



Minutes of the Regular City Council Session – January 03, 2023

The City Council of the City of Aledo met in Regular Session in the Council Chambers at the Aledo City Hall building on January 03, 2023. MAYOR PRO-TEM CHAUSSE called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. The roll was called, whereupon the following answered present:

Aldermen ILA BERTRAND, MICHAEL CHAUSSE, BARRY COOPER, DENNIS DIXON, JIM HOLMES, CHRIS KOPP and LINDA SARABASA. Mayor CHRISTOPHER HAGLOCH and Alderman JAY DOHERTY were excused.

Also present was NICHOLAS SEEFELD, Lieutenant, and JAROD DALE, City Clerk.

The media was represented by Jim Taylor, WRMJ.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Public Comment: No Report.

Communication & Correspondence: No Report.

Requests & Petitions: No Report.

Public Works Activity Report:

- *Streets:* Daily checks, tasks, JULIE's, and work orders continue. Plow and salt, clean shop and inventory. The four donated, additional strands of café lights were delivered, prepped and ready for install. The division plans to put those up, along with removing wreaths, banners, and the Christmas tree in the next week while we have warmer weather.
- *Gas:* Daily checks, tasks, JULIE's, inspections and finals continue. Shop organizing & inventory, read meters, plow snow. The Division responded to a couple gas odor calls during the cold snap, nothing of any danger. The Gas Superintendent made a few pressure adjustments to keep up with the demand, but other than that the system performed very well.
- *Water:* Daily checks, tasks, JULIE's and work orders continue. Shop organizing and inventory, plow snow, assist Cemetery with a funeral, replace blower motor at the WTP, the Division was called out twice to shut water off for broken water pipes during the cold snap.
- *Cemetery:* One (1) funeral occurred. Plowed snow and trimmed trees.
- *DPW:* The snow and cold snap put a little damper on the holiday weekend, but operations went well. With the new faces and minimal experience, it went as smooth as you could have hoped for. Everyone was safe and no issues were reported. DPW continues to work on the building code updates and permit



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applications, 2023 project prep, assisting with shop organization with all divisions, and Hazard Mitigation updates.

Aledo Police Department Activity Report: LT. Seefeld reported Office Nathan Davis continues to be on desk duty until released by a physician related to workman's comp. Next appointment is scheduled for January 16th.

Yearly Traffic Stop Data Sheets are caught up for the year and the Body Camera Report Sheet is also up to date. The department is compiling the last 4 months of the year for NIBRS Statistical Data to be completed and due by March, 2023.

Administrative Report: CITY CLERK Dale submitted monthly utility billing and payroll information for the month of December, 2022. Also, quarterly reports regarding sales tax revenue and building permits for the fourth quarter of 2022 were submitted to the City Council for review.

CITY CLERK reported social media highlights for the month of January to include: Live Christmas Tree Collection – Dec. 27 – Jan. 12; Want Ad for FT & PT Police Officers; Aledo Monthly Memo subscription; Small Business Spotlight – Aledo Family Dentistry (Dr. Crystal Simpson) – Dental care to Aledo for over 20 years; Do you own a business in Aledo? – soliciting businesses to submit info to be featured in our monthly "small business spotlight" promotions; & City Hall closed for MLK, Jr. Day.

CITY CLERK reported the open enrollment period for the Water & Sewer Lateral Repair Program expired at the end of 2022. A total of 86 residents signed up during the open enrollment period. The new enrollments will be required to stay on the program for a minimum of two years.

CITY CLERK reported Aledo Main Street has applied for a \$50,000 T-Mobile Hometown Grant that was due by December 31st. The grant is to support the downtown wireless speaker system that the City is hoping to place in the downtown area for additional economic development. A preliminary estimate was submitted by the MCHS Audio Visual Class by a company of the name Technomad Audio in the amount of \$84,050.65.

Mayor's Report: MAYOR PRO-TEM Chausse provided the Liquor Commissioner's Report dated January 1, 2023. Class 'A' License (Club) has two licensed establishments; Class 'B' License (Package) has two licensed establishments; Class 'C' (Tavern) has five licensed establishments; Class 'D' (Restaurant) has three licensed establishments; and Class 'E' (Banquet) has one licensed establishment.

Committee Report: No Report.



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An Ordinance & Police Committee meeting to be scheduled for Monday, January 9th, 2023 at 6:00 o'clock p.m. in the City Council Chambers. The Committee to discuss amendments to the liquor ordinance within the City Code and to also discuss an ordinance declaring surplus city property.

REGULAR COUNCIL SESSION

Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag,

BID OPENING: REQUEST TO SELL PROPERTY PURSUANT TO 65 ILCS 5/11-76-2:

The City of Aledo, Illinois proposes to sell approximately 0.156 acres of real estate, commonly known as part of Lot 11 in McCoy's Addition to the Original Town, now City of Aledo, Illinois. The lot being sold is currently vacant. Said real estate is legally described as follows (the "Subject Property"):

Being a part of that certain parcel of land as described in that Deed recorded as Document 392918, said parcel being Lot 11 in McCoy's Addition to the original town, now City of Aledo, excepting the North 149 feet, also excepting the West 25.04 feet thereof, situated in the County of Mercer, State of Illinois, being further described as follows:

Commencing at the Northwest Corner of said Lot 11; thence S00°54'15"W, along the East Line of said Lot 11, a distance of 149.00 feet; thence S87°24'32"E, a distance of 25.04 feet to the Northwest Corner of that Certain Parcel of land as described in that Deed recorded as Document 392918 and being the Point of Beginning for the land herein intended to be described; thence S87°24'32"E, along the North Line of that Certain Parcel, a distance of 271.96 feet to the Northeast Corner of that Certain Parcel; thence S00°54'15"W, along the East Line of that Certain Parcel, a distance of 25.01 feet to a line parallel to and 25.00 feet South of the North Line of that Certain Parcel; thence N87°24'32"W, along said parallel line, a distance of 271.96 feet to the West Line of that Certain Parcel; thence N00°55'42"E along the West Line of that Certain Parcel, a distance of 25.01 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Parcel No: part of 10-10-17-100-029

Site Address: 706 NW 5th Ave., Aledo, IL 61231

MAYOR PRO-TEM Chausse called for the bid opening for the sale of certain real property owned by the City of Aledo. CITY CLERK Dale reported one bid was received and read aloud the sole bid submitted by Derwood Ruggles in the amount of \$25.00.

CITY COUNCIL referred the proposal by Derwood Ruggles to the Public Property, Streets & Sidewalks Committee for further review.



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CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by ALDERMAN SARABASA and seconded by ALDERMAN KOPP to approve the following consent agenda items:

- Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 19, 2022.
- Approval of Finance Invoice Listing – AP24EOY.

A Roll Call vote was recorded as follows:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: No Report.

ACTION ITEMS:

ORDINANCE NO. 01, SERIES OF 2023; REDUCING THE NUMBER OF CLASS “B” LIQUOR LICENSES AND CLASS “D” LIQUOR LICENSES WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF ALEDO: (FIRST READING)

The City of Aledo has determined that a reduction of available Class B (Retail) and Class D (Restaurant) Liquor Licenses is in the best interests of the residents of the City.

Article 1. That Section 3-2-8-B of the City Code shall be amended as follows: That the total number of Class B liquor licenses issued by the City shall not exceed a total of two (2).

Article 2. That Section 3-2-8-D of the City Code shall be amended as follows: That the total number of Class D liquor licenses issued by the City shall not exceed a total of three (3).

The second reading to be held on Tuesday, January 17, 2023 at 6:30 o'clock pm in the City Council Chambers.

OLD BUSINESS: No Report.

NEW BUSINESS: No Report.



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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 6:34 P.M.

Jarod M. Dale, City Clerk

Minutes approved by Council action January 17, 2023.

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