



Minutes of the Regular City Council Session – April 17, 2023

The City Council of the City of Aledo met in Regular Session in the Council Chambers at the Aledo City Hall building on April 17, 2023. MAYOR HAGLOCH called the meeting to order at 6:40 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 NICHOLAS SEEFELD, Lieutenant, JUSTIN BLASER, Director of Public Works & Utilities, and JAROD DALE, City Clerk.

The media was represented by Ty Taylor, WRMJ.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Public Comment: No Report.

Swearing-In Ceremony: CITY CLERK Dale administered the oath of office for newly appointed Aledo Police Officer Christian J. Williams.

Communication & Correspondence: Lindsey Dunn, Executive Director, Aledo Main Street appeared before the Committee of the Whole to report on Tuesday, April 18 at 5:30 p.m. the Community Connection meeting will be held at Skinner Landscaping. AMS announced their new office location is anticipated to be ready to occupy in June. Minor updates are being completed by AMS staff and Cooper Floor Covering.

AMS working with Bi-State Regional Commission on a visual map / directory of the Aledo Downtown Historic District and business directory. Plans will be to include this item during the Rhubarb Festival and also have access to their website. Any items for rhubarb goody bags to be submitted to the AMS office by May 24.

Requests & Petitions: No Report.

Public Works Activity Report:

- *Streets:* Daily checks, tasks, JULIE's, and work orders continue. Clean-up debris from storm damage; clean-up and mow Central Park; vacuumed streets; adjust light timers for café and decorative lights.
- *Gas:* Daily checks, tasks, JULIE's and finals continue. Read meters on 4/3; replace water heater at Central Park pavilion and install water towers; continue installing 71 style meter heads; two leak investigations; assist Cemetery and Street Division with storm clean-up.



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- *Water:* Daily checks, tasks, JULIE's and work orders continue. Sewer inspections; sewer locates; turn water on at Central Park; work on leak report; install water meter at the Fenton pool; assist the Cemetery Division with tree clean-up from storm.
- *Cemetery:* Three (3) funerals occurred. Removed two downed trees from storm.
- *DPW:* PMC updates: 104 SW 3rd St - White/Sierer; Mr. White has been ordered to remove items from the property by April 16, otherwise Mr. Sierer may begin removal. If the property is not cleaned by April 16, the City will send a 10-day notice to Mr. Sierer to complete the removal and file a motion in civil court. 305 SE 3rd Ave – Property owner has begun removal of items outside, and demolition of the home. The code hearing officer granted a 30-day extension, and will track progress throughout this month. 511 NE 3rd Ave – Property owner completed a little clean up, and it is in the process of being sold. The code hearing officer granted a 60-day extension for a closing date and the new owner to complete cleanup and repair of the property.

Aledo Police Department Activity Report: LT. Seefeld reported Christian Williams has completed his pre-employment screening with the POWER test also completed in Belleville, IL. Academy to begin on May 2.

LT conducted an interview with retired police officer Jay Dunn. Mr. Dunn has 24 years of experience in patrol and conducting sexual assault investigations. Mr. Dunn is interested in a part-time police officer position with the Aledo Police Department.

On April 10, Officer Clifford Adam returned to duty without restrictions.

LT reported Officer Nathan Davis submitted his resignation effective April 30. Davis has accepted a position with the Monmouth Police Department.

Squad 11 is out of service for repairs at Brad's Collision. Repairs to the Tahoe were larger than originally quoted by the repair service in an amount over \$2,000.00. CITY CLERK Dale to review the item with IMLRMA and to potentially submit a claim.

Administrative Report: No Report.

City Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Reports has been marked exhibit "B", attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

Mayor's Report: MAYOR read a proclamation highlighting April 28, 2023 as Arbor Day in the City of Aledo, Illinois urging all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands.



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Committee Report: ALD. Cooper reported a Public Property, Streets & Sidewalks Committee was held on Monday, April 10 in the City Council Chambers. The Committee received a status update regarding a potential neighborhood vehicle pathway to the east-end business district of Aledo. Also, the Committee made a recommendation to approve the sole bid submitted by Brandt Construction, Co. for the NE 2nd Avenue sidewalk and parking area reconstruction project.

REGULAR COUNCIL SESSION

Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag,

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 03, 2023.
- Approval of Finance Invoice Listing – AP07.
- Approval of Ordinance No. 11, Series of 2023; Approving the Sale of Property. (Second Reading)
- Approval of Christian J. Williams as a Police Officer with the Aledo Police Department effective April 11, 2023.

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.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No Report.

ACTION ITEMS:

RESOLUTION NO. 10R, SERIES OF 2023; APPROVING BID AND AWARDED CONTRACT TO BRANDT CONSTRUCTION, CO. FOR THE NE 2ND AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS – SIDEWALK AND PARKING AREA RECONSTRUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$268,470.15:

DPW Blaser reported within the F/Y 2023 CIP Budget, the City Council placed a budget for the NE 2nd Avenue Sidewalk Construction Project in the amount of \$200,000.00. The project was advertised with a March 28 bid opening. One proposal was received from



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Brandt Construction Co. in the amount of \$268,470.15. This is approximately 35% above the engineers estimate of \$199,137.00. On April 4, 2023, the Public Property, Streets & Sidewalk Committee met and further recommended the proposal be presented to the City Council for approval.

Motion was made by ALDERMAN BERTRAND and seconded by ALDERMAN CHAUSSE to approve Resolution No. 10R, Series of 2023; Approving Bid and Awarding Contract to Brandt Construction, Co. for the NE 2nd Avenue Improvements – Sidewalk and Parking Area Reconstruction Project to Brandt Construction, Co in the amount of \$268,470.15. A Roll Call vote was recorded as follows:

YES: Chausse, Cooper, Holmes, Kopp, Sarabasa, and Bertrand. NO: Dixon. PRESENT: Doherty. Motion carried. 6 yeas, 1 nay, 1 present.

OLD BUSINESS: ALD. Chausse requested a status update related to the neighborhood vehicle pathway on the east-end business district. MAYOR Hagloch reported the Advanced Rehab property has requested an amount of \$10,000.00 plus costs. MAYOR also noted he is waiting for a response back from Rex Johnson of Green Development Group.

ALD. Sarabasa requested a status update related to a retirement incentive program. After quick review, City Staff to invite ALD. Chausse in to meet with the Finance Director and other staff on April 20th at 3:00 o'clock p.m.

ALD. Sarabasa inquired on the application status by Rock island Economic Growth Corp related to Northside Lofts development. MAYOR reported RIEGC anticipates hearing back from IHDA in mid-May, 2023.

ALD. Doherty reported he has received complaints for property located at 409 NW 2nd Avenue. Complaints regarding derby car vehicles in the front yard and other high volumes of vehicles parked on site. LT. Seefeld reported he has spoken with the property owner and noted when a complaint is called in, the complainant does not want to sign the complaint.

NEW BUSINESS: ALD. Bertrand reported she would like to see the stone pillars in Central Park pressure washed before Rhubarb Festival. It was also noted to have the Pavilion pressure washed at the same time.



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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 7:04 P.M.

Jarod M. Dale, City Clerk

Minutes approved by Council action May 01, 2023.

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