



Minutes of the Regular City Council Session – July 06, 2021

The City Council of the City of Aledo met in Regular Session in the Council Chambers at the Aledo City Hall building on July 06, 2021. MAYOR HAGLOCH called the meeting to order at 6:49 P.M. The roll was called, whereupon the following answered present:

Aldermen MICHAEL CHAUSSE, BARRY COOPER, DENNIS DIXON, JAY DOHERTY, ZACH FRICK, JIM HOLMES, and LINDA SARABASA. Mayor CHRISTOPHER HAGLOCH. Alderman 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.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Public Comment: No Report.

Communication & Correspondence: No Report.

Requests & Petitions:

Cemetery Transfer: Dean Epperly to transfer Grave Space(s) three (03) and four (4), Lot183D, in the Third (3rd) Addition of the Aledo Cemetery to Daryl Epperly, 901 SW 9th Avenue, No. 03, Aledo, IL., 61231.

Public Works Activity Report:

- *Streets:* Worked on sink holes; oil tank research; truck and equipment maintenance; sign inventory; and shade tent install.
- *Gas:* JULIE's; investigate multiple gas leaks at Arianna's Café with all leaks identified and repaired; assist Water/Sewer Division with exploratory digs; pre-bid meeting for the SW 3rd Ave gas main replacement project; and mapping.
- *Water:* JULIE's; exploratory excavations of four (4) trouble spots due to dead-end water mains, sink holes, and a water leak; update maps; complete EPA risk and resilience paperwork; and assisted Gas Division regarding gas leaks.
- *Cemetery:* Three (3) Funerals occurred. Fix stones & foundations; mowing.
- *DPW:* SE 8th Ave multi-use path coordination; Button Building paint was ordered and anticipate work to be completed in the coming weeks; Breezy Acres ZBA variance application review; installation of shade tent at the public pool; north lagoon fence replacement bid spec review; patch machine oil tank research.



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Aledo Police Department Activity Report: ADMINISTRATOR/CHIEF Sullivan reported the Department remains an additional officer short for an unknown period of time. The officer who is experiencing the family medical issue will be taking sick time and other leave time to assist. The officer is currently scheduled to return to work on a limited schedule starting July 3rd.

There is still no estimated delivery date for the squad cars that were ordered. It is possible they will be delivered in early 2022. There is also some possibility they will be delivered in late 2021.

Numerous updates were made to the Aledo Police Department policy manual in order to bring policy and procedure into compliance with mandates of the police reform bill that passed by the Illinois legislature and signed by the governor. A trailer bill with some modifications was passed several weeks ago and signed by the governor this week, leaving little time to familiarize officers with the policy changes, and no time for training.

The City advertised for officers and received no applications. During the previous advertised period, two (2) applications were received. Both applicants dropped out of the process. The Department has full and part time openings.

Administrative Report: CITY CLERK Dale provided monthly reports related to utility billing and payroll for the month of June, 2021. Also, the sales tax and building permit quarterly reports for the 2nd quarter of 2021 were provided. CITY CLERK noted you will see a substantial increase in sales tax for the contribution month of March, 2021 compared to the prior year.

CITY CLERK provided the annual treasurer's report for FY 2020 and noted the item was published in the Aledo Times Record on June 22nd. Also, the Aledo Park District treasurer's report was published in the TR at the same time.

CITY CLERK provided a copy of the 2020 Water Quality Report to the City Council.

CITY CLERK reported the City launched their social media sites on July 6th. Those sites include: Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. Purposes of the July posts will be to introduce the City and provide the brand story. Also, will be promoting the Mercer County Fair and outdoor adventures in Mercer County.

Mayor's Report: MAYOR Hagloch provided the Liquor Commissioners Report for July 1, 2021. MAYOR reported Dancer's Creek Barn currently holds a Class "E" Banquet liquor license but the establishment has been advertising and soliciting customers to visit and purchase alcoholic drinks on weekends. The Chief of Police will need to address this issue with the owners and also the current zoning will also need to be addressed by the



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City. City Staff to reach out to the owners of Dancer's Creek Barn to alleviate these current issues related to their liquor license and the special use zoning violations.

CITY COUNCIL also discussed the dancing/entertainment permit applied for by Cheer's on Main, LLC. It was noted Beer Belly's and Ferg's Public House both have entertainment/bands but are not pulling the permit license for those events. COUNCIL suggested reimbursing Cheer's on Main, LLC for the \$100.00 permit fee and address the code requirement at an upcoming Ordinance & Police Committee meeting.

MAYOR asked CITY COUNCIL and City Staff to consider volunteering at the Mercer County Fair during the week of July 12th – 17th to take gate admissions for the Agricultural Society. It was noted, the organization needed volunteers to assist Wednesday through Saturday that week. The Mayor, various City Council members, and City Clerk volunteered to help the Mercer County Agricultural Society on Wednesday, July 13th from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the front gates.

Committee Report: A Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Committee meeting is scheduled for July 8th at 6:00 o'clock p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

REGULAR COUNCIL SESSION

Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag,

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 21, 2021
- Approval of Finance: Invoice Listing – AP12.
- Approval of Cemetery Transfer: Dean Epperly to transfer Grave Space(s) three (03) and four (4), Lot183D, in the Third (3rd) Addition of the Aledo Cemetery to Daryl Epperly, 901 SW 9th Avenue, No. 03, Aledo, IL., 61231.

A Roll Call vote was recorded as follows:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: No Report.



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ACTION ITEMS

No Action taken.

OLD BUSINESS:

ALD. Chausse inquired on the status of a new NV path to Wal-Mart. MAYOR Hagloch reported the Green Development lots have available lots for purchase and that he was interested in purchasing a lot possibly to assist in this path. Permission from Advanced Rehab would need to be obtained to cross their property. DPW Blaser and MAYOR Hagloch to continue working on the planning of an established path to Wal-Mart.

ALD. Chausse reported the Ordinance & Police Committee will need to convene to continue discussions related to the new County NV stickers and current Aledo permit holders. To potentially meet on July 26th and will confirm at the 7/19 City Council meeting.

ALD. Chausse reported there is a garbage/refuse issue again after the recent storms. A letter was to be sent to MWI from the City Attorney addressing this issue with the waste hauler and the staining of roadways. ALD. Chausse reported the waste is coming out of the truck. CITY COUNCIL noted this item could be discussed at an upcoming committee meeting and would also ask that MWI be present.

CITY COUNCIL inquired on the current status of the demolition project at the Farmer's Grain & Coal property. DPW Blaser reported the demolition permit was applied for last week.

CITY COUNCIL inquired on the status of the new signage in the Industrial Park area. City Staff to request design assistance from Haven Creative. Discussions were also held that the signage should accommodate additional spacing for future expansions as well.

CITY COUNCIL discussed the acceptance of infrastructure and streets in the Buttonwood Subdivision area. City Staff reported the City Attorney is working on this item and waiting to receive paperwork back from the owners of the property before moving it forward to Council for review.

CITY COUNCIL discussed the intersection at Edwards River Public Library. CHIEF Sullivan reported a traffic study could be completed at this intersection and took note of request. No further discussion followed.



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NEW BUSINESS:

DPW Blaser reported City Staff discovered a faulty valve on a 12” water main along SE 12th Street and attempts were made to close the valve to assist in the repair of the service line leak. Contact was made by W/S Superintendent Frieden to Laverdiere Construction to make the needed repairs and DPW requested a consensus from Council for the emergency repair. A cost estimate was provided in the amount of \$16,000. CITY COUNCIL provided a consensus to proceed and formal action would be taken at the 7/19 City Council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, motion was made by ALDERMAN SARABASA and seconded by ALDERMAN HOLMES that the meeting be adjourned. A Unanimous voice vote followed in agreement. Meeting was adjourned at 7:03 P.M.

Jarod Dale, City Clerk

Minutes approved by Council action July 19, 2021.

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