The City Council of the City of Aledo met in Regular Session in the Council Chambers of the City Hall building on May 21, 2012. MAYOR WILLIAM BREEDEN called the meeting to order at 7:13 P.M. The roll was called, whereupon the following answered present:

Aldermen MICHAEL BAUGHER, TERRY BEWLEY, MICHAEL CHAUSSE, BARRY COOPER, JAY DOHERTY, CHRIS HAGLOCH, and PAT RENTFRO. Alderman TAB BALMER, JR., was excused.

Also present were TERRY DOVE, City Administrator/Chief of Police, STEPHEN MOLLER, Director of Public Works & Utilities, CYNTHIA DOVE, Economic Director, 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 Cathy Decker of The Times Record, John Hoscheidt of WRMJ, and Pam Berenger of Rock Island Argus.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

The meeting was opened in prayer by Ron Moffitt.

Appearances: Richard Maynard, Jr., to request the City reconsider the vacation of a portion of SE 2nd Avenue between Central Park and old Henderson property purchased by the City in 2010. It was expressed affects are already felt by local business owners such as Richard Maynard regarding The Depot and Aledo Opera House and Aledo Meat Market owned by Justin Hartman. A suggestion was made to re-open the road and to fix electrical boxes in Central Park to help with events such as the Farmers Market. It was noted this could be held in the parking area currently located in the vacated area and also for shade purposes. It was noted the roadway could be barricaded off just during special events instead of a permanent closure.

Richard Maynard, Jr., also requested the City consider reviewing repairs that are made to water/sewer laterals and requested the City pay from the main to the resident/business. Suggestions were made that Tax Increment Financing (TIF) could be utilized for repair costs within the TIF district and if not in the TIF district could be utilized through the water/sewer fund. The change was requested to be done by ordinance instead of the resident having to acquire insurance.

George Baxa, was in attendance to request the City consider sponsorship regarding two (2) murals to be painted on the west side of the V.F.W. during Antique Days for the walbash mural paintings. It was noted the VFW would be paying $1,500 towards the project and requested the City consider a sponsorship amount of $5,000. MAYOR Breeden requested the item be sent to committee for consideration.

Communications & Correspondence: No Report.

Requests & Petitions: No Report.

Administrative Report:

Administration & Aledo Police Department Activity Report: ADMINISTRATOR Dove reported during the recent National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day, held on Saturday, April 28, 2012, 59lbs. were taken in Aledo during the nationwide event. ADMINISTRATOR Dove thanked Gary Wagner, Wagner Drugs for his participation and getting the City involved and also thanked Assistant Chief J. Michael Sponsler in helping with the process. ADMINISTRATOR Dove reported the City has received a grant for an in-car camera for police vehicles from the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board. Total amount of the grant was reported at $4,782 for the cost of the camera. Installation will be paid through the grant as well and noted the in-car camera will assist with evidence as well as safety.

ADMINISTRATOR Dove reported on information provided by ALD. Balmer regarding the Traffic Logix, SafePace 100 Radar Speed sign, which provides vehicle speed display and collects traffic data such as vehicle count, speed, date and time. The SafePace 100 has four (4) power options, AC power, three (3) cell battery with AC wall charger, four (4) cell battery with AC wall charger, and three (3) cell battery with solar panel. Prices range from $1,999 to $2,499 depending on the power option. Individual mounting bracket systems including a locking sign mount plate are $150. ADMINISTRATOR Dove noted if the Council would be interested funds from Police Fines or the DUI fund could be utilized for the purchase of the sign. ADMINISTRATOR Dover recommended the solar power be purchased with Council consensus. After quick discussion, the Council provided a consensus to move forward with the purchase of the solar power option SafePace 100 Radar Speed Sign.

Public Works: DPW Moller reported the following:

- *Street:* drainage ditch was cleaned out along SE 4th Street last week. The drainage line under the roadway will also be cleaned to allow a natural flow again. IDOT was re-contacted regarding signage locations for "Jake Brake" signs. Verbal confirmation was received for the locations with PW staff installing those signs. Grass cut(s) at two (2) vacant properties were completed with a bill of service sent and if payment not received a lien would be filed.
- *Water & Sewer:* Well # four (4) was removed and replaced on 5/17/12 by Larson Pump Co. and is believed lightning strike on 5/03/12 was the issue. Britton Automation was contacted to prepare a cost estimate regarding the possibility of a lightning arrest system for well protection. Power was lost on the AmerenIP side twice on 5/15/12 with Ameren noting that a transformer lost a circuit but did not offer an explanation regarding the second blip that occurred.

- *Gas:* Improvements were made regarding the longtime drainage issues located at the border station. The new meter system is being worked on for the General Grind & Machine new addition. The Department also assisted New Boston gas department as well.
- *Cemetery:* One (1) funeral occurred. The Cemetery was closed to vehicular traffic on 5/14/12 – 5/16/12 to allow the resurface machine process to be completed. Plans were set to oil and chip the surface on 5/23/12. The department is aggressively working grass cutting and weed whacking with additional workers being added before the Memorial Day holiday.
- *Code Compliance:* Four (4) properties were cited for tall grass and exterior violations in the SW and SE portion of Aledo. The SW exterior complaint was regarding numerous cars being converted to "demo derby cars" with debris and car parts strewn throughout the property. The property owner advised that the tenant has cleaned up the property and continuing to get the exterior back in compliance.

ALD. Bewley reported lane and arrow markings at Route 17 and SE 9th at Industrial Park are in need of re-painting. DPW noted a three (3) year program was currently set in place and on schedule for 2012 and would review the current schedule.

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 Breeden reported the Cemetery and Cable TV committee met on Wednesday, May 16, 2012 with a report to follow during committee reports.

MAYOR Breeden reported EDC Dove would be submitting the ITEP grant application information regarding Aledo Downtown Sidewalk Project to Bi-State Regional Commission by the end of the week to be formalized and sent to the State by the end of May for submission. MAYOR Breeden acknowledged EDC Dove and DPW Moller of their efforts regarding the application process and project.

MAYOR Breeden reported a luncheon would be held in Galesburg, Il., on 05/22/12 regarding the Small Business Leadership Awards and noted the City of Aledo had a well representation of applicants submitted for the event and thanked all those for their efforts.

MAYOR Breeden commended the Girl's 4 x 4 relay Track Team on a job well done.

MAYOR Breeden reported a letter was received from the Mercer County School District #404 regarding the Heritage Woods property tax appeal. MAYOR requested the item be discussed at the next Regular Council meeting.

MAYOR Breeden reported a commercial was made to promote the 21st Annual Rhubarb Festival that should hit T.V. and Radio soon.

Committee Report: ALD. Cooper reported the Cemetery & Cable TV committee met on Wednesday, May 16th, 2012 at 6:00 o'clock p.m. in the Council Chambers to discuss the following:

- Columbarium Project: the Committee recommended looking at options for funding the project with Pontiac Granite Co. The Committee recommended funds from the Cemetery Endowment Fund be utilized. ADMINISTRATOR Dove reported before finalization a committee meeting would be held to finalize all details and be brought before the Regular Council for approval.

REGULAR COUNCIL SESSION

Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag,

ACTION ITEMS

APROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by ALDERMAN BAUGHER and seconded by ALDERMAN CHAUSSE to approve the meeting minutes of May 07, 2012 as presented. A Roll call vote was recorded as follows:

YES: Baugher, Bewley, Chausse, Cooper, Doherty, and Rentfro. NO: None. ABSTAIN: Hagloch. Motion carried. 6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 abstention.

FINANCE: INVOICE LIST:

Motion was made by ALDERMAN HAGLOCH and seconded by ALDERMAN RENTFRO that the Invoice Listing, less the Blick&Blick Oil., Co. item on page(s) one (1), and two (2), the GoldStarFS Inc. item on page(s) two (2) and three (3), the Essig Motors Inc. item on page three (3), the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) item(s) on page two (2), 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, Cooper, Doherty, Hagloch, Rentfro, and Bewley. NO: None. Motion carried. 7 yeas, 0 nays.

Motion was made by ALDERMAN CHAUSSE and seconded by ALDERMAN BEWLEY that the Invoice Listing, the Blick&Blick Oil., Co. item on page(s) one (1), and two (2), the GoldStarFS Inc. item on page(s) two (2) and three (3), the Essig Motors Inc. item on page three (3), the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) item(s) on page two (2), 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: Chausse, Cooper, Baugher, and Bewley. NO: None. ABSTAIN: Doherty, Hagloch, and Rentfro. Motion carried. 4 yeas, 0 nays, 3 abstentions.

ORDINANCE NO.07, SERIES OF 2012; APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF TWO 2012 FORD TRUCKS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND DECLARING TWO EXISTING VEHICLES AS SURPLUS PROPERTY. (FIRST READING):

Motion was made by ALDERMAN BAUGHER and seconded by ALDERMAN BEWLEY to waive 2nd reading for Ordinance No.07, Series of 2012; A Ordinance Approving the purchase of two 2012 Ford trucks for the Department of Public Works and declaring two existing vehicles as surplus property. A Roll call vote was recorded as follows:

YES: Hagloch, Rentfro, Baugher, Bewley, and Chausse. NO: Cooper and Doherty. Motion carried. 5 yeas, 2 nays.

Motion was made by ALDERMAN BAUGHER and seconded by ALDERMAN BEWLEY to adopt Ordinance No.07, Series of 2012; Approving the Purchase of two 2012 F-450 Ford trucks for the Department of Public Works and declaring two existing 2002 Ford F-450 vehicles as surplus property; and new 2012 Ford trucks will be equipped with electrical plow(s) and purchased through a three (3) year municipal lease program. A Roll call vote was recorded as follows:

YES: Doherty, Rentfro, Baugher, Bewley, Chausse, and Hagloch. NO: Cooper. Motion carried. 6 yeas, 1 nay.

ADMINISTRATION: EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT AMENDMENT – TERRENCE DOVE:

Motion was made by ALDERMAN RENTFRO and seconded by ALDERMAN COOPER to approve the First Amendment to Employment Contract between the City of Aledo and Terrence M. Dove; where the City employed Mr. Dove as the City Administrator and Police Chief pursuant to the terms of the employment contract dated June 06, 2011, and the City and Mr. Dove have reached an agreement whereby Mr. Dove will serve as City Administrator only, and all references in the employment contract to the Chief of Police and all references to job responsibilities associated with Chief of Police are deleted, and from and after May 22, 2012, Mr. Dove shall serve only as the City's City Administrator. A Roll call vote was recorded as follows:

YES: Hagloch, Rentfro, Baugher, Bewley, Chausse, Cooper, and Doherty. NO: None. Motion carried. 7 yeas, 0 nays.

ADMINISTRATION – EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT: J. MICHAEL SPONSLER:

Motion was made by ALDERMAN COOPER and seconded by ALDERMAN DOHERTY to approve the employment contract between the City of Aledo and J. Michael Sponsler as Chief of Police; Employment term shall become effective May 22, 2012 and shall remain in effect until the end of the current Mayoral term, which in this case is the first City Council meeting in May, 2013; Compensation for work as Chief of Police based upon an annual salary of $58,900, and commencing on December 1, 2012, the City agrees to pay Mr. Sponsler based upon an annual salary of $62,000. A Roll call vote was recorded as follows:

YES: Baugher, Bewley, Chausse, Cooper, Doherty, Hagloch, and Rentfro. NO: None. Motion carried. 7 yeas, 0 nays.

RMA ROUGH RIDERS ASSOCIATION STATUE SITE APPROVAL:

EDC Dove reported the project would be fully funded by the Alumni Association in regards to the statue and site preparation. EDC noted two (2) items are being requested with those items being; a letter of understanding between the City of Aledo and the RMA Rough Riders Association and approval by the City Council to proceed. It was reported if approved a dedication ceremony would be held in August, 2012 at the Veterans Memorial site. It was noted funds generated by the Alumni Association would be utilized as a maintenance fund for the statue.

MAYOR Breeden reported the site requested is located at the NW corner of the Municipal parking lot.

DPW Moller reported the Alumni Association was also actively looking at taking possession of the old RMA campus site. DPW noted a notice would also be sent to the current owner regarding tall grass and weeds.

Motion was made by ALDERMAN CHAUSSE and seconded by ALDERMAN HAGLOCH to approve the location site presented by the Roosevelt Military Academy (RMA) Rough Riders Association to erect a RMA Memorial Statue to be located in the NW corner of Central Park parking lot. A Roll call vote was recorded as follows:

YES: Bewley, Chausse, Cooper, Doherty, Hagloch, Rentfro, and Baugher. NO: None. Motion carried. 7 yeas 0 nays.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS – No Report.

OLD BUSINESS – ALD. Chausse noted the signage regarding "Jake Brake" had been installed at all four (4) entrances into the City and thanked DPW Moller for his efforts.

ALD. Doherty inquired about the current borders of the City of Aledo. MAYOR Breeden reported there was nothing outstanding at this time and would continue to work on the item and report more at a later date.

ALD. Hagloch inquired on the salt bin / building and the deterioration of the current placement of the site. DPW Moller reported the City was currently looking at other options and would be working on the maintenance of the current building.

ALD. Hagloch inquired on the manhole liners project and requested an update. DPW Moller reported one (1) manhole liner was installed and after completion it was noted as a more lengthy process than first realized and an option would be to potentially train staff before moving forward. DPW requested if the project should take place that the liners within the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) district be utilized through TIF.

ALD. Baugher inquired on the current status of sidewalks and ramps along Route 17 from SW 6th Avenue to 9th Avenue. DPW Moller reported contact was made with Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) and because the sidewalks are located in IDOT ROW that PROWAG would come into play. DPW noted no response has been received and once a response was received the item would then be sent to Missman, Inc. for review. ALD. Doherty requested once the item was finalized that it be brought before the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) committee for further review and consideration.

ALD. Bewley inquired on the status of the 2012 MFT Street program. DPW Moller reported Missman, Inc. may be ready to present the item to Council at the next Regular Council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS – ALD. Rentfro reported a Personnel Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 22, 2012 at 6 o'clock p.m. in the Council Chambers.

MAYOR Breeden reported the City is looking to reconfigure the Council Chambers to better accommodate the public as well as Council and City staff. MAYOR reported CITY CLERK Dale and DPW Moller are working a design. MAYOR noted along with the reconfiguration, technology items are under review as well to help modernize the Council Chambers and more information would follow at a later date.

MAYOR Breeden requested the Council submit ideas and locations to plant trees regarding the recent Mercer County Leadership Academy project: "Building a Greener Tomorrow by Planting a Tree Today".

MAYOR Breeden reported all City staff work hard towards economic development, and asked the elected officials as leaders to take a "glass as half-full" approach regarding economic development especially during the current economic downturn which has slowed down progress for the City and noted to be looking for cooperation from the Council.

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

A. Pending/Possible Litigation (Section 2(c)(11) Open Meetings Act.

Roll call vote was recorded as follows:

YES: Bewley, Chausse, Cooper, Doherty, Hagloch, Rentfro, and Baugher. NO: None. Motion carried. 7 yeas, 0 nays. The meeting was recessed to closed session at 7:33 P.M.

Council reconvened in open session at 7:51 P.M. Roll call was taken with the following answering present: ALDERMEN BAUGHER, BEWLEY, CHAUSSE, COOPER, DOHERTY, HAGLOCH, and RENTFRO, as well as, MAYOR BREEDEN, CITY ADMINISTRATOR/POLICE CHIEF DOVE, DPW MOLLER, CITY ATTORNEY WALTON, and CITY CLERK DALE.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, motion was made by ALDERMAN BAUGHER and seconded by ALDERMAN BEWLEY that the meeting be adjourned. Unanimous voice vote followed in agreement. Meeting was adjourned at 7:52 P.M.

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Jarod Dale, City Clerk

Minutes approved by Council action June 07, 2012.

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