

The City Council of the City of Aledo met in Regular Session in the Council Chambers of the City Hall building on February 20, 2018. MAYOR PRO-TEM CHAUSSE called the meeting to order at 6:38 P.M. The roll was called, whereupon the following answered present:

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

### **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

The meeting was opened in prayer by ALD. Chausse.

**Appearances:** No Report.

**Communication & Correspondence:** No Report.

**Requests & Petitions:** Chris Whitenack, Mercer County Athletic Boosters, appeared before the Committee of the Whole to request City Sponsorship in F/Y 2018 regarding the Bear County Wrestling event. Total budget in F/Y 2018 was noted in the amount of \$1,500.

Special Event / Street Closure: Aledo Main Street Alley Art during Rhubarb Festival on Saturday June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 & the 200 block of S. College Avenue June 1<sup>st</sup> & June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018.

**Public Works Activity Report:** - DPW Blaser reported the following:

- *Streets:* snow events on 2/5, 2/9 & 2/10. A lot of extra hours were put in regarding plowing and snow removal the last two (2) weeks. Assisted the Cemetery Division with the funerals as well.
- *Water:* JULIE's; Assisted Dahl Electric in troubleshooting the generator hook-up troubleshooting at the well sites. Water service leaks and two sewer lateral failures. WTP cleaning and assisted in snow plowing.
- *Gas:* JULIE's; DOT reports complete; assisted in snow plowing and OQ hands-on testing continues.
- *DPW:* assisted in snow plowing with PW department following the procedures in the Street Winter Maintenance Plan. Met with Ameren regarding pole relocation at City Hall; Big River Resources meeting to review expansion; met with Dahl

Electric; attended Hazard Mitigation training at the Henry County Health Department; and, made repairs at the Button Building.

**Aledo Police Department Activity Report:** CHIEF Sullivan reported the process to establish a new applicant list is underway. The applications were due by 2/16 and the physical agility testing was administered on 2/17. The applicants then took the written exam at the AFD. All applicants who successfully complete and pass both tests to be scheduled for interviews on 2/24. The new officer will attend Basic Police Academy that will begin on 4/20.

CHIEF reported Officer Jeff Wooldridge is the newly appointed Evidence Officer for the Department. An audit was complete with the assistance of an outside agency.

CHIEF attended Sexual Assault Investigator training in Collinsville, IL, during the week of 2/5. The Mobile Team Training Unit paid for the training and hotel room. Chief will be working with a group from MTTU IV to develop separate training courses for all law enforcement employees who deal with any portion of Sexual Assault and Sexual Abuse complaints and investigations.

**Administration Report:** ADMINISTRATOR Knackstedt provided a listing of weekly meetings. Met with Kim Lloyd to discuss her business space in the Button Building. She will also join the incubator project after April. ADMINISTRATOR met with Brian King to discuss the first draft for the IGA with the Park District. Also, a meeting was held with a group of local relators to discuss the strengths and weaknesses of the Aledo housing market. Antique Days planning continues, and a public hearing will be held on 3/5 regarding the USDA matching grant application for a new squad vehicle.

**City Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer's Report has been marked exhibit "B", attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

**Mayor's Report:** MAYOR PRO-TEM Chausse requested a member of the Personnel Committee to sit in the place of Ald. Bertrand on 2/24 for the police interviews. Ald. Bertrand is unavailable to attend, per MAYOR PRO-TEM. ALD. Holmes volunteered to attend the police officer interviews and was noted by City staff.

**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 BERTERAND and seconded by ALDERMAN KOPP to approve the meeting minutes of February 05, 2018 as presented. A Roll call vote was recorded as follows:

YES: Bertrand, Bewley, Chausse, Holmes, and Kopp. NO: None. Motion carried.  
5 yeas, 0 nays.

**FINANCE: INVOICE LIST:**

Motion was made by ALDERMAN CHAUSSE and seconded by ALDERMAN HOLMES that the Invoice Listing, which has been marked Exhibit “C”, 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, Holmes, and Bertrand. NO: None. ABSTAIN: Kopp. Motion carried. 4 yeas, 0 nays, 1 abstention.

**ORDINANCE NO. 03, SERIES OF 2018; AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 6 OF TITLE 9 OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF ALEDO: (FIRST READING)**

ADMINISTRATOR Knackstedt reported on 2/5 the Ordinance & Police Committee made a recommendation to draft an ordinance authorizing the police to tow and remove vehicles that were parked in violation of the snow plow routes. The following items are addressed in the proposed ordinance:

- The vehicle remains parked in violation of this Chapter for more than two (2) consecutive hours following the issuance of a citation for violation of Section 9-6-18-(X)-(1) of this Chapter;
- The vehicle has been issued three (3) or more citations for a violation of this Chapter that remain unpaid at the time of the violation at issue; or
- The vehicle has been issued three (3) or more citations for a violation of this Chapter within a thirty (30) day period prior to the violation at issue.

The towing procedure is also outlined in the ordinance and establishes then timeline for recovering a towed vehicle.

The second reading to be held on Monday, March 05, 2018 at 6:30 o'clock p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

**MOTION APPROVING FINAL PLAN SHEETS FOR PHASE III OF THE DOWNTOWN STREET AND SIDEWALK ENHANCEMENTS:**

Motion was made by ALDERMAN KOPP and seconded by ALDERMAN HOLMES to approve the final plan sheets for phase III of the downtown street and sidewalk enhancements as presented. A Roll call vote was recorded as follows:

YES: Chausse, Holmes, Kopp, Bertrand, and Bewley. NO: None. Motion carried.  
5 yeas, 0 nays.

**SPECIAL EVENT / STREET CLOSURE: ALEDO MAIN STREET ALLEY ART DURING RHUBARB FESTIVAL ON SATURDAY, JUNE 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2018 & THE 200 BLOCK OF SOUTH COLLEGE AVENUE JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup> & 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2018:**

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

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:** No Report.

**OLD BUSINESS:** ALD. Bewley requested an update regarding the Ameren pole relocation and confirmation as to when it would be complete. DPW Blaser reported the payment by the city was received by Ameren and that began a clock. It will need to be completed within 14 days.

**NEW BUSINESS:** No Report.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, motion was made by ALDERMAN KOPP and seconded by ALDERMAN HOLMES that the meeting be adjourned. A Unanimous voice vote followed in agreement. Meeting was adjourned at 6:46 P.M.

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Jarod Dale, City Clerk

Minutes approved by Council action March 05, 2018.

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