



Minutes of the Regular City Council Session – March 21, 2022

The City Council of the City of Aledo met in Regular Session in the Council Chambers at the Aledo City Hall building on March 21, 2022. MAYOR PRO-TEM CHAUSSE called the meeting to order at 6:31 P.M. The roll was called, whereupon the following answered present:

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

Also present was 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:

Kimberly Harrison, new executive director of Mercer County Family Crisis Center, appeared before the Committee of the Whole to request city sponsorship in the amount of \$5,000.00. Donations to go towards MCFCC programs and families.

Request by Marco Dunham for approval of an easement agreement for property located at 208 N College Avenue. Dunham to purchase the property in April and has requested the easement for the carport, that encroaches on the right-of-way, be extended from the current property owner to Dunham. The requestor to also submit a building permit regarding an 8' x 10' utility shed on the back-side of the residence. It was also requested the requestor to be allowed to place gravel for additional parking on the west-side of the carport.

The additional request related to gravel to be reviewed by the Director of Public Works and reported back to the City Council on 4/4.

Public Works Activity Report:

- *Streets:* Daily checks, tasks, JULIES, and work orders continue. Plowed and salted on 3/7 and 3/10; filled salt bin; cleaned catch basins; swept streets; filled potholes.



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- *Gas:* JULIE's; Weld tests; locate for NE 6th Ave Sanitary Project; one-meter change; continue mapping work; Tanner Heath attended a USDI training in Olney, Il. 3/7-3/9.
- *Water:* JULIE's; at the previous council meeting it was mentioned about vacuuming valve boxes and over time debris infiltrates the boxes and prevents staff from being able to get a wrench over the valve. Over the past months, Jake and CJ digitally mapped and performed an inventory of all 438 valves boxes in the water system. They would note any of them that needed cleaned. They found 132 of them and had them cleaned in three days. Other work consisted of the NE 6th Ave Project; SE 3rd Ave repair; meeting with IRWA for new compliance and regulations for the upcoming year; work on copper and lead service reports.
- *Cemetery:* Daily tasks continue. Start clean-up of the cemetery grounds and clean up tree and limb debris.
- *DPW:* 2021 Building Code work continues. We have made it through the amendments for the residential code. We will be working on the electrical code in the coming weeks. Work continues at the PW Building. The new roof is going on and the tuckpointing is almost complete. The NE 6th St. Sanitary Sewer Project started last week. The soil condition is very poor in that area and slowing the project just a little. No other issues to date. We also experienced a sanitary sewer failure on SE 3rd Ave at 5th St. The plan is to dig and repair on 3/18. The damage to the Senior Center was submitted to insurance. I have an estimate for the repair, and will proceed once the claim is processed. The property on the 100 block of SW 3rd St is back into our code violation process. Daily fines are being issued until the property complies. I am gathering prices for work to be done at Central Park. We will need to replace all of the electrical boxes around the grounds and in the pavilion, trim and deadwood the oak trees, painting the inside of the bandshell, and repairing the outdoor grill.

Aledo Police Department Activity Report: No Report.

Administrative Report: No Report.

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: No Report.

Committee Report: No Report.

*A Public Property, Streets & Sidewalks and Ordinance & Police Committee meeting was scheduled on March 28th at 6:00 o'clock p.m.



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(*Clerks Note:* The Committee meeting was postponed to a later date after the CC meeting on 3/21.)

REGULAR COUNCIL SESSION

Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag,

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 March 07, 2022.
- Approval of Finance Invoice Listing – AP05.
- Approval of City Sponsorship to the Mercer County Family Crisis Center in the amount of \$5,000.00.

A Roll Call vote was recorded as follows:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: No Report.

ACTION ITEMS: No Report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion regarding Employee Salary Study: MAYOR PRO-TEM Chausse reported the City continues to work with Busche Human Resources to prepare a quote for the salary study.

ALD. Holmes inquired on the status of the fireworks donations. CITY CLERK Dale reported donations have been received and to provide a report at the following City Council meeting. ALD. Chausse suggested a graphic of a thermometer be created to place on the city website showing where the City is at during the capital campaign.



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The Mayor to assemble the special projects committee to begin review of new city holiday decorations. ALD. Bertrand offered to be apart of that special projects committee for the City.

NEW BUSINESS:

MAYOR PRO-TEM Chausse suggested the School District to meet with 353 Court, LLC and WJ Albertson to review alternatives for a new school district unit office location. CHIEF Sullivan to approach the School District of what their possibilities would be to use a downtown office building. It was noted the school board has currently tabled the item.

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 6:39 P.M.

Jarod Dale, City Clerk

Minutes approved by Council action March 21, 2022.

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