

The City Council of the City of Aledo met in Regular Session in the Council Chambers of the City Hall building on January 03, 2018. MAYOR PRO-TEM CHAUSSE called the meeting to order at 6:32 P.M. The roll was called, whereupon the following answered present:

Aldermen ILA BERTRAND, TERRY BEWLEY, MICHAEL CHAUSSE, BARRY COOPER, JIM HOLMES, and RANDY SLATER. Mayor CHRISTOPHER HAGLOCH was excused. Alderman JAY DOHERTY and CHRIS KOPP were excused.

Also present were ERIN KNACKSTEDT, City Administrator, CHRIS SULLIVAN, Chief of Police, JUSTIN BLASER, Director of Public Works & Utilities, and JAROD DALE, City Clerk.

An attendance sheet has been marked Exhibit “A”, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes. The media was represented by Cala Smoldt, The Rock Island Argus.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

The meeting was opened in prayer by Pastor Daren Dietmeier, Trinity Presbyterian Church.

Appearances: No Report.

Communication & Correspondence: MAYOR PRO-TEM Chausse read aloud communication from Ameren Illinois regarding upcoming tree trimming to be completed in the area. It was noted residents who will be affected by the trimming to receive prior notification.

Requests & Petitions: No Report.

Public Works Activity Report:

- *Streets:* street sweeping; ash pile at the landscape waste has been buried; snow event on 12/24; and salted roads.
- *Water:* JULIE’s; communication failures with the VFD on well #5 and the VFD vendor has been contacted for troubleshooting; generator hook-up at all three wells continue.
- *Gas:* JULIE’s; OQ testing; equipment services and repairs; assist other divisions.
- *Cemetery:* four (4) funerals occurred. Assisted other divisions.
- *DPW:* building inspecting; property maintenance code violations continue; review of preliminary plan sheets for phase III of the downtown enhancements; drafting of a policy for reporting of gas leaks, carbon monoxide and after hours procedure.

Aledo Police Department Activity Report: CHIEF Sullivan reported Officer Kenney has resigned to accept a position with the Monmouth Police Department.

CHIEF reported Officer LeClere was the last remaining applicant on the list of people who passed the last police examination given by the City of Aledo. LeClere was hired in 2016 as a part-time officer. He successfully completed the Basic Police Academy and passed the certification test required by the State of Illinois and the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board.

CHIEF noted the P&O Committee and the Personnel Committee to accept the resignation of Officer Kenney and to promote Officer LeClere from part-time to full-time status. Two (2) new part-time police officers to be sworn-in this evening as well.

CHIEF reported a new Department policy and new Department protocols will be issued on January 1st to meet the mandates of recent Illinois' statutes relating to the investigation of the Sexual Assault and Sexual Abuse cases.

Administration Report: ADMINISTRATOR Knackstedt attended the Hotel Feasibility Study session; the VHT fiber optic project now complete; City received the Ameren VFD rebate checks this week; the RMA building demolition is now complete; and an Ordinance with Chris Schull with MMF to be on the next agenda on 1/16.

CITY CLERK Dale submitted quarterly reports regarding Sales Tax Revenue and Building Permits.

Mayor's Report: MAYOR PRO-TEM Chausse reported Mayor Hagloch was currently attending a MCBT meeting this evening.

Committee Report: A Joint Ordinance & Police and Personnel Committee meeting was held and met in Closed Session to discuss personnel section 2(c)(1).

REGULAR COUNCIL SESSION

Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag,

ACTION ITEMS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by ALDERMAN BERTRAND and seconded by ALDERMAN SLATER to approve the meeting minutes of December 18, 2017 as presented. A Roll call vote was recorded as follows:

YES: Bertrand, Bewley, Chausse, Cooper, Holmes, and Slater. NO: None. Motion carried. 6 yeas, 0 nays.

FINANCE: INVOICE LIST:

Motion was made by ALDERMAN HOLMES and seconded by ALDERMAN BEWLEY that the Invoice Listing, which has been marked Exhibit “B”, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes, be authorized and checks issued. A Roll call vote was recorded as follows:

YES: Bewley, Chausse, Cooper, Holmes, Slater, and Bertrand. NO: None. Motion carried. 6 yeas, 0 nays.

ORDINANCE NO. 39, SERIES OF 2017; AMENDING THE EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK AND ADOPTING POLICY PROHIBITING SEXUAL HARASSMENT: (SECOND READING)

Motion was made by ALDERMAN CHAUSSE and seconded by ALDERMAN BEWLEY to adopt Ordinance No. 39, Series of 2017; Amending the Employee Handbook and Adopting Policy Prohibiting Sexual Harassment. A Roll call vote was recorded as follows:

YES: Chausse, Cooper, Holmes, Slater, Bertrand, and Bewley. NO: None. Motion carried. 6 yeas, 0 nays.

RESOLUTION NO. 01R, SERIES OF 2018; THE RELEASE OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES AND DESTRUCTION OF CLOSED SESSION VERBATIM RECORDINGS:

Motion was made by ALDERMAN BERTRAND and seconded by ALDERMAN HOLMES to approve Resolution No. 01R, Series of 2018; The Release of Closed Session Minutes and Destruction of Closed Session Verbatim Recordings. A Roll call vote was recorded as follows:

YES: Cooper, Holmes, Slater, Bertrand, and Chausse. NO: None. ABSTAIN: Bewley. Motion carried. 5 yeas, 0 nays, 1 abstention.

RESOLUTION NO. 02R, SERIES OF 2018; ACCEPTING BID AND AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR PERFORMANCE OF CITY HALL CONSTRUCTION WORK (EXTERIOR):

Motion was made by ALDERMAN BERTRAND and seconded by ALDERMAN COOPER to approve Resolution No. 02R, Series of 2018; Accepting Bid and Awarding a Contract for Performance of City Hall Construction Work (Exterior) to Hodge Construction Company, Inc. of Moline, Il, whose base bid was \$484,000 (including allowances), plus (1) \$2,634 for Alternate No. 2 (recoat stone), and (2) for Alternate No. 3 (horizontal mullions/vents), for a total contract price for Four Hundred Ninety-seven Thousand One Hundred and Two Dollars (\$497,102.00). A Roll call vote was recorded as follows:

YES: Holmes, Slater, Bertrand, Bewley, Chausse, and Cooper. NO: None. Motion carried. 6 yeas, 0 nays.

PERSONNEL: MOTION ACCEPTING WITH REGRET THE RESIGNATION OF POLICE OFFICER LINDSEY KENNEY:

Motion was made by ALDERMAN CHAUSSE and seconded by ALDERMAN BEWLEY to accept the motion as presented. A Unanimous voice vote followed in agreement.

PERSONNEL: MOTION APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF CHRISTOPHER LECLERE TO THE POSITION OF FULL-TIME ALEDO POLICE OFFICER:

Motion was made by ALDERMAN CHAUSSE and seconded by ALDERMAN BEWLEY to approve the appointment of Christopher LeClere, Aledo, Il., to the position of Full-Time Aledo Police Officer effective January 3, 2018. A Unanimous voice vote followed in agreement.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS: A Public Property, Streets & Sidewalks Committee meeting to be scheduled at the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting on Tuesday, January 16th, 2018. Date and Time TBD.

OLD BUSINESS: ALD. Chausse reported Aledo Native Margo Price performed on The Late Show with Stephen Colbert on CBS on 1/02.

NEW BUSINESS: ALD. Cooper suggested the City Council review the current City Holiday Ordinance and how holidays are observed if a date should fall on a weekend date. City Staff noted the request.

City Council discussed briefly the closing of the recycling bin located at Wal-Mart in Aledo. It was noted by the Committee that oversees the service in the County that the reasoning is due to cost.

ALD. Chausse requested City Staff contact Frontier Communications regarding their poor service regarding internet. ALD. Chausse reported the business has a monopoly in the area and voiced his displeasure. City Staff reported contact has been made by City Administrator Knackstedt with no real improvement to report.

ALD. Chausse suggested the Ordinance & Police Committee review current liquor practices regarding sale of alcohol by a minor. ALD. Chausse has conducted preliminary research noting servers of the age of 18, 19, and 20 can sell liquor for example at a grocery store. The item was noted by City Staff and to be discussed at a future Committee meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, motion was made by ALDERMAN BEWLEY and seconded by ALDERMAN HOLMES that the meeting be adjourned. A Unanimous voice vote followed in agreement. Meeting was adjourned at 7:03 P.M.

City of Aledo
Minutes of the Regular City Council Session – January 03, 2018

Jarod Dale, City Clerk

Minutes approved by Council action January 16, 2018.

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