



Minutes of the Regular City Council Session – February 21, 2023

The City Council of the City of Aledo met in Regular Session in the Council Chambers at the Aledo City Hall building on February 21, 2023. MAYOR HAGLOCH 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, JAY DOHERTY, JIM HOLMES, CHRIS KOPP and LINDA SARABASA. Mayor CHRISTOPHER HAGLOCH.

Also present was JUSTIN BLASER, Director of Public Works & Utilities, and JAROD DALE, City Clerk.

The media was represented by Jim Taylor, WRMJ.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Public Comment: No Report.

Communication & Correspondence: Aledo Main Street submitted a report highlighting activities at AMS. A Community Connection meeting was held on 2/21 at noon. Lindsey Dunn attending the 37th Annual Rural Community and Economic Development conference in Springfield, IL on February 21st thru February 23rd. AMS is taking applications for the Aledo Business Service Grant for those businesses looking to obtain professional services, examples given include; legal to incorporate, accounting, and branding design. Since February, six business owners have been communicated with on this opportunity. The Lease Expense Assistance Program Grant (LEAP) is also available and for businesses that are just starting up or looking to relocate to a building storefront in Historic Downtown Aledo. A copy of the AMS 2022 Annual Report was also provided to the City Council as informational.

Requests & Petitions: No Report.

Public Works Activity Report:

- *Streets:* Daily checks, tasks, JULIE's, and work orders continue. Equipment servicing, salting and plowing, clean brush along the bank of heritage pond, cleaned catch basins.
- *Gas:* Daily checks, tasks, JULIE's, inspections and finals continue. Work orders, replace three gas meters, Tanner M. continue OQ tests, pre-construction meeting for Knox Alley sewer project, Tanner & Tanner attended a pipeline safety meeting in Macomb on 2/7.



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- *Water*: Daily checks, tasks, JULIE's and work orders continue. Ellie Lower passed her pesticide applicators license exams, jet sewers, one sewer inspection, work in #2 building, pre-construction meeting for the Knox Alley sewer project.
- *Cemetery*: Two (2) funerals occurred. Assist with snowplowing.
- *DPW*: Attended a National Electric Code training on 2/15, Knox Alley Sanitary Sewer Pre-Construction meeting on 2/12, Ameren meeting on 2/8. ProComm has installed the key fabs at the PW Building, HDR has started preliminary design work for the Community Improvements Project. Survey and soil borings are being done this week. We are currently gathering utility maps for submittal. Other work consists of building code update work & tree city USA application.

Aledo Police Department Activity Report: No Report.

Administrative Report: CITY CLERK Dale reported the Mayor, DPW, and City Clerk met with representatives of Ameren Illinois on February 8th. We met to discuss various items related to the downtown project in central park area and the downtown café lighting. Also, staff discussed the potential development at sponsler's subdivision project with cost estimates to be provided to City regarding power installation.

CITY CLERK reported the final touches are now being made to the Aledo Aquatic Center Capital Campaign prospectus text and this has gone into design phase with Haven Creative. Once finalized, the item will be provided to the City Council. The text will involve "About the Aquatic Center"; the "Vision & Amenities"; provide an overview of the project costs and economic impact, as well as the financial impact on residents. A committee is being formed by the Mayor and others to go out and solicit funds to make the project a reality. The Capital Campaign Committee will utilize the prospectus to show individual donors what the project is about.

The City is competing for a \$600,000 public grant with a match in private donations secured. Notification of the OSLAD grant is anticipated by the end of February. If secured, the project is estimated at \$1.31 million to add a spray ground and associated features at the former Farmer's Grain & Coal site.

CITY CLERK reported Mark Nelson, Nelson Valuations, Inc. of Davenport, IA conducted onsite visits on February 7th at the old RMA site and the property along SW 3rd Street currently owned by the City. The appraisals for 706 NW 5th Avenue (opinion of value \$12,000) and 709-713 SW 3rd Street (opinion of value \$10,000) were received last week. These two items can be forwarded to the Property Committee for further review and discussion.



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Mayor’s Report: The Spring / Summer news bulletin to be formalized in March and delivered to residents in April this year. Suggestions were heard to also add the current status of SXS stickers for County notifying the public that those applications are not being received by County for permitting at this time. Neighborhood vehicle permits are still required for Aledo streets. MAYOR Hagloch to schedule meetings with the aldermen related to the Sponsler subdivision development project once materials are received from DPW Blaser.

Committee Report: No Report.

REGULAR COUNCIL SESSION

Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag,

CONSENT AGENDA

ALD. Chausse requested Item D: Approval of the Resignation of Steven McGuire as a part-time Aledo Police Officer effective February 28, 2023 be removed from the consent agenda.

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

- Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 06, 2023.
- Approval of Finance Invoice Listing – AP03.
- Approval of Ordinance No. 08, Series of 2023; Amending the Municipal Budget for the City of Aledo Fiscal Year 2023. (Second Reading)

A Roll Call vote was recorded as follows:

YES: Bertrand, Chausse, Cooper, Dixon, Doherty, Holmes, Kopp, and Sarabasa. NO: None. Motion carried. 8 yeas, 0 nays.

Motion was made by ALDERMAN CHAUSSE and seconded by ALDERMAN DOHERTY to approve the Resignation with Regret of Steven McGuire as a part-time Aledo Police Officer effective February 28, 2023. A Roll Call vote was recorded as follows:

YES: Chausse, Cooper, Dixon, Doherty, Holmes, Kopp, Sarabasa, and Bertrand. NO: None. Motion carried. 8 yeas, 0 nays.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No Report.



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ACTION ITEMS:

ORDINANCE NO. 09, SERIES OF 2023; APPROVING AMENDING GROUND LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ALEDO AND SKINNER LANDSCAPING, INC.: (FIRST READING)

On March 7, 2022, the Aledo City Council adopted Ordinance No. 06, Series of 2022; Approving a Lease Agreement between the City of Aledo and Skinner Landscaping, Inc. for the vacant lots:

Lots Eleven (11), Twelve (12), and Thirteen (13), and the undeveloped SE 8th Street right-of-way lying east of the east right-of-way line of SE 22nd Avenue all in Progress Park Second Addition to the City of Aledo, situated in County of Mercer and State of Illinois

These properties are located adjacent to the Skinner Landscaping property purchased and developed in Progress Park. The term of the agreement was for a period of five years.

Last fall, a real estate purchase agreement was executed on October 25, 2022 selling Lot 11 in Progress Park Second Addition (Property ID No: 10-10-21-204-021, approximately 6.32 acres) to Skinner Landscaping, Inc.

A new ground lease agreement will need to be executed to clean-up the current agreement with only Lot 12 and Lot 13 in in the new lease. The remainder of the terms have not changed minus the term being four (4) years now. The annual rent shall remain \$1,000.00 as the prior agreement and is agreeable to by Skinner Landscaping, Inc.

A second reading to be held on Monday, March 6th, 2023 at 6:30 o'clock p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

OLD BUSINESS: ALD. Doherty inquired on the status of the Aledo Park District's interest in a potential site to allow for a "Bark Park" in Aledo. The individuals looking to raise funds to support a park will need dimensions of a site before they can retrieve estimates.

MAYOR Hagloch reported the Park District Board Commissioners have inquired who would carry the liability for the park. ALD. Doherty reported it was his understanding in Galesburg, IL the liability is on the dog owners. Galesburg was suggested to be a resource for how that may have been set-up.



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City Staff to inquire with legal on who could hold the liability of a park and if the dog owners could be responsible and ALD. Doherty to review area suggested by the Park District on the north-side of the parking lot area at Northside Ball Diamonds.

ALD. Bertrand inquired if an arrow was going to be placed on the new Industrial Park signage. MAYOR reported no determination has been made to date but is waiting on additional responses or complaints related to not having arrows on the new signage.

ALD. Sarabasa inquired on the status of the review by the attorney regarding the liquor ordinance requirement that a license holder must be a resident of Aledo. CITY CLERK Dale reported individual liquor licensees must be residents of the City of Aledo. This would apply to licenses issued to individuals or sole proprietors.

However, liquor licenses can be issued to LLCs or Corporations without regard to the residency of the owners, officers, partners, or members of the LLC or Corporation. These individuals do not need to reside in the city limits.

If the business operations of the LLC or Corporation are conducted primarily by an on-site manager who is not an owner, officer, member, or partner of the LLC or Corporation, the question is whether the manager who conducts day-to-day operations of the LLC or Corporation would need to be a resident of the City. The answer is no, as long as the liquor license is in the name of the LLC or Corporation. As long as the liquor licenses are in the name of the Corporations/LLCs, the individuals that are serving as managers need not be residents.

NEW BUSINESS: No Report.

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

Jarod M. Dale, City Clerk

Minutes approved by Council action March 06, 2023.

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