

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ALDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

June 12th, 2019

The Alden City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, June 12th, at 6:00 PM. Members present were Mayor Hitchcock, Councilmembers Reindal, Wichmann, VanEngelenburg, and Duncan. City Staff present were Chief Thunstedt, Scholten, Newman and Wuerflein. Also present was Dave McKean.

Mayor Hitchcock called the meeting to order.

Approved as presented were the minutes of the May 8th Council Meeting, along with the May Treasurer's Report, Hours Report, Fire Department Report, and the Public Works Report.

Chief Thunstedt presented the Fire Report. He informed the council Mayor Hitchcock and Alden-Conger Superintendent Shanks met and were able to give each active fire department member a membership to the LeVerne Carlson Fitness Center. The memberships will be part of a trial and depending on usage, the trial could become an annual membership. Chief Thunstedt also mentioned the LeVerne Carlson Foundation approved new helmets and particulate hoods for the department. Motion by VanEngelenburg, second by Wichmann and carried with none opposed, to proceed with the proposed grant request for a new pumper truck and new turnout gear for the department.

Wuerflein presented the Public Works Report. He updated the council on the Water Meter Replacement Project and mentioned those not yet scheduled to have their meter replaced will be receiving a final notice. Wuerflein mentioned there are some illegal sump pumps that will need to be addressed in the near future.

In regards to correspondence, a letter from Senior Dining addressing some safety concerns was read. Then Scholten informed the council about the generous donations from the LeVerne Carlson Foundation, as well as donations to the Broadway flower baskets from the following: Alden Book Club, Lakeside Auto, and Village Hairplace.

Motion by Reindal, second by Wichmann and carried with none opposed, to approve and adopt the following resolution: RESOLUTION NO. 19-04 AUTHORIZING ORDER FOR REMOVAL 280 EUCLID STREET ALDEN, MN 56009. The full resolution will be on file at the City Office.

Motion by Reindal, second by VanEngelenburg and carried with none opposed, to schedule a Public Hearing referencing Resolution No. 19-04 for July 10th, 2019 at 6:00 PM, then have the regular scheduled council meeting to begin at 6:30 PM.

The council then discussed a tax forfeited lot on North Broadway. The council decided to reinstate all previous assessments to the parcel. Motion by Duncan, second by Wichmann and carried with none opposed, to approve and adopt the following resolution: RESOLUTION NO.

19-03 AUTHORIZING ACTION ON TAX FORFEITED LAND. The full resolution will be on file in the City Office.

Motion by Wichmann, second by Reindal and carried with none opposed, to give the Morin Lake Days Committee \$1200.00 for the 2019 Morin Lake Days Celebration.

Dave McKean voiced his concerns to the council regarding the speed of traffic at the south end of Alden, as well as semis jake-braking in city limits.

Mayor Hitchcock informed the council he spoke with a representative from MnDOT and was told if the city wanted to do anything with the speed limit on Trunk Highway 109, MnDOT would first need to conduct a speed study, which could result in raising the speed limit through Alden. The council then decided to instead move forward with the process of putting a speed sign at the south end of Alden.

Mayor Hitchcock then updated the council on the situation with the school district and North Park. He stated the school district is interested in parts of North Park for the use of the softball diamond. Mayor Hitchcock then said a committee will be made up of city officials, city employees, city residents, and representatives from the school district. The committee will discuss and determine the wants and needs for North Park.

Motion by Reindal, second by VanEngelenburg and carried with none opposed, to pay the property owners at 399 Euclid Street in the amount of \$200.00 for the damage to their garage door, which happened during city snow removal last winter.

Motion by Wichmann, second by VanEngelenburg and carried with none opposed, to approve the following dance permit request: Teen Street Dance, Lori Nelson: On Water Street, or in case of rain, at the LeVerne Carlson Fitness Center gym, Saturday, June 15th, 2019 8:00 PM - 12:00 AM Sunday. Conditions: With enough supervision and security, she secure and cause to be present during all the times of such dance, security/supervision to be designated by the Morin Lake Days Committee and to keep orderly at all times during the dance. Permit fee waived.

Motion by Duncan, second by Wichmann and carried with none opposed, to approve payment of pay request #5 to Beemer Companies in the amount of \$85,649.40 after receiving appropriate PFA funding.

Motion by Wichmann, second by Reindal and carried with none opposed, to approve payment of pay request #1 to Dakota Supply Group in the amount of \$66,227.35 after receiving appropriate PFA funding.

Motion by Wichmann, second by VanEngelenburg and carried with none opposed, to approve and adopt the Data Practices Policy.

The council scheduled their first 2020 Budget Workshop for Wednesday, July 17th, 2019 at 6:00 PM in the City Meeting Room.

Motion by Reindal, second by VanEngelenburg and carried with none opposed, to approve closing the City Office on Friday, July 5th, 2019.

Motion by VanEngelenburg, second by Reindal and carried with none opposed, to waive the City Hall rental fee and deposit for use by the Alden Lion's Club on June 27th, 2019.

Motion by Duncan, second by Reindal and carried with none opposed, to pay for the hanging flower baskets on Broadway with funds from the City Beautification Fund, and any remaining funds needed will be paid from the Triangle Beautification Fund.

Motion by Reindal, second by Wichmann and carried with none opposed, to approve the bills as follows:

Adams, Bryce - May cell phone allowance 30.00, mileage to MPCA Stabilization Pond Seminar 134.56; Albert Lea Steel - flower baskets watering wagon 15.11; Alden Advance - 2018 Drinking Water Report, council minutes, TIF 726.79; Arnold's of Alden - equipment repair 288.33; Beemer Companies - Pay Request #4 WTP 133,950.00; Bolton & Menk - WTP and Water Meter Project 18,704.00, 2017 Morin Road & Downtown Alley Project 700.00; Bomgaars - blade repair 42.99; City of Albert Lea - emergency shelter - 38 engine hours on generator 3,040.00; Dolton, Jim - landscaping damage during snow removal 240.00; EFTPS - May Federal payroll tax deposit 2596.26; Fastenal - flower basket brackets 43.67; Freeborn County Coop Oil - May fuel purchases 133.15; Freeborn Mower Cooperative - 4/1 - 5/1/19 electric services 1972.93; Frontier - June phone services 211.45; Gopher State One Call - May line locates 32.40; Greenfield, Travis (Advanced Outdoor Services) - May city mowing/trimming 875.00, May cemetery mowing/trimming 1125.00; MIDCO - 5/17 - 6/16/19 shop office internet 105.00; MN Energy - 4/15 - 5/14/19 gas services 575.29; MN Dept. of Health - 2nd Qtr. state water testing fee 508.00; MN Dept. of Labor and Industry - air compressor inspection 35.00; MN Revenue - May state withholding tax 491.46; PERA - % - - 6/2/19 employee retirement contributions 1680.79; Postmaster - post office box fee 76.00; Thompson Sanitation - May garbage service 3230.30; Ulland Bros - Pay Est. #4 - 2017 Morin Road & Downtown Alley Project 42,090.16; USAble Life - June premium 49.60; Wuerflein, Jerome - May cell phone allowance 30.00; Bolton & Menk - WTP Project - /20 - 5/17/19 13,042.50; Cardmember Service - supplies, hotel for MPCA Pond Seminar, safety signs 1331.86; Freeborn Mower Coop - 5/1 - 6/1/19 electric services 2157.44; Karl's CarQuest Auto Party - shop supplies 25.99; Kroeger, Jerry - gravel 459.79; Raleigh's Ace Hardware - cleaning supplies, grass seed 105.29; Staples Enterprises - May fuel purchases 249.47; Team Lab - street pain, shipping 709.50; TransWorld Network - May & June long distance service - office 7.43; Utility Consultants - sewer testing, shipping 762.00; Wuerflein, Jerome - paint thinner, spray paint 32.24; Xerox Corp. - copier service agreement 136.89; wages, less ded: Bryce Adams 2229.44; Shirley Newman 1144.74; Alexis Scholten 2683.55; Jerome Wuerflein 3011.69; FIRE DEPT: Brooks Safety Equipment - fire & safety repair 88.75; Com-Tec Mobile Radio - 10 Motorola Minitor VI pagers, shipping 4198.50; MIDCO - 5/17 - 6/16/19 internet service 105.00; Alden Advance - firefighter ad 40.00; Freeborn County Coop - May fuel purchases 106.46; Hallman, Katie - mileage for training 626.40; Ignaszewski, Kyel - small engine gas 30.00; SE MN Emergency Medical Services - 7/1/19 - 6/30/20 consortium membership 400.00; Tomschin, Brad - shelves, supplies 71.22.

Motion by VanEngelenburg, second by Duncan and carried with none opposed, to adjourn at 8:26 PM.

Greg Hitchcock  
Mayor

Alexis Scholten  
Clerk-Treasurer