

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ALDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

October 10th, 2018

The Alden City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, October 10th, at 6:00 PM. Council members present were Reyerson, Riebe, VanEngelenburg, Wichmann, and Duncan. City Staff present were Chief Thunstedt, Newman, and Scholten. Wuerflein was absent. Also present were Greg Hitchcock, Heath Reindal, and Frank Thompson.

Mayor Reyerson called the meeting to order.

Approved as presented were the Minutes of the September 12th Council Meeting, along with the September Treasurer's Report and transfers, Hours Report, Fire Department Report, and the Public Works Report.

Chief Thunstedt presented the Fire Report. He informed the council of funding awarded to the department for training purposes. Thunstedt then requested changes to the internet access at the Fire Hall due to issues during the recent power outage, which the council agreed to move forward with. Thunstedt also requested the city look into the leaking roof at the old Fire Hall.

The council reviewed and discussed the Public Works Report. The council discussed the Broadway Alley & Morin Road project that has been delayed due to scheduling conflicts with the contractor. The council also reviewed the recent water main breaks and issues.

Scholten presented information regarding a training being put on by Freeborn County in December. She explained the training is part of the county's emergency preparedness training and exercise program. The training will explore key capabilities required to respond to and recover from a hazardous materials railway incident. It was decided Duncan, VanEngelenburg, Thunstedt, Scholten, and Wuerflein would attend, if able.

Frank Thompson from Thompson Sanitation requested a contract renewal with the city. He stated the contract would be for 6 years, instead of 3 years like the previous contracts. The proposed contract would include a \$.50 increase per household for 2019 garbage services, then a \$.25 increase per household after the 4th contract year. Motion by VanEngelenburg, second by Riebe and carried with none opposed, to approve the proposed contract with Thompson Sanitation. The council decided to review current garbage rates and financials at the November council meeting.

Scholten then informed the council the deadline to clean up or repair the burned property at 280 Euclid has passed, which was October 1st, 2018. The council directed Scholten to move forward with the process to get the property cleaned up.

The council discussed the police position. They reviewed information received from the City of Hartland in regards to their new contract with the Albert Lea Police Department. After some discussion, it was decided each council member would bring to the November council meeting a

list of their top five issues they would want resolved or taken care of by a police officer. Then the lists will be discussed and reviewed in hopes to decide what the city needs in a police officer.

Motion by VanEngelenburg, second by Wichman and carried with none opposed, to approve and adopt the following resolution: RESOLUTION TO INCREASE WATER RATES. The full resolution will be on file in the City Clerk's Office.

Motion by Riebe, second by VanEngelenburg and carried with none opposed, to approve and adopt the following resolution: RESOLUTION CERTIFYING DEFERRED ASSESSMENTS TO FREEBORN COUNTY. The full resolution will be on file in the City Clerk's Office.

Motion by Wichmann, second by Duncan and carried with none opposed, to approve and adopt the following resolution: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF A \$1,815,353 GENERAL OBLIGATION REVENUE NOTE, SERIES 2018A, AND PROVIDING FOR ITS PAYMENT. The full resolution will be on file in the City Clerk's Office.

The council discussed the 6 month review for Bryce Adams. Motion by VanEngelenburg, second by Riebe and carried with none opposed, to approve a pay step increase for Adams.

Motion by VanEngelenburg, second by Wichmann and carried with none opposed, to approve a pay step increase for Wuerflein reflecting his 3 year work anniversary.

Riebe informed the council a representative from American Tower had been in contact with him regarding the city's current lease with the company. After some discussion, the council decided to continue with receiving the monthly lease payments instead of a lump sum payout.

Motion by Duncan, second by Wichmann and carried with none opposed, to approve the bills as follows: Adams, Bryce - Sept. cell phone allowance 30.00; Alden Advance - Aug. council meeting 111.42; Bolton & Menk - 2017 Morin Rd/Downtown Alleys Improvement Project 520.00, Water Treatment Improvement Project 8419.00, American Engineering Testing expense 2176.35; Bomgaars - shop supplies 24.72; DPC Industries - chlorine 171.14; EFTPS - Sept. federal payroll tax deposit 2416.87; Freeborn County Aud/Treas - 2018 property taxes & ditch assessments 1001.67; Freeborn Mower - 8/1 - 9/1/18 electric service 2214.64; Frontier Comm. - Oct. phone service 243.62; Gopher State One Call - Sept. line locates 17.55; Greenfield, Travis (Advanced Outdoor Services) - Sept. mowing/trimming cemetery 800.00; Guggisburg, William - Sept. mileage 58.00; Karl's CarQuest Auto Parts - headlight for pickup 15.49; MIDCO - 9/17 - 10/16/189 shop office internet service 105.00; MN Energy - 8/14 - 9/14/18 gas services 100.19; MN Revenue - Sept. state withholding tax 449.49, 3rd Qtr. state sales tax 1362.00; MRWA - tower training - Jerome 125.00; PERA - 9/10 - 9/23/18 employee retirement contribution 804.98; Postmaster - 300 \$.35 & 100 \$.50 postage stamps 155.00; Raleigh's Ace Hardware - thermostat for city hall 33.44; Scholten, Lexi - office supplies 46.88; Thompson Sanitation - Sept. garbage service 3089.86; US Able Life - Oct. premium 49.60; Utility Consultants - sewer testing, shipping 370.00; Visa - mail water plant contracts to Bolton & Menk, mail water samples, Operation of Wastewater Treatment Plants manual, shipping 91.93; Water Conservation Services - water leak locate (#1) on Washington/Mason 1141.78; Westrum Leak Detection - 2018 leak detection survey 900.00; Wuerflein, Jerome - Sept. cell phone allowance 30.00; Xerox Corp. -

copier service agreement 57.92; MPCA - hall deposit refund from 9/25/18 100.00; PERA - 9/24 - 10/7/18 employee retirement contribution 775.27; Sanco Equipment - Toro mower repair, shipping 230.59; Staples Enterprises - Sept. fuel purchases 242.31; TransWorld Network - long distance service - office 7.70; Water Conservation Services - water leak locate (#2) on Washington/Mason 784.68; Xerox Corp. - copier service agreement 83.12; wages, less ded: Bryce Adams 2071.68; William Guggisburg - Sept. 193.93; Shirley Newman 1109.64; Alexis Scholten 2514.28; Jerome Wuerflein 2863.62. FIRE DEPT: Fire Safety USA - folding tank, quick dump option, shipping 1450.00; Freeborn County Coop Oil - Sept. fuel purchases 70.27; Hallman, Katie - training mileage @ Ellendale 380.00; MIDCO - 9/17 - 10/16/18 internet service 105.00; SE MN Emergency Medical Services - EMR Skills Exam - Hemmingsen & Mirelli 160.00; Clarey's Safety Equipment - air compressor service 1223.40; Fastenal - batteries 14.11; Postmaster - post office box fee 54.00.

Motion by Riebe, second by Wichmann and carried with none opposed, to adjourn at 7:19 PM.

