

The City Council of the City of Aledo met in Regular Session in the Council Chambers of the City Hall building on May 21, 2018. MAYOR HAGLOCH called the meeting to order at 6:55 P.M. The roll was called, whereupon the following answered present:

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

Also present were ERIN KNACKSTEDT, City Administrator, CHRIS SULLIVAN, Chief of Police, JUSTIN BLASER, Director of Public Works & Utilities, TARAH SIPES, Economic Development Coordinator, MARK WALTON, City Attorney, 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 Jim Taylor, WRMJ.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

The meeting was opened in prayer by ALD. Chausse.

Appearances: Sarah Bohnsack, Finance Director, appeared before the Committee of the Whole to present F/Y 2017 Financial Audit Report. Brad Thiesen, Eide Bailly, LLP was also present via telecommunications to provide additional overview of the audit as well.

Communication & Correspondence: No Report.

Requests & Petitions: Special Event: Street Closure / Parade: First Baptist Church of Aledo, “Praise in the Park” event, to be held on September 2, 2018, between hours of 9:00 o’clock a.m. and 3:00 o’clock p.m. & street closure request for the 200 block of SE 2nd Avenue.

Public Works Activity Report: DPW Blaser reported the following:

- *Streets:* YMCA intersections are complete. The south intersection will be opened 5/24. The division is now starting preparation for Rhubarb Festival.
- *Water:* JULIE’s; Assisted the Cemetery Division. Tower cleaning to be performed on 5/21 & 5/22. Mowing of facilities and work at the WTP. The new water salesman is in and will be installed in the next couple weeks.
- *Gas:* JULIE’s; Assisted the Cemetery Division. Mowing and weed eating continues and delivered shut-off notices. Finished pool meter and piping installation.
- *Cemetery:* preparation and mowing for Memorial Day weekend.
- *DPW:* property maintenance code violations. Attended permit technician training and a Mercer County Functional Exercise training at MCOEM office.

Aledo Police Department Activity Report: CHIEF Sullivan reported the PD worked with the PW department to deal with some nuisance properties. Two (2) properties that were unfit for habitation were identified. One was condemned and has been completely mitigated. The residents move out and the owner is bringing the property into compliance with all City ordinances. The second property was condemned. The residents were given 24 hours to vacate the property. The residents and the property owner were notified of the measures which be taken to bring the property into compliance with City ordinances.

CHIEF reported Officer Nicholas Weist has resigned from his position of employment with the City of Aledo. His last shift will be finished as of 7:00 a.m. on May 21, 2018. He has accepted a position as a deputy with the Knox County Sheriff’s Department.

Administration Report: ADMINISTRATOR Knackstedt provided a listing of weekly meetings. ADMINISTRATOR participated in an Antique Days meeting. Met with representatives of Emergent Renovations to discuss a potential partnership and TIF projects. Assisted Aledo Main Street with the downtown flower plantings. Participated in the YMCA feasibility study kick-off meeting. The meeting went well and the process to begin in the coming weeks.

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: No Report.

Committee Report: MAYOR Hagloch reported a Public Property, Streets & Sidewalks Committee was held on May 14, 2018. MAYOR reported discussions were held regarding a potential development services agreement with Bluestem Energy Solutions. Also, the Committee discussed approving a Change Order No. 3 for City Hall exterior renovations. The Change order is regarding the water sealant of the building was completed. Also, the Committee reviewed possibly continued efforts regarding the SE Quadrant Multi-Use Path project.

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 May 07, 2018 as presented. A Roll call vote was recorded as follows:

YES: Bertrand, Bewley, Chausse, Doherty, Holmes, and Kopp. NO: None. ABSTAIN: Slater. Motion carried. 6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 abstention.

FINANCE: INVOICE LIST:

Motion was made by ALDERMAN HOLMES and seconded by ALDERMAN BERTRAND 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, Doherty, Holmes, Slater, and Bertrand. NO: None. ABSTAIN: Kopp. Motion carried. 6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 abstention.

ORDINANCE NO. 07, SERIES OF 2018; AMENDING TITLE 13 OF THE CITY CODE OF ALEDO, ILLINOIS: (SECOND READING)

Title 13 entitled “schedule of fees” is hereby amended for the purpose of revising the amount of certain fees included in the Schedule. The following to be amended:

- Section 8-6-8 – Bulk Water Sales – 0.25 \$1.75 per 60 gallons of water.

Motion was made by ALDERMAN BERTRAND and seconded by ALDERMAN HOLMES to adopt Ordinance No. 07, Series of 2018; Amending Title 13 of the City Code of Aledo, Illinois as presented. A Roll call vote was recorded as follows:

YES: Chausse, Doherty, Holmes, Kopp, Slater, Bertrand, and Bewley. NO: None. Motion carried. 7 yeas, 0 nays.

ORDINANCE NO. 08, SERIES OF 2018; PROVIDING FOR BORROWING OF \$1,000,000.00 FROM BANKORION FOR THE PURPOSES OF PAYING FOR THE RENOVATION AND REMODELING OF CITY HALL: (SECOND READING)

Motion was made by ALDERMAN DOHERTY and seconded by ALDERMAN HOLMES to adopt Ordinance No. 08, Series of 2018; Providing for borrowing of \$1,000,000.00 from BankOrion for the purposes of paying for the renovation and remodeling of City Hall. A Roll call vote was recorded as follows:

YES: Doherty, Holmes, Kopp, Slater, Bertrand, and Chausse. NO: Bewley. Motion carried. 6 yeas, 1 nay.

RESOLUTION NO. 17R, SERIES OF 2018; APPROVING A DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH BLUESTEM ENERGY SOLUTIONS, LLC:

Motion was made by ALDERMAN DOHERTY and seconded by ALDERMAN HOLMES to approve Resolution No. 17R, Series of 2018; Approving a Development Services

Agreement with Bluestem Energy Solutions, LLC. A Roll call vote was recorded as follows:

YES: Holmes, Kopp, Slater, Bertrand, Chausse, and Doherty. NO: Bewley. Motion carried. 6 yeas, 1 nay.

MOTION ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF POLICE OFFICER NICHOLAS WEIST:

Motion was made by ALDERMAN CHAUSSE and seconded by ALDERMAN SLATER to accept the resignation as presented effective May 21, 2018. A Roll call vote was recorded as follows:

YES: Kopp, Slater, Bertrand, Bewley, Chausse, Doherty, and Holmes. NO: None. Motion carried. 7 yeas, 0 nays.

MOTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 03 FOR CITY HALL EXTERIOR RENOVATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,786:

Motion was made by ALDERMAN KOPP and seconded by ALDERMAN CHAUSSE to approve Change Order No. 03 for City Hall Exterior Renovations in the amount of \$8,786 for all areas to be sealed with Prosoco weather seal silozane PD for brick and Prosoco Natural Stone treatment with a ten (10) year warranty. A Roll call vote was recorded as follows:

YES: Slater, Bertrand, Bewley, Chausse, Doherty, Holmes, and Kopp. NO: None. Motion carried. 7 yeas, 0 nays.

SPECIAL EVENT: STREET CLOSURE: FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ALEDO, "PRAISE IN THE PARK" EVENT, TO BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 2, 2018, BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 9:00 O'CLOCK A.M. AND 3:00 O'CLOCK P.M. & STREET CLOSURE REQUEST FOR THE 200 BLOCK OF SE 2ND AVENUE:

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

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS: An Ordinance & Police Committee meeting to be held on Tuesday, May 29, 2018 at 6:15 o'clock p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

OLD BUSINESS: No Report.

NEW BUSINESS: *Discussion on Mercer Carnegie Public Library District Request for Water Use during Construction:* DPW Blaser reported a request was received on 5/16 from MCPLD to allow the general contractor that will be constructing the new library to use City water throughout the course of the construction project at no cost. They have requested to make a connection to the existing fire hydrant for the use.

DPW reported in past, the City has allowed a temporary connection to a fire hydrant in situations a service is not available. However, it is for a very short duration, typically an emergency situation, and always metered.

The City Council voiced concern for the open-ended request and suggested the hydrant be metered or the general contractor had the option of going to the water salesman for bulk sales. The request was denied as presented.

CLOSED SESSION:

Motion was made BY ALDERMAN CHAUSSE and seconded by ALDERMAN BERTRAND to adjourn to closed session to discuss:

A. Personnel Section 2(c)(1) Open Meetings Act.

A Roll call vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS: Bertrand, Bewley, Chausse, Doherty, Holmes, Kopp, and Slater. NO: None. Motion carried. 7 yeas, 0 nays. The meeting was recessed to closed session at 7:20 P.M.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION:

Council reconvened in open session at 8:03 P.M. Roll call was taken with the following answering present: ALDERMEN BERTRAND, BEWLEY, CHAUSSE, DOHERTY, HOLMES, KOPP, and SLATER, MAYOR HAGLOCH, as well as, CITY ADMINISTRATOR KNACKSTEDT, CHIEF SULLIVAN, and CITY CLERK DALE.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, motion was made by ALDERMAN KOPP and seconded by ALDERMAN CHAUSSE that the meeting be adjourned. A Unanimous voice vote followed in agreement. Meeting was adjourned at 8:04 P.M.

Jarod Dale, City Clerk

Minutes approved by Council action June 04, 2018.

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