleaner 14.76; Core & Main - water repairs to repay Hartland, freight 146.73, water repairs 1083.30; DPC Industries - chlorine 169.51; EFTPS - July Federal payroll tax deposit 3926.44; First Independent Bank - 2017 Morin Rd/Downtown Alley interest pmt 17,077.20, WWTF Forcemain Replacement Project interest pmt 1409.80; Freeborn County League of Cities - annual dues 20.00; Freeborn Mower - 6/1 - 7/1/18 electric service 2358.18; Frontier - August phone services 243.62; Gopher State One Call - July line locates 32.40; Greenfield, Travis - June cemetery mowing/trimming 800.00, July cemetery mowing/trimming 800.00; Guggisberg, William - July mileage 40.00; Home Federal Savings Bank - 2011 Bond Issue Principal & Interest pmt 20,945.00; Karl's CarQuest Auto Parts - sprayer repairs, freight 26.06; League of MN Cities Ins. Trust - MLD fireworks premium 250.00; MIDCO - 7/17 - 8/16/18 shop office internet service 105.00; MN Energy - 6/13 - 7/17/18 gas services 155.25; MN Revenue - July state withholding tax 733.92, 2nd Qtr sales tax 1289.00; PERA - 7/2 - 7/29/18 employee retirement contribution 1682.26, June OT employee retirement contribution 101.86, contribution to Alden Fire Relief (1st of 5) 2500.00; Postmaster - 300 \$.35 & 100 \$.50 postage stamps 155.00; Quill Corp. - envelopes, typewriter ribbon 49.97; Raleigh's Ace Hardware - measuring wheel 58.49, bathroom supply 30.92; Sanco Equipment - Toro belt, freight 51.22; Security Insurance Agency - annual premium for utility permit bond 250.00; Slette, Donn - remove tree & grind stump by Morin Lake 700.00; Thompson Sanitation - July garbage service 3089.86; Titan Machinery - Case loader repair, freight 83.92; US Able Life - Aug. premium 49.60; Visa - duct tape, coupling 20.63; Water balance & Operations - balance test for WWTF Forcemain Project final 1000.00; Wells Aviation - 5 gal. aviation fuel 21.75; Wuerflein, Jerome - July cell phone allowance 30.00; Xerox Corp. - copier service agreement 54.49; Northern Country Coop - solar salt, Roundup 116.96; wages, less ded: Bryce Adams

2071.66; William Guggisberg - July 175.46; Shirley Newman 1663.35; Alexis Scholten 2482.37; Jerome Wuerflein 2863.63. FIRE DEPT: Fire Safety USA - extrication gloves 495.00; HyVee - food for county meeting 31.50; MIDCO - 7/17 - 8/16/18 internet service 105.00; MN Fire Service Certification Board - Firefighter II certification exam - J. Hemmingsen & T. Stadheim 230.00; Thunstedt, Jim - food for county meeting 90.35; Tomschin, Brad - supplies, food for New Richland Water Wars 91.83.

Motion by VanEngelenburg, second by Duncan and carried, to adjourn at 7:46 PM.