



Minutes of the Regular City Council Session – July 03, 2023

The City Council of the City of Aledo met in Regular Session in the Council Chambers at the Aledo City Hall building on July 03, 2023. MAYOR HAGLOCH called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. The roll was called, whereupon the following answered present:

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

Also present was TREVOR FISK, Interim 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 Public Comment

Communication & Correspondence: No Report.

Requests & Petitions: No Report.

Public Works Activity Report:

- *Streets:* Daily checks, tasks, JULIE's, and work orders continue. Cut new mulch rings around trees, paint electrical boxes, paint picnic tables, and pressure wash pavilion, sidewalks, bandshell, and stone columns at Central Park; re-stripe lines downtown; repair three storm sewer catch basins.
- *Gas:* Daily checks, tasks, JULIE's, inspections and finals continue. "Knox Alley" supervision; repair anodes; replace meters and make repairs as required from the leak survey report.
- *Water:* Daily checks, tasks, JULIE's and work orders continue. Cut brush at the south lagoon; lift station pump maintenance; started valve exercising program on all valves within the distribution system; install new pipeline markers along the WTP transmission line.
- *Cemetery:* (4) funerals occurred. Picked-up flowers, weed eat, and mowing.
- *DPW:* The sanitary sewer project in the "Knox Alley" is going well. We hope to have the sewer complete this week, and then start the gas main and service portion of work in the next two weeks. The Cheers sidewalk started 6/30. Performed an occupancy inspection at the new Tobola restaurant; met with the DNR to look at vegetation control at Sponslers Lake; Antique Days meeting; coordinate Central Park work.



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Aledo Police Department Activity Report: Interim Chief Trevor Fisk was sworn in on June 19, 2023. A waiver was filed with the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board on June 20, 2023. ILETSB approved the waiver and indicated he must successfully complete the Board's 4-hour abbreviated Mandatory Firearms Training and a Law for Police Course (online 100-hour course). He completed the Mandatory Firearms Training on July 01, 2021. He is registered and has started the online Law for Police course. Chief is allowed six months to complete this. Chief has also completed a LEADS Less than Full Access certification on June 26, 2023. The Chief's police certification status is now active and is considered manpower for the department.

Interim Chief Fisk and Patti Mitchell attended a Hazard Mitigation meeting at the Mercer County Health Department on June 21. This meeting covered information concerning an Assets Vulnerability Survey. The survey was completed and turned in later by Public Works Director Blaser.

The Department was contacted by Genesis Health Systems and requested to assist with security for the Senator Dick Durbin visit to the hospital on June 27, 2023. Senator Durbin was at Genesis – Aledo Campus to address rural health care shortages.

A progress report was received by the Southwestern Illinois College Police Academy for Recruit Officer Christian Williams. He has maintained a grade point average of 93.18 through seven exams. He has completed 8 weeks of training.

A staff meeting was held at the police department on July 03, 2023. Topics discussed were manpower, schedule, equipment, policies and expectations.

Administrative Report: CITY CLERK Dale provided information for utility billing and payroll for the month of June, 2023. Also, the quarterly reports related to sales tax revenue and building permits were also provided for the second quarter of 2023.

The Mayor and Finance Director have both reviewed the pool of applicants this past week on the position of City Administrator. Next steps will be to organize a series of interviews in July and create a series of questions for those interviews by the Finance Director.

Highlights for July social media will be: 4th of July Fireworks and Events; Monthly Memo; Farmer's Market; Julie; Daily Fair Events; Small Business Spotlight; Cinema @ Central; and Public Pool.

Bieri Properties, LLC to purchase the property from Alex McGehee with a tentative closing the end of July. This property is the villas at Heritage Woods Condominium tracts. The City of Aledo originally entered into an agreement with Mr. McGehee in August of 2016. Part of that Development Agreement was for Blackhawk Bank & McGehee to dedicate



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public right-of-way with a minimum width of 66' in order to facilitate the Aledo Multi-Purpose Pathway and future extension of SE 13th Avenue to the City of Aledo. This was never completed. Later in July, action will need to be taken by the City Council related to the approval of the deed(s) of dedication for the right-of-way.

City Clerk's office continues to wait on Aaron Young's legal team to review the proposed redevelopment agreement related to the development of Dollar Tree. As soon as Young's lawyer finishes their review process, any requested amendments to the redevelopment agreement would be forwarded back over to the City Clerk's office. Hope to have this accomplished by later July or early August.

Mayor's Report: MAYOR Hagloch reported the CITY CLERK has provided key talking points for the City Council to utilize during July 11 – 15. This will provide details of the overall Aledo Community Improvements project, key changes and messaging. The MAYOR noted a sign-up sheet is available for the Council to sign-up during fair week.

Committee Report: ALD. Cooper reported the Public Property, Streets & Sidewalks Committee met on June 26, 2023 in the City Council Chambers. The Committee reviewed the current status of the neighborhood vehicle pathway to the east-end business district. Also, the Committee reviewed the two proposals for realtors to sell city property. The Committee made a recommendation to approve the proposal submitted by Jen Miller.

REGULAR COUNCIL SESSION

Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag,

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 19, 2023.
- Approval of Finance: Invoice Listing – AP12.
- Approval of Resolution No. 13R, Series of 2023; Authorizing the Selling Process for City-owned Surplus Real Estate.

A Roll Call vote was recorded as follows:

YES: Chausse, Cooper, Doherty, Friese, Sarabasa, and Weeks. NO: None. Motion carried. 6 yeas, 0 nays.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No Report.



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ACTION ITEMS:

ORDINANCE NO. 18, SERIES OF 2023; APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING CITY USE OF TAX INCREMENT FINANCING FUNDS FOR THE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY: (SECOND READING)

City shall acquire the Subject Property for a purchase price not to exceed Two Hundred Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$215,000.00) and may reimburse itself for the cost of doing so from the real estate tax increment revenues generated by the TIF District as such revenues become available.

That certain real property located on NE 6th Avenue, NE 7th Avenue, NE 12th Street and NE 13th Street in Aledo, Illinois, which property is legally described as follows:

Legal Description: Lots 15 through 55, and Lot 58, all in Sponsler Manor Third Addition to the City of Aledo, in the Count of Mercer and State of Illinois.

Motion was made by ALD. CHAUSSE and seconded by ALD. FRIESE to adopt Ordinance No. 18, Series of 2023; Approving and Authorizing City Use of Tax Increment Financing Funds for the Acquisition of Real Property as presented. A Roll call vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS: Cooper, Doherty, Friese, Sarabasa, Weeks, and Chausse. NAYS: None. Motion carried. 6 yeas, 0 nays.

OLD BUSINESS: ALD. Chausse inquired on the purchase of property with the MAYOR reporting no new update related to the NV pathway to the east-end of the Aledo Business District.

NEW BUSINESS: No Report.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, motion was made by ALDERMAN WEEKS and seconded by ALDERMAN CHAUSSE that the meeting be adjourned. A Unanimous voice vote followed in agreement. Meeting was adjourned at 6:34 P.M.

Jarod Dale, City Clerk

Minutes approved by Council action July 17, 2023.

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