

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ALDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

October 11th, 2017

The Alden City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, October 11th, at 6:00 PM. Council members present were Reyerson, Riebe, Wichmann, VanEngelenburg and Duncan. City Staff present were Chief Thunstedt, Wuerflein and Scholten. Harpham was absent. Ben Rosol of Bolton & Menk, Abby Leach of Leach Law, Andy Marinelli of Mathy Construction and Neil Pierce were also present.

Mayor Reyerson called the meeting to order.

Approved as presented were the Minutes of the September 13th Council Meeting, along with the September Treasurer's Report, Transfer of Funds, Hours Report, Police Report, Fire Department Report, and the Public Works Report.

The Police Report was reviewed. Motion by Wichmann, second by Duncan and carried to approve Harpham's vacation request. The council discussed Harpham working more maintenance during the winter months at Wuerflein's discretion.

Chief Thunstedt informed the council of a house burn that is in progress for the property at 318 W. Main St. He went on to discuss the purchase of a washer extractor for the department. Thunstedt stated the LeVerne Carlson Foundation generously agreed to assist the department in purchasing the equipment. Motion by VanEngelenburg, second by Wichmann and carried, to approve the City to pay the estimated amount of \$1500 to cover the costs of installing the washer extractor, which includes plumbing and electricity.

Wuerflein presented the Public Works Report. He reported a damaged water shut off on Morin Road that has been repaired, as well as a water main valve on Morin Road. Wuerflein then informed the council of a structure being installed in the tile line that drains the east side of town for the purpose of easier cleaning. He also discussed some issues at the water plant with the chlorine pump.

Motion by VanEngelenburg, second by Riebe and carried, to approve a pay step increase for Wuerflein for his 2 year work anniversary.

Motion by Wichmann, second by VanEnglenburg and carried, to adopt and approve the following resolution: A RESOLUTION FOR SNOW REMOVAL. The full resolution will be on file at the City Clerk's Office.

On behalf of the Alden Lions, Neil Pierce presented to the council a request to install a granite marker near the Community Pride Monument, which is located on the south end of Morin Lake. Motion by VanEngelenburg, second by Riebe and carried, to approve the installation of the granite marker.

Pierce went on to discuss a future project the Alden Lions are working on for the Alden Municipal Cemetery. The project would possibly include a peaceful area with benches and landscaping.

Andy Marinelli of Mathy Construction introduced himself to the council and presented information about a hot mix plant for the 2018 TH 109 project. Marinelli explained the portable asphalt plant would be placed on the south side of the Expressway Truck Stop. He stated all permitting would be done beforehand and Mathy Construction would coordinate a tour with the Fire Department. Motion by Duncan, second by VanEngelenburg and carried, to approve the request to set a portable hot mix asphalt plant in the city limits at the Expressway Truck Stop in 2018.

Ben Rosol of Bolton & Menk, Inc. presented updates to the council regarding the Morin Road & Alley Improvement Project. He explained how rain has been a large factor in the progress and delay of the project. He went on to explain the pay estimates for each portion of the entire project.

Delinquent utility and mowing fees were addressed. Motion by VanEngelenburg, second by Duncan and carried, to proceed with the final notification and certifying process.

Motion by Riebe, second by VanEngelenburg and carried, to approve the bills as follows: Albert Lea Steel - supplies to construct law horses 144.60; Alden Advance - August council minutes, public hearing for rezoning 90.16; Bolton & Menk - 2017 Morin Rd. & Alley Improvement Project 5,649.00, 2017 Forcemain Project 6,269.00; Bomgaars - shovel, forks, rodent traps, poison 113.41; DrainWorks - camera storm sewer line in alley parallel to East Main 170.00, vacuum out catch basins on Emerson/Hall & Humes/Wilson 570.00; EFTPS - September Federal payroll tax deposit 3,812.12; Expressway - August fuel purchases (balance) 55.78; Fastenal - water plant repair, shipping 50.44; Freeborn County Aud/Treas. - 2017 property taxes & ditch assessments 695.09; Freeborn County Coop Oil - September fuel purchases 294.98; Gopher State One Call - September line locates 16.20; H & L Mesabi - plow blade for snow plow truck, freight 301.32; Harpham, Kris - Sept. cell phone allowance 30.00; Interstate Motor Trucks - snow plow wing for snow plow truck 100.00; Midco - 9/17 - 10/16/17 shop/police internet service 157.50; MN Energy - 8/14 - 9/13/17 gas services 174.42; MN Pipe & Equipment - water repairs, freight 199.74; MN Revenue - Sept. state withholding tax 460.35, 2017 3rd Qtr. sales tax 1,313.00; PERA - 9/11 - 9/24/17 employee retirement contributions 1,116.59; Postmaster - 100 \$.49 postage stamps 49.00; Quill - office supplies 202.22; Raleigh's Ace Hardware - shop tool, 3 pt. mower repair 51.32; Thompson Sanitation - Sept. garbage service 3,089.86; Titan Machinery - Case loader repair, shipping 301.60; US Able Life - October premium 57.30; Visa - mail water samples 6.65; Westrum Leak Detection - 2017 leak detection survey 650.00; Wuerflein, Jerome - Sept. cell phone allowance 30.00; Frontier Comm. - October phone services - 195.26; Guggisberg, William - Sept. mileage 60.00; League of MN Cities Ins. Trust - Morin Lake Days fireworks insurance 250.00; PERA - 9/25 - 10/8/17 employee retirement contribution 1,108.74, Sept. OT employee retirement contribution 42.84; Quam Construction Co. - Pay Est. #1 - 2017 Forcemain Replacement Project 97,899.64; TransWorld Network - Sept. & Oct. long distance service - office

14.30; Ulland Brothers - Pay Est. #1 - 2017 Morin Rd. & Alley Improvement Project 146,122.44; Verizon Wireless - Oct. wireless internet for squad computer 35.01; Xerox Corp. Sept. copier service agreement 104.54; wages & Sept. OT, less deductions: William Guggisberg - Sept. 175.46; Kristin Harpham 3015.46; Shirley Newman 1108.70; Alexis Scholten 2354.21; Jerome Wuerflein 2679.50; Jerome Wuerflein - Sept. OT 262.64. FIRE DEPARTMENT: Freeborn County Coop Oil - Sept. fuel purchase 49.37; Midco Comm. - 9/17 - 10/16/17 internet service 52.50; Dave Syverson - truck #926 reset door locks, oil & filter change, inspection 86.00; Ignaszewski, Mark - B/S carb kit, repairs 65.98; Med Compass - 17 SCBA User medical exams, mailing, processing fee 1125.00; S & H Diesel - truck #928 oil changes, filters, inspection 344.80, truck #927 oil changes, filters, inspection 273.75; U.S. Postal Service - post office box fee 52.00.

Motion by Riebe, second by Duncan and carried, to adjourn at 7:02 PM.