



## Minutes of the Regular City Council Session – April 18, 2022

The City Council of the City of Aledo met in Regular Session in the Council Chambers at the Aledo City Hall building on April 18, 2022. MAYOR HAGLOCH called the meeting to order at 6:32 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 LINDA SARABASA. Mayor CHRISTOPHER HAGLOCH. CHRIS KOPP was excused.

Also present was CHRISTOPHER SULLIVAN, City Administrator / Chief of Police; 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:** No Report.

**Requests & Petitions:** No Report.

### **Public Works Activity Report:**

- *Streets:* Daily checks, tasks, JULIES, and work orders continue. Started manhole replacements at various locations; began clean-up of parks; and road shoulder work.
- *Gas:* JULIE's; read meters; replace 1 meter; install new radio-read heads; set-up new iPads for all divisions; deliver shut-off notices; and attended CEU class for plumbing license.
- *Water:* JULIE's; flowmeter for WWTP was installed; continue lead and copper survey; started cross-connection survey; and supervised NE 6<sup>th</sup> Ave sewer project.
- *Cemetery:* 1 funeral occurred. Daily tasks continue. Clean-up of cemetery grounds and clean-up tree and limb debris; and 1 new mower was delivered.
- *DPW:* 2021 Building Code work continues. We have made it through the amendments for the electrical code. We will be working on the IBC and pool code in the coming weeks. Work continues at the PW Building. The tuckpointing is close to complete, the windows and EIFS system will start next week. The NE 6th St. Sanitary Sewer Project continues. The main install is complete, laterals are next. Hope to be completed in two weeks.

**Aledo Police Department Activity Report:** CHIEF Sullivan reported the physical agility test, which was the final step in the police officer hiring process, was held on Saturday,



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April 2, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. at the YMCA. There were several applicants, but only 1 candidate successfully completed the entire process. The candidate was interviewed by the Department's supervisors following the testing. He was also introduced to the Chairman of the Ordinance and Police Committee.

The successful candidate, Marcus Harris, was given a tentative offer of employment, contingent upon the results of his medical examination, a drug screen, and a psychological evaluation. He completed all three-last week. Harris completed the application process for the Southwestern Illinois College Police Academy. On Tuesday morning, he passed the Illinois Power Test and is now eligible to attend the academy. Harris will take his oath of office at this meeting, and approval of his appointment to the position of police officer is an action item on the agenda.

Officer Dallas Wakeland graduates from the Southwestern Illinois College Police Academy this Friday, April 22nd. He will begin his field training with this Department on Monday, April 25th.

Officer Phil Pieper has completed field training. He will be working shifts and assigned to patrol duties on his own in the immediate future. Pieper is a part-time officer for Aledo and is retired from a full-time officer position with the City of Galesburg, Illinois.

The Department is still working toward compliance with the expungement requirements for all reports related to cannabis enforcement. State statutes enacted at the time cannabis restrictions under state law were lifted require all law enforcement records related to cannabis enforcement and charges to be destroyed. The Department has reviewed every report, one at a time, and identified all of the reports related to cannabis in all of the active and historical files maintained by the Department. This included the individual review of tens of thousands of police reports. The Department is beginning the process of working with City Attorney Mark Walton's office to determine which of those reports must be destroyed, and separate out the ones that may need to be redacted in part and maintained in part.

**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:** MAYOR Hagloch reported a public hearing is to be held on Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 o'clock pm in the City Council Chambers. The purpose of the hearing is to receive feedback regarding the Aledo Downtown-2022 Tax Increment Financing District. The Mayor did attend the Mercer County School District meeting the week prior and the school board did have on their agenda a TIF discussion regarding the new district.



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Mayor was there to answer any questions the board may have. MAYOR has spoken with Tim Brown and plans are to begin crushing the concrete at the former farmers grain & coal site soon. Parts of the machinery to grind the concrete needs to be assembled. The machinery to be assembled the depot parking lot area with permission received by the current property owner.

**Committee Report:** No Report.

### **REGULAR COUNCIL SESSION**

Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag,

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 04, 2022.
- Approval of Finance Invoice Listing – AP07.
- Approval of the Hiring of Marcus Harris as a Police Officer in the Aledo Police Department.

A Roll Call vote was recorded as follows:

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** No Report.

**ACTION ITEMS:** No Report.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Discussion regarding Employee Salary Study:** ADMINISTRATOR/CHIEF Sullivan reported Busche Human Resources will most likely be unable to assist the City regarding a salary study. CHIEF to make a final determination with Busche once the final info is received. CHIEF to research other opportunities to achieve a salary study.

ADMINISTRATOR/CHIEF Sullivan the CITY COUNCIL has discussed in past the Main Street Extension with engineering estimates received in prior years. CHIEF reported City Staff is looking to go forward with the engineering and obtain a cost estimate with payment



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for the engineering utilizing ARPA funds. CITY COUNCIL suggested considering SE 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue (Swimming Pool road) and NE 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue (Hospital road). An engineering quote to be received and brought back to the City Council for further discussion at a later date.

ALD. Holmes inquired on the current status of the Industrial Park signage. MAYOR Hagloch reported he had preliminarily received permission from 1<sup>st</sup> Community Bank to utilize the corner of their property with an easement drafted. After review by the bank, it was requested a license agreement be signed instead of an easement agreement. MAYOR reported he later received a call from the local bank representative that it was decided 1<sup>st</sup> Community Bank did not want a sign placed on their property and permission was not granted.

MAYOR has spoken with Leo Henderson to place signage on his property, which lies directly east of the 1<sup>st</sup> Community Bank property. The title company to provide a title search and the Mayor to give a draft agreement to Leo Henderson for review.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

DPW Blaser handed out an estimate to the Aledo City Council to purchase a VeriSight Pro+ 200' Push Camera in the amount of \$10,800.00. The prior camera was purchased in 2013. A consensus was requested by DPW to purchase a new camera for the Water/Sewer Division to complete sewer inspections. CITY COUNCIL provided a consensus to order the equipment with final approval of the purchase to be on the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, motion was made by ALDERMAN CHAUSSE and seconded by ALDERMAN DIXON that the meeting be adjourned. A Unanimous voice vote followed in agreement. Meeting was adjourned at 6:53 P.M.

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Jarod Dale, City Clerk

Minutes approved by Council action May 02, 2022.

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