



## Minutes of the Regular City Council Session – March 06, 2023

The City Council of the City of Aledo met in Regular Session in the Council Chambers at the Aledo City Hall building on March 06, 2023. MAYOR HAGLOCH called the meeting to order at 6:34 P.M. The roll was called, whereupon the following answered present:

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

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

The media was represented by John Hoscheidt, WRMJ.

### **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

**Public Comment:** No Report.

**Communication & Correspondence:** No Report.

### **Requests & Petitions:**

City Sponsorship – Rita Williams, Mercer County Agricultural Society – Mercer County Fair appeared before the Committee of the Whole to request sponsorship in the amount of \$2,000 plus the payment of the utility bill for July, 2023. Rita also updated the City Council reporting a private donor to supply the funding for a new exhibition hall with the plans for the Fair Board to utilize the dollars originally set aside to demolish Floral Hall to now refurbish Floral Hall. The new exhibition hall is to be completed before this year's upcoming fair in July.

City Sponsorship – Chris Whitenack, Mercer County Athletic Boosters – Bear Country Wrestling Tournament submitted a request to the City Council. While not present, Mr. Whitenack submitted a formal written request in the amount of \$1,500 to help cover the purchase of event trophies. The wrestling tournament to be held on March 18, 2023.

**Public Works Activity Report:** No Report.

**Aledo Police Department Activity Report:** LT. Seefeld reported an advertisement for Police Officer candidates has been ordered for the Rock Island Argus / QC Times and online, along with indeed.com. To date, five applications have been received.



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A date for testing will need to be formalized with each candidate being sent a letter notifying each applicant of the testing date. A physical agility test, written test, and formal interviews to be conducted. A psychological test along with a drug screen to also be conducted before a formal offer could be issued.

LT reported former chief of police Thomas Nelson passed on February 28. Services were held on Saturday, March 4 at Speer Funeral Home. Aledo Police Officers attended the services as a department with a police escort to the New Boston Cemetery following. Former Chief Nelson dedicated 27 years of service to the Aledo Police Department and retiring in 2005.

**Administrative Report:** CITY CLERK Dale provided monthly reports regarding utility billing and payroll for February, 2023.

CITY CLERK requested a Public Property, Streets & Sidewalks Committee and a Personnel Committee be scheduled to review two appraisals for potential sale of property and to also review a retirement incentive program. Also, the MAYOR requested a Special Projects committee be set in later March as well.

CITY CLERK reported Aledo received notification of the award approval by the State of Illinois Department of Natural Resources OSLAD Grant program. The announcement was made by Governor Pritzker on March 1 with Aledo receiving the total requested amount of \$600,000 for a \$1.3M project at the Aledo Aquatics Center. This project will include a splash pad and pool house with concessions and ADA bathroom facilities. The Aquatics Campaign prospectus to be formalized in March and a community informational meeting to be held in spring, 2023.

CITY CLERK reported the City launched the capital campaign for the Aledo Fireworks display to be held on July 4. Donations have begun to be received with a goal to raise \$10K for this year's display. The City of Aledo has budgeted an amount of \$15K.

**Mayor's Report:** MAYOR Hagloch reported the announcement last week of the OSLAD Grant approval for the Aledo Aquatics Center noting the news as additional excitement for the City with the progress being made in the downtown business district.

MAYOR Hagloch and DPW Blaser met with State Representative Norine Hammond on March 6. Some of the biggest topics were related to road repairs needed along Route 17 and 94 in Aledo.

**Committee Report:** No Report.



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**REGULAR COUNCIL SESSION**

Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag,

**CONSENT AGENDA**

ALD. Chausse requested Item E: Approval of City Sponsorship – Bear Country Wrestling Tournament in the amount of \$1,500.00 be removed from the Consent Agenda. MAYOR Hagloch noted Item E to be removed from the Consent Agenda and voted upon separately.

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

- Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 21, 2023.
- Approval of Finance Invoice Listing – AP04.
- Approval of Ordinance No. 09, Series of 2023; Approving and Amending Ground Lease Agreement between the City of Aledo and Skinner Landscaping, Inc. (Second Reading)
- Approval of City Sponsorship – Mercer County Agricultural Society in the amount of \$2,000 plus July utilities.

A Roll Call vote was recorded as follows:

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

Motion was made by ALDERMAN COOPER and seconded by ALDERMAN HOLMES to approve City Sponsorship – Bear Country Wrestling Tournament in the amount of \$1,500. A Roll Call vote was recorded as follows:

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** No Report.



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**ACTION ITEMS:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 10, SERIES OF 2023; APPROVING OFFICIAL ZONING MAP FOR 2023: (FIRST READING)**

In accordance with State Statutes, (Section 11-13-19 of the Illinois Municipal Code), the City is annually required to publish the Official Zoning Map depicting zoning map amendments approved during the prior year. The 2023 Official Zoning Map – City of Aledo, Illinois was prepared by the Western Illinois University GIS Center.

One (1) annexation & Special Use Permit were completed in 2022:

- Ord. No. 17, Series of 2022; Annexation of Property owned by First Baptist Church of Aledo, Illinois.
- Ord. No. 25, Series of 2022; Approving a Special Use Permit for Certain Real Property located at 309 NW 2nd Street in the City of Aledo, Mercer County, Illinois. (Not-for-profit Organization)

A second reading to be held on Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 6:30 o'clock p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

**RESOLUTION NO. 06R, SERIES OF 2023; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ALEDO, ILLINOIS IN SUPPORT OF TAX INCREMENT FINANCING:**

The Illinois Municipal League (IML) promotes and defends the importance of Tax Increment Financing (TIF) as an economic development tool for municipalities. IML aggressively defends the current TIF statute and oppose any efforts to weaken or diminish municipal authority in administering TIF programs. Since the start of the 103rd General Assembly in January, 14 bills have been introduced that involve some type of proposed TIF reform.

ML has requested municipalities consider adopting a general resolution in support of TIF of which IML has compiled more than 100 of those adopted TIF resolutions.

Motion was made by ALDERMAN DIXON and seconded by ALDERMAN CHAUSSE to approve Resolution No. 06R, Series of 2023; A Resolution of the City of Aledo, Illinois in Support of Tax Increment Financing urging the Illinois General Assembly and Governor to protect TIF in its current form. A Roll Call vote was recorded as follows:

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



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**RESOLUTION NO. 07R, SERIES OF 2023; APPROVING A PROPOSAL FOR INSTALLATION OF OUTDOOR AUDIO SYSTEM IN DOWNTOWN ALEDO:**

The Mercer County High School audio visual class presented a proposal to the City Council of the City of Aledo in 2022 that provided for the installation of an audio system in downtown Aledo. The City Council for the City of Aledo has now received a quote for the Project from AirNetix for a total cost of \$19,415.00 (Phase I – College Avenue). The City has also received a pledge from a resident in the amount of \$15,000 to be applied toward the project.

This will include 8 speakers, the transmitter, antenna, and mobile master. Total project is currently estimated at \$52,625.00. Phase II (Main Street) to be budgeted in F/Y 2024 and Phase III (Central Park parking lot area) to be completed during the Aledo Improvement project along with the RDMS Grant funding.

Motion was made by ALDERMAN SARABASA and seconded by ALDERMAN KOPP to approve a Resolution No. 07R, Series of 2023; Approving a Proposal for Installation of Outdoor Audio System in Downtown Aledo by AirNetix in the amount of \$19,415. A Roll Call vote was recorded as follows:

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

**OLD BUSINESS:** ALD. Chausse requested an updated regarding a potential neighborhood vehicle trail to the east-end business district of Aledo. MAYOR Hagloch reported he will need to reach back out to the third party to discuss if a trail would be an issue on their property. The item to also be listed on the Public Property, Streets & Sidewalks Committee Agenda established for Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM.

**NEW BUSINESS:** No Report.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, motion was made by ALDERMAN KOPP and seconded by ALDERMAN SARABASA that the meeting be adjourned. A Unanimous voice vote followed in agreement. Meeting was adjourned at 6:48 P.M.

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Jarod M. Dale, City Clerk

Minutes approved by Council action March 20, 2023.

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