

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ALDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

July 11, 2018

The Alden City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, July 11th, at 6:00 P.M. Council members present were Reyerson, Duncan and Riebe. Wichmann and VanEngelenburg were absent. City staff present were Chief Thunstedt, Wuerflein, and Newman. Also present were John Graupman from Bolton & Menk, Katie Godfrey from SMIF, Scott Hemmingsen, Missy Rasmussen, Darrel Turvold, and Barb Hensche.

Mayor Reyerson called the meeting to order.

Approved as presented were the June 13th Council Meeting Minutes, along with the June Treasurer's Report and Transfers, corrected June Hours Report, Fire Department Report, and the Public Works Report.

Chief Thunstedt presented the Fire Dept. Report. MLD Fireman Tournament went well. The Alden Fire Dept. also participated in the New Richland Tournament. Alden will host the July 16 county meeting. Concrete in front of the fire station was discussed.

Wuerflein presented the Public Works Report. Pond #1 has been repaired, refilled, and is currently testing ok. Issues caused by the Hwy. 109 Project were reviewed. The storm tile line by the city shop needs to be checked out. Time line for the completion of the Morin Road/Downtown Alleys Project is still uncertain at this time. Catch basins need to be vacuumed out. The old street lights (8) will be kept for now. The old pumps from the lift station will be scrapped. The landscaping in front of city hall was discussed. Motion by Riebe, second by Duncan and carried, to approve landscaping plans in front of city hall as proposed by Scott Hemmingsen. Motion by Riebe, second by Duncan and carried, to replace the concrete in front of the Fire Dept. overhead doors.

Correspondence from Unison & MN Community Foundation (LeVerne W. Carlson Family Foundation Fund) were read. The City of Alden would like to thank the LeVerne Carlson Family Foundation for the generous donations to various city projects - cemetery upkeep, new park equipment, MLD fireworks, & museum utilities.

Katie Godfrey from Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation presented information on their organization. Farmland Retention Program, Child Care Crisis, Lending Program for new or expanding businesses were a few of the programs that SMIF handles. Katie thanked the city for the donation to SMIF in 2017.

Deferred Assessments - Abby Leach was not present so the topic was tabled.

Fire Debris Removal - Leah Jacobsen was not present. There was some discussion about the fire escrow account.

Gambling Proceeds were discussed. Several factors were brought up, but the topic was tabled until next month.

John Graupman from Bolton & Menk readdressed the Water Treatment Plant & Meter Bids that were presented at the June council meeting. The Water Treatment Plant plan has been approved by the State of MN. Discussion followed. Motion by Riebe, second by Duncan and carried, to reject all meter bids as presented by Bolton & Menk. Motion by Riebe, second by Duncan and carried, to accept the bid for the construction of the Alden Water Treatment Plant from Beemer Companies of Fairmont, MN for the amount of \$1,241,050 as presented by Bolton & Menk.

Water rates scenarios were reviewed. After a lengthy discussion, it was decided that more information is needed.

Motion by Riebe, second by Duncan and carried to approve the following resolution:  
RESOLUTION APPROVING 2018 ELECTION JUDGES FOR BOTH THE STATE  
PRIMARY AND GENERAL ELECTIONS. The full resolution will be on file in the City Clerk's Office.

Morin Lake Restoration/Additions ideas were brought up. A team of interested people have applied for a grant through the Alden Area Community Foundation to go towards Morin Lake's restoration/additions. Reyerson, a member of this team, wanted input from the city council on various ideas that had been suggested such as picnic tables, grills, rip rap etc. Consensus was "Keep Morin Lake Nice".

Clarification of the city ordinance pertaining to fences was the next agenda item. Fence requirements were given by Wuerflein.

Brady Swehla - drain issues was tabled.

Delinquent utility bill at 326 Euclid was readdressed. Motion by Duncan, second by Riebe and carried, for the city office to make the appropriate adjustments to the utility bill at 326 Euclid as discussed.

Motion by Riebe, second by Duncan and carried, to pay Newman for the 4th of July holiday.

Mowing bill and letter submitted by Scott Hemmingsen was presented. After some discussion, it was decided to table this agenda item until next month.

Election filing period for the City of Alden is July 31 - Aug. 14. The mayor & two council positions are up for election this year.

Motion by Riebe, second by Duncan and carried, to approve the bills as follows: Bryce Adams - June cell phone allowance 30.00; Alden Historical Society - donation for museum utilities from MN Community Foun. 2000.00; Bolton & Menk - WWTF Forcemain Replacement Project - 2958.00 & 2017 Morin Rd. & Downtown Alleys Imp. Project 2596.50; Bomgaars - mower, sump pump, Ford repairs, batteries, Ford mower repairs - 376.55; Core & Main - water repairs, freight 2774.66 & water repairs, freight 181.52; EFTPS - June Federal payroll tax deposit 2504.68; Gopher State One Call - June line locates 20.25; Jim & Dudes Plg & Htg - water repairs 35.00; Karl's CarQuest Auto Parts - shop supplies 17.03 & booster cables 88.35; Midcontinent Communications - 6/17 - 7/16/18 shop office internet service 105.00; Midwest AquaCare - weed & algae treatment of Morin Lake 1925.00; MN Energy - 5/14 - 6/13/18 gas services 159.35; MN Revenue - June state withholding tax 456.58; Morin Lake Days - donation for MLD fireworks from MN Community Foun. 3000.00; PERA - 6/4 - 6/17/18 employee retirement contribution 808.57; Quam Construction - WWTF Forecemain Replacement Project Est. #3 & Final 8931.89; Quill Corporation - bathroom tissue, paper towels 132.97; Ron's Plumbing, HVAC & Electric - water repairs at Village Hairplace 196.85; Sanco Equipment - Toro mower belt, freight 182.97 & Toro mower blade, freight 99.77; Team Lab - herbicide, paint, freight 1758.50; Thompson Sanitation - June garbage service 3089.86; USAbLe Life - July premium 49.60; Utility Consultants - sewer testing, shipping 173.00; Visa - water curb stop, late charge 48.77; W.W. Goetsch Assoc. - service calls & transducer in pump at the ponds 3174.00; Waterbalance & Operations - balance test for WWTF Forecemain Project 2000.00; Jerome Wuerflein - June cell phone allowance 30.00; Wages, less ded: Bryce Adams 2071.66, Shirley Newman 1128.11, Alexis Scholten 2582.10, Jerome Wuerflein 2863.62; Alden Advance - environmental summary per MDH, May council minutes 165.42; B & D Metal Works - Case loader repairs 248.36; Beemer Co. - WWTF Forcemain Replacement Project 29018.00 & jetting Hwy. 109 sanitary sewer & storm sewer @ Euclid/E. Main 2318.75; Bolton & Menk - Water Treatment Improvement Project 16846.75; Fastenal - safety gloves 55.08; Freeborn County Coop Oil - June fuel purchases, dust control 1615.93; Frontier - July phone service 221.29; William Guggisberg - June mileage 40.00; Karl's CarQuest Auto Parts - muffler, shipping 105.67 & spark plug wire set, oil, oil filter 62.25; PERA - 6/18 - 7/1/18 employee retirement contribution 788.92; Quill - binders, post it notes 23.97; Reindal Electric - bathroom fans at beach house 292.70; TransWorld Network - June & July long distance service; USTI - annual maintenance renewal 1617.10; wages & June OT, less ded: William Guggisburg - June 193.93, Jerome Wuerflein - June OT 606.44. FIRE DEPT: Brooks Safety Equipment - annual inspection of fire extinguishers; Parker Hemmingsen - candy, gatorade 272.54; Midcontinent Communications - 6/17 - 7/16/18

internet service 105.00; Jim Thunstedt - supplies 42.31; Hemmingsen's Transfer - wash 5 fire trucks 425.00; Jim Thunstedt - meat for Fireman's Tournament 123.71.

Motion by Riebe, second by Duncan and carried, to adjourn at 8:37 P.M.

Jerry L. Reyerson  
Mayor

Shirley Newman  
Office Assistant