

PROCEEDINGS SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

August 15th, 2018

The Alden City Council met in special session on Wednesday, August 15th, 2018 at 5:00 PM, to discuss water rates, water meters, deferred assessments, the 2019 city budget, and an employee vacation request.

Council members present were Reyerson, Riebe, VanEngelenburg and Wichmann. Duncan was absent. City staff present were Newman, Scholten, and Wuerflein. Also present were Abby Leach of Leach Law and Heath Reindal.

Mayor Reyerson called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

The council discussed and reviewed proposed water rate schedules. The water rates need to be increased in order to cover maintenance, operating and engineering costs associated with the water plant improvement project, as well as possible new water meters for water users. The council decided water rates reflecting 40% base rate and 60% usage rate would be the best option. Motion by VanEngelenburg, second by Wichmann and carried, to approve and adopt the following resolution: RESOLUTION NO. 02-18 INCREASE WATER RATES. The full resolution will be on file at the Alden City Office.

Abby Leach then discussed with the council the options available for the deferred assessments on the lots along Hemmingsen Avenue. Motion by Riebe, second by Wichmann and carried, to move forward with certifying the entire amount of the deferred assessments to the Freeborn County Auditor - Treasurer, making the assessments payable on the 2019 tax roll.

The council then discussed the 2019 city budget. Wuerflein commented some streets will need sealcoating and the water tower will need to be inspected and painted, all large dollar projects. The council directed Scholten to work on the 2019 city budget with a 3% levy increase. The preliminary budget will be presented at the September council meeting.

Motion by Riebe, second by VanEngelenburg and carried, to approve Wuerflein's vacation request.

Motion by Wichmann, second by Riebe and carried, to adjourn at 6:27 PM.