

The City Council of the City of Aledo met in Regular Session in the Community Room at the Aledo Fire Station building on February 01, 2021. MAYOR HAGLOCH called the meeting to order at 6:33 P.M. The roll was called, whereupon the following answered present:

Aldermen ILA BERTRAND, TERRY BEWLEY, MICHAEL CHAUSSE, BARRY COOPER, DENNIS DIXON, JIM HOLMES, CHRIS KOPP, and LINDA SARABASA. Mayor CHRISTOPHER HAGLOCH.

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 Cala Smoldt, Aledo Times Record & Rock Island Argus and Jim Taylor, WRMJ.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Public Comment: No Report.

Communication & Correspondence: No Report.

Requests & Petitions: Dana Murphy, Executive Director, Aledo Main Street, appeared before the Committee of the Whole to request City Sponsorship in F/Y 2021 in the amount of \$18,000.

Murphy also requested additional funding for Q1 in 2021 related to the economic development agreement between the City of Aledo and Aledo Main Street. It was reported, Q4 in 2020 saw six (6) businesses approved thru the grant program with four (4) receiving their full distribution or partial distribution. Not all applicants were able to be approved last year but Murphy believes the money is being spent how the program was intended to be by the City. Murphy believes there is a need for an additional \$20,000 with next round of dollars that can be requested from AMS to be a lower dollar amount per applicant.

Public Works Activity Report:

- *Streets:* Plow, salted and slushed streets; hauled out snow piles from the downtown area; and removed Christmas decorations.
- *Gas:* JULIE's; finished moving out of the Gas House; finalized OQ testing; and plowed snow.
- *Water:* finalized OQ testing; plowed snow; WTP maintenance; review Vulnerability Assessment and Emergency Response binder.

- *Cemetery*: Inventory and assist Gas Division with moving; plow and salt cemetery.
- *DPW*: Assist in coordinating a Public Property, Street & Sidewalks Committee with local developer, Brad Krstic related to Breezy Acres Subdivision. Attended several monthly meetings and reviewed W/WW worker applications with two (2) of the personnel committee members. The Rhubarb Committee has set a date of March 15th for the final decision to have or not to have the festival this year. Other work included organizing 2021 CIP projects into a timeline, and listing all other minor projects. The building department has seen an increase in the amount of time spent in performing inspections, communicating with contractors, communicating with building owners in reviewing projects that have either already started, or projects that are in the preparation phase.

Aledo Police Department Activity Report: ADMINISTRATOR/CHIEF Sullivan reported Officer Andrew Christie has progressed through his field training rapidly. He will begin supervised solo patrols the first week in February.

Officer Tyler Mattson is attending the Southwestern Illinois Basic Police Academy in Belleville, Illinois. The class has not been impacted by COVID-19 shutdowns. The class is scheduled to graduate on time, on March 12, 2021. Mattson will begin his field training on Monday, March 15, 2021.

Officer Waldrup has completed three weeks of his academy training at the Macon County Law Enforcement Training Center in Decatur. He is doing a good job and the reports from the academy have been positive. He is still several months from graduation. His class is tentatively scheduled to graduate on Friday, April 16, 2021.

Officer Tom Bennett, who is a full-time deputy with the Mercer County Sheriff's Department and a part-time officer for the City of Aledo Police Department, was injured recently. He responded to a roll-over traffic accident a couple of weeks ago and was injured rescuing people who were trapped inside the vehicle. Officer Bennett was working in his capacity as a Mercer County Sheriff's Deputy at the time of his injury. He is expected to remain off work for approximately 4 to 6 weeks.

Officer Brock will be returning to the Mercer County High School on a full-time basis on February 1, 2021. He will resume providing School Resource Officer (SRO) services to the District and the Department. Brock will be attending the new SRO certification course which was recently mandated. The course is a 40-hour course which is being held the week of February 15 to 19, 2021. He already attended a Juvenile Officer certification course and has attended previous SRO training.

Administration Report: CITY CLERK Dale reported on the monthly payroll for January, 2021. Also, the CITY CLERK provided annual economic interest statements for the elected officials to fill-out and return for filing at the Mercer County Clerk's office.

On January 22nd, a listing of each individual required to file was submitted to the County Clerk's office.

The City Clerk's office has been working with Mary McClellan, Mercer County Supervisor of Assessments, to participate in the flyover of Mercer County this coming spring. Aledo, Mercer County, and the 911 Coordinator are seeking a grant through ISP to assist in the cost of the project regarding the proposal submitted by Eagleview Imagery. Eagleview is a technology provider of aerial imagery and data analytics. This item is a budgeted CIP item in the amount of \$10,000. The City Administrator and the 911 Coordinator have also discussed this project as well.

Mayor's Report: No Report.

Committee Report: No Report.

REGULAR COUNCIL SESSION

Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag,

ACTION ITEMS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by ALDERMAN CHAUSSE and seconded by ALDERMAN COOPER to approve the meeting minutes of January 19, 2021 as presented. A Roll call vote was recorded as follows:

YES: Bertrand, Bewley, Chausse, Cooper, Dixon, Holmes, Kopp and Sarabasa. NO: None. Motion carried. 8 yeas, 0 nays.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No Report.

FINANCE: INVOICE LIST:

Motion was made by ALDERMAN BERTRAND and seconded by ALDERMAN DIXON that the Invoice Listing, which has been marked Exhibit "B", attached hereto and made a part of these minutes, be authorized and checks issued. A Roll call vote was recorded as follows:

YES: Bewley, Chausse, Cooper, Dixon, Holmes, Sarabasa, and Bertrand. NO: None. ABSTAIN: Kopp. Motion carried. 7 yeas, 0 nays, 1 abstention.

MOTION ON RECOMMENDATION BY THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS ON REZONING APPLICATION FOR PROPERTY AT 205 N. COLLEGE AVENUE, ALEDO, IL., FILED BY JENNIEVEE O. MAYNARD:

After hearing public comments and the presentation by the property owner, the City of Aledo Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) closed the public hearing and deliberated, giving consideration to the following eight criteria:

(1) **Existing uses and zoning of nearby property:** The ZBA found that without more information about the proposed use of the subject property, this factor did not weigh in favor of rezoning.

(2) **The extent to which property values are diminished by the particular zoning classification:** The ZBA heard no evidence with respect to diminution and property values, so this factor was not found to influence the rezoning decision.

(3) **The extent to which the destruction of property values of the surrounding property benefits the health, safety and general welfare of the public:** The ZBA, having heard no evidence of impact on property values, finds that this factor does not influence the rezoning decision.

(4) **The relative gain to the public as compared to the hardship imposed on the property owner:** The ZBA found that this factor does not weigh in favor of rezoning.

(5) **The suitability of the property for the zoned purpose:** The ZBA finds that this factor weighs in favor of rezoning.

(6) **The length of time the property has been vacant as zoned, compared to development in the vicinity:** The ZBA finds that this factor weighs in favor of rezoning, as the property has been vacant for many years.

(7) **The public need for the proposed use:** The ZBA finds that, since the property owner presented inadequate evidence of the proposed use, this factor weighs against rezoning.

(8) **The thoroughness with which the municipality has planned and zoned its land-use:** The ZBA finds that, while the city has thoroughly and carefully maintained the city zoning scheme, this factor does not weigh strongly in favor of or against rezoning in this particular matter.

Based upon review of the foregoing criteria, the ZBA voted to deny the request for rezoning.

Motion was made by ALDERMAN CHAUSSE and seconded by ALDERMAN HOLMES to approve the recommendation by the Zoning Board of Appeals related to Case No. 2021-01 (Jennivee O. Maynard – Rezoning from R-2, Residential District to B-2, Commercial District) as presented. A Roll call vote was recorded as follows:

YES: Chausse, Cooper, Dixon, Holmes, Kopp, Bertrand, and Bewley. NO: None. ABSTAIN: Sarabasa. Motion carried. 7 yeas, 0 nays, 1 abstention.

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE NOTIFICATION SUBMITTED BY MARK BLYTHE TO CONCLUDE SERVICES REGARDING THE CERTIFIED WATER SYSTEM OPERATOR CONTRACT:

Motion was made by ALDERMAN KOPP and seconded by ALDERMAN BERTRAND to accept the notification submitted by Mark Blythe (dated January 27, 2021) to conclude services regarding the certified water operator contract. A Roll call vote was recorded as follows:

YES: Cooper, Dixon, Holmes, Kopp, Sarabasa, Bertrand, Bewley, and Chausse. NO: None. Motion carried. 8 yeas, 0 nays.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE REPAIRS OF THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT REVERSE OSMOSIS FEED PUMP IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,970.00:

Motion was made by ALDERMAN DIXON and seconded by ALDERMAN HOLMES to approve the repairs of the Water Treatment Plant Reverse Osmosis feed pump in the amount of \$5,970.00 submitted by Mississippi Valley Pump, Inc., 435 S. Devils Glen Road, Bettendorf, IA., 52722. A Roll call vote was recorded as follows:

YES: Dixon, Holmes, Kopp, Sarabasa, Bertrand, Bewley, Chausse, and Cooper. NO: None. Motion carried. 8 yeas, 0 nays.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF CGI SMART CALIBRATION EQUIPMENT IN THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,869.19:

Motion was made by ALDERMAN CHAUSSE and seconded by ALDERMAN KOPP to approve the purchase of CGI Smart Calibration Equipment in the Public Works Department in the amount of \$6,869.19 submitted by Sensit Technologies, 851 Transport Drive, Valparaiso, IN., 46383. A Roll call vote was recorded as follows:

YES: Holmes, Kopp, Sarabasa, Bertrand, Bewley, Chausse, Cooper, and Dixon. NO: None. Motion carried. 8 yeas, 0 nays.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS: A Public Property, Streets & Sidewalks Committee meeting to be held on Monday, February 8, 2021 at 6:00 o'clock p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

OLD BUSINESS: ADMINISTRATOR Sullivan reported the City has applied for reimbursement through the CARES Act in the amount of \$76,551.00 with an additional \$28,000 yet remaining as a balance that could be sought for. ADMINISTRATOR reported there has been discussion for an extension of the CARES Act and the ability to seek additional reimbursement that could be incurred in F/Y 2021. The City Staff would anticipate those remaining dollars could potentially be applied for.

NEW BUSINESS: No Report.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, motion was made by ALDERMAN KOPP and seconded by ALDERMAN DIXON that the meeting be adjourned. A Unanimous voice vote followed in agreement. Meeting was adjourned at 6:51 P.M.

Jarod Dale, City Clerk

Minutes approved by Council action February 16, 2021.

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