The City Council of the City of Aledo met in Regular Session in the Council Chambers of the City Hall building on February 03, 2020. MAYOR HAGLOCH called the meeting to order at 6:31 P.M. The roll was called, whereupon the following answered present:

Aldermen ILA BERTRAND, TERRY BEWLEY, MICHAEL CHAUSSE, BARRY COOPER, DENNIS DIXON, JIM HOLMES, CHRIS KOPP, and LINDA SARABASA. Mayor CHRISTOPHER HAGLOCH.

Also present were CHRIS SULLIVAN, City Administrator / 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, Rock Island Argus & Aledo Times Record.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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

Appearances: MAYOR Hagloch recognized Rex McWhorter of the Mercer County Agricultural Society. Mr. McWhorter appeared before the Committee of the Whole to request city sponsorship F/Y 2020 in the amount of $2,000 and to disburse payment of the utility billing statement during the month of July, 2020. The Mercer County Fair to be held July 7 – 11, 2020.

Communication & Correspondence: No Report.

Requests & Petitions: No Report.

Public Works Activity Report:
- **Streets**: plow snow/salt streets; assist Cemetery with one (1) funeral.
- **Water**: JULIE’s and finals.
- **Gas**: JULIE’s; weld tests; plow snow; work with VHT bore crew; assist W/WW with shut-offs and sewer investigations; remove one (1) gas meter; and assist Cemetery with one (1) funeral.
- **Cemetery**: Three (3) funerals occurred. Plow snow.
- **DPW**: finished moving into new DPW office; organized files/code books/misc. office supplies; assist the Street Division with snow plowing; Novus Ag occupancy inspection and other building permit applications.

Aledo Police Department Activity Report: CHIEF Sullivan reported a tentative School Resource Officer agreement has been worked out between the School District and the City. The agreement is on the agenda during this evenings meeting. The term of the
agreement include the School District would pay for the full cost of wages and benefits of the SRO for the full twelve (12) months of each calendar, for three (3) years. The agreement would begin on June 1, 2020. The Aledo Police Department would assign the officer to work at the school on all school days and at all school related events where police services are deemed necessary. The District has already approve the agreement at a previous School Board meeting.

**Administration Report:** CITY CLERK Dale provided utility billing and payroll reports for the month of January, 2020.

CITY CLERK reported Verla Thompson generously donated $1,000 to help go towards the roof repairs at the Button Building. Verla has donated over $2,000 the past couple years to the City for Historic Preservation and the purchase of Memorial Park benches. A thank you letter has been sent to Verla on behalf of all the elected officials expressing appreciation of her ongoing support to the community.

CITY CLERK reported economic interest statements have been issued to the elected and appointed officials. The economic interest statement(s) will need to be filed with the County Clerk’s office on or before May 1, 2020.

**Mayor’s Report:** MAYOR highlighted Verla Thompson’s recent generous donation to the City. Verla also served on the Historic Preservation Commission from 2014 – 2019.

MAYOR reported the City to meet with representatives of Midwest Roofing & Construction on 2/5 to discuss when the roof project would begin.

MAYOR highlighted the downtown business/property owners were invited to attend an informational meeting with 353 Court, LLC on February 19th at 5:00 o’clock p.m. at the Edwards River Public Library community room. The meeting to provide information on available funding in 2020 for potential projects each respective business/building could utilize.

**Committee Report:** No Report.

**REGULAR COUNCIL SESSION**

Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag,
ACTION ITEMS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by ALDERMAN CHAUSSE and seconded by ALDERMAN KOPP to approve the meeting minutes of January 21, 2020 as presented. A Roll call vote was recorded as follows:

YES: Bertrand, Bewley, Chausse, Cooper, Dixon, Holmes, and Kopp. NO: None. ABSTAIN: Sarabasa. Motion carried. 7 yeas, 0 nays, 1 abstention.

FINANCE: INVOICE LIST:

Motion was made by ALDERMAN BERTRAND and seconded by ALDERMAN HOLMES 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, Dixon, Holmes, Kopp, Sarabasa, and Bertrand. NO: None. Motion carried. 8 yeas, 0 nays.

ORDINANCE NO. 01, SERIES OF 2020; REDUCING THE NUMBER OF CLASS “C” LIQUOR LICENSES WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF ALEDO: (FIRST READING)

Motion was made by ALDERMAN CHAUSSE and seconded by ALDERMAN SARABASA to waive the 2nd reading for Ordinance No. 01, Series of 2020; Reducing the Number of Class “C” Liquor Licenses within the Corporate Limits of the City of Aledo. A Roll call vote was recorded as follows:

YES: Chausse, Cooper, Dixon, Holmes, Kopp, Sarabasa, Bertrand, and Bewley. NO: None. Motion carried. 8 yeas, 0 nays.

Motion was made by ALDERMAN CHAUSSE and seconded by ALDERMAN KOPP to adopt Ordinance No. 01, Series of 2020; Reducing the Number of Class “C” Liquor Licenses within the Corporate Limits of the City of Aledo, the total number of Class “C” (Tavern) liquor licenses shall not exceed four (4). A Roll call vote was recorded as follows:

YES: Cooper, Dixon, Holmes, Kopp, Sarabasa, Bertrand, Bewley, and Chausse. NO: None. Motion carried. 8 yeas, 0 nays.
RESOLUTION NO. 05R, SERIES OF 2020; APPROVING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF MERCER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #404 FOR A SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER:

Motion was made by ALDERMAN KOPP and seconded by ALDERMAN COOPER to approve Resolution No. 05R, Series of 2020; Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Board of Education of Mercer County School District #404 for a School Resource Officer:

- The Police Liaison Officer to be located at the school district's high school, intermediate school and Apollo Elementary School beginning June 1, 2020 for the 2020-2021 school year, the 2021-2022 school year, as well as, the 2022-2023 school year; and,
- Mercer County Schools shall pay 100% of the annual gross cost of the wages for the Police Liaison Officer including the total cost of said officer during time when school is not in session, said gross cost, including annual salary, based upon a 2080 hour normal working year, his/her cost of health, life and dental insurance, and the City’s portion of his/her pension fund, social security and workers’ compensation insurance coverage; and,
- Mercer Schools shall also pay 100% of the Police Liaison Officer’s wages for duty assignments for school events which occur after regular school hours, when so requested by Mercer Schools, said wages to include only his/her regular or overtime wages, as applicable, plus the City’s portion of his/her pension fund and social security payments.

A Roll call vote was recorded as follows:

YES: Dixon, Holmes, Kopp, Sarabasa, Bertrand, Bewley, and Cooper. NO: None. ABSTAIN: Chausse. Motion carried. 7 yeas, 0 nays, 1 abstention.

BID OPENING FOR SALE OF WATER / WASTEWATER SYSTEM:

City Council for the City of Aledo, Illinois voted on October 21, 2019 to evaluate the possible sale of its water and wastewater systems to a private operator. The City advertised in the Aledo Times Record beginning December 25, 2019 and ending January 8, 2020 soliciting a request for proposals until 4:30 p.m. on Friday, January 31, 2020.

MAYOR Hagloch prepared to open the bids submitted for the sale of the water / wastewater system and scheduled to be opened during regular session on 2/3. The following bids were received:

- Aqua Illinois, Inc., 1000 S. Schuyler Avenue, Kankakee, IL., 60901
  - Bid Submitted: $17,750,000
Illinois American Water Company, 300 N Water Works Drive, Belleville, IL., 62223
  o Bid Submitted: $11,800,000 or $12,800,000.

MAYOR Hagloch reported the item to be discussed further at the Water, Sewer & Storm Drain Committee to be held on Tuesday, February 4, 2020 at 6:00 o'clock p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS: A Water, Sewer & Storm Drain Committee meeting to be held on Tuesday, February 4, 2020 at 6:00 o'clock p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

OLD BUSINESS: No Report.

NEW BUSINESS: No Report.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, motion was made by ALDERMAN KOPP and seconded by ALDERMAN SARABASA that the meeting be adjourned. A Unanimous voice vote followed in agreement. Meeting was adjourned at 6:47 P.M.

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