

The City Council of the City of Aledo met in Regular Session in the Council Chambers of the City Hall building on February 15, 2010. ACTING MAYOR HUNTER called the meeting to order at 6:51 P.M. The roll was called, whereupon the following answered present:

Aldermen TAB BALMER, JR., MICHAEL BAUGHER, TERRY BEWLEY, BARRY COOPER, RICHARD HUNTER, RANDY MATTSON, RICHARD MAYNARD and ROBERT RILLIE.

Also present were JANICE GREEN, City Administrator, J. MICHAEL SPONSLER, Chief of Police, STEPHEN MOLLER, Director of Public Works & Utilities, 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 Steve Elliott of the Rock Island Argus/Dispatch, John Hoscheidt of WRMJ, and Cathy Decker of the Times Record.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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

Appearances: Denise Bulat of Bi-State Regional Commission appeared before the Council to present information on the services for member governments. Those members include counties of Mercer, Rock Island, Henry in Illinois and counties of Muscatine and Scott in Iowa. Services include transportation planning, community and regional programs and services, and data/graphics center services.

Transportation planning provides a comprehensive, coordinated and continuing process to assist in the implementation of transportation improvements. Roadways, transit, railroads, waterways, airports, and trails are all considered in the planning process and planning is required before federal funds can be spent on a project.

The community and regional programs include comprehensive plans that incorporate the assessment of and planning for land use, housing, transportation, public facilities, solid waste management, parks, and open space. Others are economic development assistance, financial services, goal setting/strategic planning, grant applications and management, planning for greenway, park and recreation. The regional programs involve drug/alcohol testing consortium, intergovernmental forums, joint purchasing council, municipal code enforcement system, and revolving loan fund (RLF).

The data/graphics center compiles a vast array of up-to-date information related with the five-county region and the states of Illinois and Iowa. This type of information is helpful in attracting new businesses and assisting businesses expansion decisions.

Pam Myers of Aledo Main Street brought to Council the gathered information requested regarding the Community Marketing Campaign. Included was a list of 31 businesses interested in contributing to the campaign in the amount of \$50.00 each.

ADMINISTRATOR Green noted that there is money in the contingency fund to provide for this and would not be TIF eligible.

For the calendar year 2010 there would be 3 quarters for the campaign due to the first quarter being almost complete.

Communication and Correspondence: ALD. Cooper read a statement in reference to the letter sent to CHIEF Sponsler and his current contract.

ALD. Mattson inquired from Acting MAYOR Hunter why a letter received by CHIEF Sponsler was not the letter of consensus by the Council.

ALD. Rillie noted that there is a point of order not being followed.

Requests & Petitions:

Administrative Report: CHIEF Sponsler submitted the Aledo Police Department Activity Report and noted that CLERK Dale, CHIEF Sponsler, and Sheila Sedam would be attending the F.O.I.A. training class held at Mobile Team IV. The class is being instructed by the Illinois Attorney General's Office.

DPW Moller reported:

- 400 tons of salt have been spread so far this winter with 150 tons available in storage.
- Well No. 5 has been replaced and Traveler's Insurance has been contacted who supplies the boiler and machinery coverage for the City. .
- The snow from the downtown area had been placed at the old Jr. High building and Henderson lot as a cost savings.

ALD. Rillie inquired on the truck bid for the F-350 Ford Truck. DPW Moller reported that the bidder had been contacted to verify and that he had felt the truck was worth the bid that was submitted.

Treasurer's Report: CITY ADMINISTRATOR Green noted that by the end of March there should be a report through February of 2010.

Committee Report:

ALD. Baugher rescheduled the Public Property Committee Meeting that was cancelled on 02/11/10 and the committee meeting will be held on Thursday, February 18th, 2010 at 6:00 o'clock p.m.

REGULAR COUNCIL SESSION

Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag,

ACTION ITEMS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by ALDERMAN BAUGHER and seconded by ALDERMAN RILLIE to approve the meeting minutes of February 1, 2010 as read. Roll call vote was recorded as follows:

YES: Balmer, Baugher, Bewley, Cooper, Hunter, Mattson, Maynard and Rillie. NO: None. Motion carried. 8 yeas, 0 nays.

FINANCE: INVOICE LIST:

Motion was made by ALDERMAN BAUGHER and seconded by ALDERMAN MAYNARD that the Invoice Listing, less the Essig-Motors Inc. payments on page 2, which has been marked Exhibit "B", attached hereto and made a part of these minutes, be approved and checks issued. Roll call vote was as follows:

YES: Baugher, Bewley, Cooper, Hunter, Mattson, Maynard, Rillie, and Balmer. NO: none. Motion carried, 8 yeas, 0 nays.

Motion was made by ALDERMAN BAUGHER and seconded by ALDERMAN RILLIE that the Essig-Motors Inc. payment on page 2 the Invoice Listing, which has been marked Exhibit "B", attached hereto and made a part of these minutes, be approved and check issued. Roll call vote was recorded as follows:

YES: Bewley, Hunter, Mattson, Maynard, Rillie, Balmer, and Baugher. NO: None. ABSTAIN: Cooper. Motion carried 7 yeas, 0 nays, 1 abstention.

ORDINANCE NO. 2, SERIES OF 2010 (FIRST READING):

CITY ATTORNEY Walton noted the changes are underlined within the ordinance and are as follows:

The City Clerk may record a notice of lien in the office of Mercer County Recorder of Deeds in the event the outstanding balance on any account that is delinquent by more than thirty (30) days exceeds two hundred dollars (\$200.00), and the City Clerk shall record a notice of lien in the office of Mercer County Recorder of Deeds in the event the outstanding balance on any account that is delinquent by more than thirty (30) days exceeds three (3) times the monthly average gas bill for such account over the preceding twelve-month period.

Motion was made by ALDERMAN BAUGHER and seconded by ALDERMAN RILLIE to waive 2nd reading and adopt on 1st reading the Ordinance amending the provisions for liens for unpaid gas bills. Roll call vote was recorded as follows:

YES: Cooper, Hunter, Mattson, Maynard, Rillie, Balmer, Baugher, and Bewley. NO: None. Motion carried. 8 yeas, 0 nays.

Motion was made by ALDERMAN BALMER and seconded by ALDERMAN RILLIE to adopt Ordinance No 2, Series of 2010; Amending the provisions for liens for unpaid gas bills. Roll call vote was recorded as follows:

YES: Hunter, Mattson, Maynard, Rillie, Balmer, Baugher, Bewley, and Cooper. NO: None. Motion carried. 8 yeas, 0 nays.

ORDINANCE NO. 3, 4, AND 5; SERIES OF 2010 (FIRST READING):

Ordinance No. 3, Series of 2010 is an ordinance amending the Aledo Tax Increment Redevelopment Project Area as described in and designated by special Ordinance No. 14, Series of 1986; by excepting certain areas therein

Legal Description: Lot 8 in Block 54 of the Original Town, now City of Aledo, Mercer County, Illinois
PIN: 10-10-17-437-010
Common Address: 115 NE 2nd Street
Aledo, IL. 61231

Ordinance No. 4, Series of 2010 is an ordinance amending the Aledo Tax Increment Redevelopment Project Area as described in and designated by special Ordinance No. 14, Series of 1986; by excepting certain areas therein

Legal Description: East Half (1/2) Less South Thirty-Three (33) Feet, Block Fifteen (15) Braucht Addition, City of Aledo, Mercer County, State of Illinois
PIN: 10-10-16-309-004
Common Address: 710 E. Main Street
Aledo, IL. 61231

Ordinance No. 5, Series of 2010 is an ordinance amending the Aledo Tax Increment Redevelopment Project Area as described in and designated by special Ordinance No. 14, Series of 1986; by excepting certain areas therein

Legal Description: West 210 Feet, Block Two (2) Thompsons Railroad Addition,
City of Aledo, Mercer County, State of Illinois
PIN: 10-10-17-464-001
Common Address: 104 SE 3rd Avenue
Aledo, IL. 61231

Motion was made by ALDERMAN BEWLEY and seconded by ALDERMAN MATTSON to refer Ordinance No. 3, Ordinance No. 4, and Ordinance No. 5, Series of 2010 to the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Committee for further discussion and will be held on Thursday, March 4, 2010 at 6 o'clock p.m. Roll call vote was recorded as follows:

YES: Mattson, Balmer, Baugher, Bewley, and Cooper. NO: None. ABSTAIN: Maynard, Rillie, and Hunter. Motion carried. 5 yeas, 0 nays, 3 abstentions.

RESOLUTION NO. 2R, SERIES OF 2010:

CITY ATTORNEY Walton reported that he spoke with John Harms of National Gas Public Agency who is the current gas purchase provider for the City of Aledo. The consensus from the Council at the 02/01/10 regular council meeting was to renew the gas purchase contract for a period of 3 years with the current agreement ending in April 30th, 2010. CITY ATTORNEY Walton noted that discussions involved the City buying strictly on spot-market basis or participate in a level purchase plan for 50% of the gas with the other balance purchased at spot-market prices.

It was also noted that this Level Purchase Agreement is not the Gas Supply Pool No. 3 Agreement that had been discussed in previous council meetings where the City would be locked in and have part ownership. Rather the Level Purchase Agreement is to take in benefits of the hedging. The alternative would be to spot market for 100% of the city's acquisitions.

ALD.Rillie inquired on page 2, billings and payments being based upon actual volumes while Exhibit "A" referring to rates in terms of dekatherms (Dth).

CITY ATTORNEY Walton will contact John Harms and inquire whether there is an inconsistency between volume-based pricing and thermal-unit pricing.

Motion was made by ALDERMAN COOPER and seconded by ALDERMAN BEWLEY to table Resolution No. 2R, Series of 2010 approving the gas purchase agreement between the City of Aledo, Illinois and National Public Gas Agency. Roll call vote was recorded as follows:

YES: Maynard, Rillie, Balmer, Baugher, Bewley, Cooper, Hunter, and Mattson. NO: None. Motion carried. 8 yeas, 0 nays.

ALEDO MAIN STREET; COMMUNITY MARKETING CAMPAIGN:

Motion was made by ALDERMAN BAUGHER and seconded by ALDERMAN COOPER approve the Community Marketing Campaign that will match the campaign dollar for dollar up to a cap of \$5,000.00 for the balance of calendar year 2010. Roll call vote was recorded as follows:

YES: Rillie, Balmer, Baugher, Bewley, Cooper, Hunter, Mattson, and Maynard. NO: None. Motion carried. 8 yeas, 0 nays.

V.F.W. GENERATOR:

CHIEF Sponsler reported the Health Department is establishing committees after the last ice storm. Once the committees are named and the Safety Committee is established, CHIEF Sponsler will bring back to council the recommendations from the committee.

DPW Moller reported that Jennifer Hamerlinck, the ESDA Director, provided information on the IESMA Generator Project and involves funding for generators. DPW will look into this as a possible solution for funding and report back at a later council meeting. The V.F.W. will have to get a determination of the calculated load from Ameren-IP and this information will be used to make a recommendation to the committee.

ALD. Maynard reported that he spoke with Steve Blick of Blick & Blick, Oil and he mentioned that Galesburg Electric helped at arriving of what load will be needed and analyzed the load for air conditioning.

DPW recommended a portable fixture unit running on natural gas for the V.F.W.

ALD. Rillie recommended a portable generator for the City for the lift stations during a power outage while on the subject.

DPW will look into the priorities and bring back to council at a later regular council meeting.

INDUSTRIAL PARK FARM GROUND AGREEMENT:

CITY ATTORNEY Walton reported that the farm ground lease agreement was last signed in 1992 and the acreage has changed and recommended a new lease agreement be drawn-up and address the actual acreage at the very least. Currently

Bob Carroll is being charged to farm the 22 acres at \$50/acre for a total of \$1,100.00 with the City receiving all Ag subsidies and requiring Mr. Carroll to plant a low-lying crop and mow property where applicable.

RESOLUTION NO. 3R, SERIES OF 2010:

CITY ATTORNEY Walton noted there is a correction to be made in the TIF Policy in reference to a TIF Administrator. The reference will be changed throughout the policy to reference the City Administrator and delete TIF Administrator.

Motion was made by ALDERMAN COOPER and seconded by ALDERMAN BEWLEY to approve the Resolution Approving the City of Aledo Tax Increment Financing Assistance Policy with the changed noted from TIF Administrator to City Administrator within the policy. Roll call vote was recorded as follows:

YES: Balmer, Baugher, Bewley, Cooper, and Mattson. NO: None. ABSTAIN: Hunter, Maynard, and Rillie. Motion carried. 5 yeas, 0 nays. 3 abstentions.

APPROVAL OF TRUCK BIDS:

Motion was made by ALDERMAN RILLIE and seconded by ALDERMAN BAUGHER to approve the sale and accept the highest bid for the 1991 Ford F-350 Truck to Charles Coulter, 913 Bluff Rd., New Boston, IL., 61272 for \$4,029.99, and the highest bid for the 1993 Ford F-250 Truck to Jim Sackville, Aledo, IL., 61231 for \$1,065.00. Roll call vote was recorded as follows:

YES: Baugher, Bewley, Cooper, Hunter, Mattson, Maynard, Rillie, and Balmer. NO: None. Motion carried. 8 yeas, 0 nays.

MAYOR'S REPORT

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

ALD. Rillie requested the Bi-State Salary and Fringe Benefit Survey. CITY ADMINISTRATOR Green reported that a copy will be distributed to the Council.

ALD. Maynard inquired on a potential Fall Clean-up. DPW Moller reported the Spring Clean-up is already budgeted and will need to establish a date prior to Mother's Day potentially in April. Acting MAYOR Hunter requested ALD. Maynard get a consensus from the public on having a second clean-up.

Motion was made by ALDERMAN MAYNARD and seconded by ALDERMAN RILLIE to adjourn to closed session to discuss:

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

Roll call vote was as follows:

YES: Bewley, Cooper, Hunter, Maynard, Rillie, Balmer, and Baugher. NO: Mattson.
Motion carried. 7 yeas, 1nay. The meeting was recessed to closed session at 7:44 P.M.

Council reconvened in open session at 8:44.M. Roll call was taken with the following answering present: ALDERMEN BALMER, BAUGHER, COOPER, HUNTER, MATTSON, MAYNARD, and RILLIE, as well as, CITY ADMINISTRATOR GREEN, CITY ATTORNEY WALTON, and CLERK DALE. ALDERMAN BEWLEY excused himself from the closed session meeting.

A motion made by ALDERMAN BALMER and seconded by ALDERMAN RILLIE pertaining to closed session discussions to convene a joint-committee meeting of the Personnel Committee and Police Committee on Monday, February 22nd, 2010 at 6 o'clock p.m to be held in the City Council Chambers. Unanimous voice vote followed in agreement.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, motion was made by ALDERMAN RILLIE and seconded by ALDERMAN MAYNARD that the meeting be adjourned. Unanimous voice vote followed in agreement. Meeting was adjourned at 8:46 P.M.

Jarod Dale, City Clerk

Minutes approved by Council action March 1, 2010.

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