



Minutes of the Regular City Council Session – May 15, 2023

The City Council of the City of Aledo met in Regular Session in the Council Chambers at the Aledo City Hall building on May 15, 2023. MAYOR HAGLOCH called the meeting to order at 6:42 P.M. The roll was called, whereupon the following answered present:

Aldermen MICHAEL CHAUSSE, BARRY COOPER, DENNIS DIXON, JAY DOHERTY, MARK FREISE, LINDA SARABASA, and ANDREW WEEKS. Mayor CHRISTOPHER HAGLOCH.

Also present was JUSTIN BLASER, Director of Public Works & Utilities, LINDSEY DUNN, Aledo Main Street, and JAROD DALE, City Clerk.

The media was represented by John Hoscheidt, WRMJ.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Public Comment: Larry Boydston, appeared before the Committee of the Whole requesting City support in his sponsorship for an outdoor volleyball tournament in Central Park. Boydston is currently pulling a quote for liability insurance and he noted he would incur all costs. A tentative date was requested for August 12 but was confirmed by Rusty Ruggles that date would be a conflict with a prior scheduled City event.

Boydston also requested he be permitted to set-up a kiosk during the event promoting books written by Boydston & his sister supporting female athletics.

CITY COUNCIL noted they are not opposed to the idea but encouraged a different date be determined. Boydston noted he may look at summer, 2024.

Communication & Correspondence: MAYOR Hagloch reported a letter was submitted by Dr. Glenda Foy offering her commercial property to the City of Aledo for expansion of the Aledo Aquatics Center project. It was noted that there are two lots for her Chiropractic Arts Center located next to the project site.

A request was also submitted to consider a slower mileage per hour along the highway from Central Park to the intersection of Highway Route 17 & 94. A request from the City to the State would need to be completed, per Foy. Better lighting infrastructure was requested along the multi-use pathway to the east-end business district & to also consider posting for children crossing at the church and Bowlyou's Ice Cream along Route 17.

Aledo Main Street: Lindsey Dunn, Executive Director, appeared before the Committee of the Whole to report on the activities of AMS. Dunn reported a Community Connection meeting to be held on Tuesday, May 16 at 5:30 p.m. at Mercer County Senior Citizens Center.



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AMS goal to move into their new office space in June, 2023. AMS is also looking to have the space available during Rhubarb Festival as well.

Memorial Flower pots for sidewalk- All 20 have been accounted for and there has been such a positive response that AMS will be looking into offering this again in the future. Design committee will be planting these on May 16 and then the City will be putting them around Downtown Aledo before Memorial Day weekend.

AMS is partnering with Aledo Flower Shop to put on a floral design class. It's \$40/person and includes all the supplies needed. The flower shop will lead the class on designing the arrangement. It's going to be held at Dancer's Creek Barn on Thursday, May 25th starting at 5:30PM.

Farmers Market season will begin on Thursday, June 8th from 4-6PM and run thru Thursday, September 28th.

Cinema at Central Movie schedule has been released by AMS. Those dates are: June 9, July 21, and August 11.

Bandshell schedule postcards were created by AMS to showcase the many different events going on this summer.

Requests & Petitions:

Street Closure – Parade: Memorial Day Parade to be held Monday, May 29, 2023 at 10:45 a.m.

Street – Closure / Event / Race/Walk: Aledo Rhubarb Festival to be held Friday, June 2 and Saturday, June 3, 2023.

Public Works Activity Report:

- *Streets:* Daily checks, tasks, JULIE's, and work orders continue. Mowing continues; downtown flowers have been planted; weed spraying is complete at all Street Division properties.
- *Gas:* Daily checks, tasks, JULIE's and finals continue. Finished the annual leak survey & cathodic protection survey's; continue temp service in Knox Alley; read meters; Don plumbing CEU class on 5/5; continue replacing 71 style meter heads
- *Water:* Daily checks, tasks, JULIE's and work orders continue. HSP pipe repair at the WTP is completed; the Dollar General sewer lateral has been repaired; weed spraying is complete at all W/S properties.



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- *Cemetery*: Two (2) funerals occurred. headstone cleaning; dirt work; foundation repair.
- *DPW*: Attended the NE 2nd Ave preconstruction meeting; planted three trees for Arbor Day at the PW garage; met with Hutchison to review preliminary plan sheets for SE 2nd Avenue, the preliminary design for the SW/NW 9th Ave Multiuse path, and preliminary design of the Safe Routes to School sidewalk. Staff would like to schedule a Public Property, Street, & Sidewalk Committee meeting for Monday, May 22 to present all of these to the committee to present and discuss. A Public Meeting to be held on June 8, 2023 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Aledo Fire Station for the Safe Routes to School project. Two Zoning Board of Appeals cases were heard on May 11.

Aledo Police Department Activity Report: No Report.

Administrative Report: CITY CLERK Dale reported City Staff have been in discussions with Aaron Young ('Developer') recently with a TIF application submitted for a commercial property in Eagle Point Subdivision. Steve Kline, Economic Development Group, LTD, has been assisting the City in evaluating the project and what options the City may want to consider should it be decided to move forward. To schedule a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Committee meeting during the last-half of May.

City staff have scheduled an update to downtown branding photography in June. This project will take place during the weekend of Rhubarb Festival. Photography and drone will be completed by Bailey Albertson for the City. Intent of the project is listed below:

- 1) Drone footage of the streetscape on 3rd Street, Main Street and College Ave
- 2) Still photography of architecture in downtown Aledo
- 3) Still photography of Aledo Rhubarb Fest

The presentation of the FY 2022 audit will be conducted during a regularly scheduled City Council meeting in June. CITY CLERK anticipates the presentation will not be able to be completed until the June 19th meeting. Carpentier, Mitchell & Goddard and Cindy Parchert, Finance Director will be present to make that presentation to Council.

The Mayor and City Clerk have spoken with the ILACPs Executive Director, Kenny Winslow regarding their Linebacker Program. This program consists of retired chiefs or retired assistant/deputy chiefs (second in command) in good standing who are interested in serving as interim chiefs. We hope to receive a list of qualified, interested retired chiefs towards the beginning of next week from Mr. Winslow.

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



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Mayor’s Report: MAYOR Hagloch requested a Public Property, Streets & Sidewalks Committee and Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Committee meeting be scheduled.

After discussion, the CITY COUNCIL noted the TIF Committee meeting to be held on Thursday, May 25, 2023 at 6:00 o’clock p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

A Public Property, Streets & Sidewalks Committee meeting to be held on Thursday, May 25, 2023 at 6:15 o’clock p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

The City to display renderings during the Rhubarb Festival in the AMS tent in Central Park on June 2 and June 3. Staff anticipates having three or four renderings depicting the Community Improvements Project in Central Park for next year. CITY CLERK to provide the renderings once received from HDR to the CITY COUNCIL before public view. A survey to be provided at the booth and a QR code directing those interested in the survey to the Aledo website at <https://www.aledoil.gov/309/Community-Improvements-Plan>.

Committee Report: No Report.

REGULAR COUNCIL SESSION

Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag,

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 01, 2023.
- Approval of Finance Invoice Listing – AP09.
- Approval of Ordinance No. 13, Series of 2023; Authorizing Assignment of Leasehold Interest in City Property. (Second Reading)
- Approval of Street Closure / Parade event by the American Legion Post 121 to be held on May 29, 2023 at 10:45 a.m.
- Approval of Street Closure / Event / Race/Walk by the Aledo Rhubarb Festival to be held on Friday, June 02 and Saturday, June 03, 2023.

A Roll Call vote was recorded as follows:

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



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PUBLIC COMMENT: No Report.

ACTION ITEMS:

ORDINANCE NO. 14, SERIES OF 2023; DESIGNATING THE DEPOSITORIES INTO WHICH CITY FUNDS SHALL BE PLACED AND AUTHORIZING OFFICERS TO SIGN ON BEHALF OF THE CITY: (FIRST READING)

Motion was made by ALDERMAN CHAUSSE and seconded by ALDERMAN DOHERTY to waive the 2nd reading for Ordinance No. 14, Series of 2023; Designating the Depositories into which City funds shall be placed and authorizing officers to sign on behalf of the City. A Roll Call vote was recorded as follows:

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

Motion was made by ALDERMAN CHAUSSE and seconded by ALDERMAN DOHERTY to adopt Ordinance No. 14, Series of 2023; Designating the Depositories into which City funds shall be placed and authorizing officers to sign on behalf of the City. A Roll Call vote was recorded as follows:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 15, SERIES OF 2023; APPROVING A SETBACK VARIANCE FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1008 EAST MAIN STREET IN THE CITY OF ALEDO, MERCER COUNTY, ILLINOIS: (FIRST READING)

Jason Kellett and Kelley Kellett, as owners of the Property, have sought a front yard setback variance to permit construction of a thirty-four foot by twenty-six foot attached garage and an eight foot by twelve-foot attached porch to the residence, which will result in the structures being approximately ten feet closer to the street than permitted under applicable zoning regulations.

A hearing held on May 11, 2023, pursuant to a notice that was duly published on April 26, 2023, the Aledo Zoning Board of Appeals has unanimously recommended approval.

Motion was made by ALDERMAN CHAUSSE and seconded by ALDERMAN DIXON to waive the 2nd reading for Ordinance No. 15, Series of 2023; Approving a Setback Variance for Certain Real Property located at 1008 East Main Street in the City of Aledo, Mercer County, Illinois. A Roll Call vote was recorded as follows:



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

Motion was made by ALDERMAN CHAUSSE and seconded by ALDERMAN DIXON to adopt Ordinance No. 15, Series of 2023; Approving a Setback Variance for Certain Real Property located at 1008 East Main Street in the City of Aledo, Mercer County, Illinois as presented. A Roll Call vote was recorded as follows:

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

OLD BUSINESS: ALD. Doherty inquired when Christopher Sullivan’s next hearing is to be held. MAYOR Hagloch reported it was his understanding his next court date would be held on Wednesday, May 31. CITY COUNCIL asked for an Ordinance & Police Committee meeting to discuss and review the current status of the Aledo Police Department personnel and the current needs for the department. The Committee meeting was set for Monday, May 22, 2023 at 6:00 o’clock p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

ALD. Sarabasa inquired on the status of the RFP for the Real Estate Listing Services for the sale of property at: 706 NW 5th Avenue, Aledo, IL (10-10-17-100-029) (B-1 Commercial District Zoning) and 709-713 SW 3rd Avenue, Aledo, IL (10-10-17-354-005 & 10-10-17-354-010) (C Industrial District Zoning). CITY CLERK reported the request for proposals was issued in early May with a due date of June 5, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.

CITY CLERK reported the CITY COUNCIL will then need to evaluate and provide approval of the selection at a future City Council meeting.

ALD. Sarabasa requested a status update on the review of a potential Retirement Incentive Program. ALD. Chausse reported he met with City Staff and the Mayor to discuss how best to move forward with a future presentation. FINANCE DIRECTOR Parchert to evaluate those employees who have 20 years of service or more. It was also noted by the MAYOR during the meeting ALD. Chausse also suggested we consider percentage increases across the board as well.

ALD. Chausse noted he would privately update ALD. Sarabasa on the status after the meeting. CITY COUNCIL requested FINANCE DIRECTOR complete this project once the audit was completed in June.

NEW BUSINESS: No Report.



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ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, motion was made by ALDERMAN FRIESE and seconded by ALDERMAN SARABASA that the meeting be adjourned. A Unanimous voice vote followed in agreement. Meeting was adjourned at 6:57 P.M.

Jarod M. Dale, City Clerk

Minutes approved by Council action June 05, 2023.

Joy Coulter, Deputy Clerk