

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ALDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

September 13th, 2017

The Alden City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, September 13th, at 6:00 PM. Council members present were Reyerson, Wichmann, VanEngelenburg and Duncan. City Staff present were Chief Thunstedt, Wuerflein, Newman and Scholten. Riebe and Harpham were absent. Shannon Sweeney of David Drown Associates, Inc., Heath Reindal, Scott Hemmingsen and Cory Green were also present.

Mayor Reyerson called the meeting to order.

Approved as presented were the Minutes of the August 9th Council Meeting, along with the July 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.

Chief Thunstedt informed the council of a generous \$6000 contribution to the fire department from the LeVerne Carlson Foundation. He also stated training reimbursements from the State will decrease for 2018.

Wuerflein presented the Public Works Report. He stated the underground portion of the Forcemain Replacement Project has been completed, but the pumps are still in progress. Wuerflein then commented on how well of a job Lucas Akemann and Sam Jacobs, both Eagle Scouts, had done on the riprapping along the south shore of Morin Lake.

In conjunction with the previously held Public Hearing to rezone property, Motion by Wichmann, second by VanEngelenburg and carried to adopt and approve the resolution to rezone parcels 21.009.0030 and 21.009.0130 at the address of 150 S Broadway from C-A Shopping Area District to C-2 General Commercial District. The full resolution will be on file at the City Clerk's Office.

Motion by Wichmann, second by VanEngelenburg and carried, to approve the request for the Boy Scouts to camp at North Park the evening of November 6th, along with permission to use Old City Hall as a backup in case of weather, with the rental fee waived as long as a refundable deposit is received in the City Office prior to the event.

Shannon Sweeney of David Drown Associates Inc. presented information regarding the approval for the MN Rural Water MIDI Loan for the Morin Road/Alley and Forcemain projects. Motion by Wichmann, second by Duncan and carried, to approve and adopt the following resolution: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE, SALE AND DELIVERY OF A \$695,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION IMPROVEMENT AND DISPOSAL SYSTEM NOT, SERIES 2017A. The full resolution will be on file at the City Clerk's Office.

Motion by VanEngelenburg, second by Wichmann and carried, to approve and adopt the MnDOT Construction Cooperative Agreement & Resolution. The full resolution will be on file at the City Clerk's Office.

As discussed at the 2018 budget workshops, motion by VanEngelenburg, second by Wichmann and carried, beginning 2018, the City will contribute \$2500 to the Fire Department's PERA fund every year for 5 years.

There was lengthy discussion regarding the proposed 2018 Budget & Levy. The Council decided to schedule a Special Meeting for September 20th at 5:30 PM to make a final decision on the budget and levy.

Motion by Wichmann, second by VanEngelenburg and carried, to approve and adopt the following resolution: RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AN URBAN & RURAL SERVICE DISTRICT. The full resolution will be on file in the City Clerk's Office.

The Council scheduled the Truth In Taxation Hearing for Wednesday, December 13th, 2017 at 5:30 PM.

There was discussion regarding the City Dig Rate for cremation burials and whether or not to continue to offer the service. After some discussion, motion by Duncan, second by VanEngelenburg and carried, to eliminate cremation digging service done by the City, effective October 1st, 2017.

Scott Hemmingsen and the Council discussed the Drainage Easement between Scott & Tanya Hemmingsen and the City, which was created in 2007. After lengthy discussion regarding the excess water and drainage on Hemmingsen's property, Hemmingsen informed the Council he will be checking what can be done at the county level.

Motion by Wichmann, second by Duncan and carried, to approve the bills as follows: Albert Lea-Freeborn County Chamber of Commerce - membership fee 175.00; Alden Advance - July council minutes, public hearing notice-rezone 150 S. Broadway 142.30; Alden Historical Society - money from MN Comm. Foun. (LeVerne Carlson) 2000.00; Alden Lions Club - money from MN Comm. Foun. (LeVerne Carlson) 500.00; Alden Pool & Municipal Supply - service call & booster pump for water plant 818.00; Bolton & Menk - 2017 Morin Rd. & Downtown Alleys Improvement Project 2037.50, permit 440.00, 2017 WW Forcemain Replacement Project 4354.75; EFTPS - August Federal payroll tax deposit 2223.04; Fastenal - shop supplies 33.25; Freeborn County Coop Oil - August fuel purchases 75.83; Freeborn Mower Cooperative - 7/5 - 8/3/17 electric service 1807.13; Frontier - September phone service 195.26; Gopher State One Call - August line locates 20.25; Hach - sewer testing supplies, freight 47.04; Harpham, Kris - August cell phone allowance 30.00; Jim & Dudes Plg & Htg - water plant repair 38.34; Karl's CarQuest Auto Parts - mower repair 2.19; Lakeside Auto - brakes & rotors, oil change & fluids for squad 638.87; League of MN Cities - MN Mayors Assoc. Membership 30.00, membership dues 797.00; Matt Levorson Productions - aerial video & photos of City of

Alden 96.00; Mid-American Research Chemical - penetrating oil, freight 67.98; Midcontinent Comm. - 8/17 - 9/16/17 shop/police office internet service 157.50; MN Dept. of Health - 3rd Qtr. water testing fee 489.00; MN Energy - 7/13 - 8/14/17 gas services 173.35; MN Revenue - August state withholding tax 449.27; PERA - 7/31 - 8/27/17 employee retirement contributions 2183.07; Security Bank MN - safe deposit box fee 20.00; Thompson Sanitation - August garbage service 3089.86; USABLE Life - September premium 53.70; USTI - laser checks, shipping 270.00; Wuerflein, Jerome - August cell phone allowance 30.00; Visa - postage for mailing water samples 57.10; Verizon Wireless - August internet service for computer in squad 35.01; Xerox - copier service agreement 43.86; Bomgaars - shop supplies, water plant repairs, mower repair 99.88; DPC Industries - chlorine 161.71; Expressway - August fuel purchases 269.01; Freeborn Mower Cooperate 8/3 - 9/5/17 electric services 1677.78; Great Lawn Services - August mowing/trimming city & cemetery 3900.00; Guggisberg, William - August mileage 32.00; Hach co. - sewer supplies, shipping 47.04; Karl's CarQuest Auto Parts - shop supplies, shop tool, pickup repair 43.28; PERA - 8/28 - 9/10/17 employee retirement contribution 1097.46; Reindal Electric - water plant repairs 926.45; TransWorld Network - Aug. & Sept. long distance service - office 7.71; Utility Consultants - sewer testing, shipping 77.50; Verizon Wireless - Sept. wireless internet for squad 35.01; wages, less ded: Kristin Harpham 4523.19; Shirley Newman 1548.05; Alexis Scholten 3364.46; Jerome Wuerflein 4019.22; William Guggisberg - August 156.99. FIRE DEPARTMENT: Freeborn County Coop Oil - August fuel purchases 47.42; Hemmingsen, Scott - reimbursement for supplies & freight from Uline 334.66; Hemmingsen Transfer - wash fire trucks, surcharge 450.00; Midcontinent Comm. - 8/17 - 9/16/17 internet service 52.50; Santander Leasing - 2015 Ford F550 rescue truck payment 12,350.95; Wayne's Repair - 1995 Chevy Kodiak pumper truck repairs 415.52; Reinertson's Embroidery - 13 what shirts & patches 975.00; SASCS - First Aid/CPR/AED training 300.00; MN Volunteer Recruitment/Retention Stipend: Derek Bendickson 461.75; Joe Bolinger 461.75; Daniel Erickson 461.75; David Hemmingsen 461.75; Scott Hemmingsen 461.75; Key Ignaszewski 461.75; Brian Jacobs 461.75; Miles Kleinschrodt 461.75; Richard Loock 461.75; Charles Majerus 461.75; Ross Miller 461.75; Rich Mirelli 461.75; Kory Newman 461.75; Troy Newman 461.75; Ronald Redman 461.75; Charles Schroeder 461.75; Ross Skov 461.75; James Thunstedt 461.75; Bradley Tomschin 461.75; Paul Weigel 461.75.

Motion by Duncan, second by VanEngelenburg and carried, to adjourn at 7:43 PM.