

The City Council of the City of Aledo met in Regular Session in the Community Room at the Aledo Fire Station building on August 17, 2020. 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, JIM HOLMES, CHRIS KOPP, and LINDA SARABASA. Mayor CHRISTOPHER HAGLOCH was excused. Alderman TERRY BEWLEY 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 Cala Smoldt, Rock Island Argus and Aledo Times Record and Jim Taylor, WRMJ.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

The meeting was opened in prayer by Pastor Daren Dietmeier, Trinity Presbyterian Church, Aledo.

Public Comment: No Report.

Communication & Correspondence: No Report.

Requests & Petitions:

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Public Works Activity Report:

- *Streets:* Complete patch machine work for the season; clean-up after the storm on 8/10; finished cleaning up stumps from tree removals; and mowing.
- *Water:* JULIE's and finals. W/WW Supt. has been field training W/WW Worker; investigate a project on NW 3rd Avenue; investigate issue at Brookstone lift station and well #4; investigate brown water complaint; met with Badger meter to discuss water meter upgrades; met with DPW and ION regarding chemicals being used / not used at the WTP. Looking to eliminate one (1) chemical and switching providers for the remaining chemicals.

- *Gas*: JULIE's; Gas Supt. field training Gas Worker; read meters; work on DeBlock meter set; cleaned out and organized city vehicles; deliver shut-off notices; met with Badger Meter to discuss water meter upgrades; yard repair from a service install; and Gas Worker assisted Street Division with storm clean-up and backhoe repair.
- *Cemetery*: Three (3) funerals occurred. Mowing and weed-eating and foundation repairs.
- *DPW*: 2020 Street Resurfacing project is underway; the new baseball diamond site is currently being graded; the first round of the tree removal program is complete; and we are finishing up the second round that will go out to bid soon; received complaints about the condition of the grounds at the Aledo Cemetery, specifically the amount of debris on stones after weed-eating. Staff is working to resolve that particular issue. All summer / seasonal employees have left for the season.

Aledo Police Department Activity Report: The Department worked with the Mercer County School District to locate picnic tables which could be used for outdoor seating during lunch periods, as the available cafeteria space was drastically reduced due to COVID-19 social distancing restrictions. The Department will be working with the District as it transitions back to a limited version of classroom instruction. Officer Brock will be stationed at the high school and operating under the School Resource Officer contract the City has with the District.

The Department is short one (1) full-time officer position and needs to hire an officer as soon as possible. The last advertisement for applications did not generate any applicants eligible for employment in law enforcement. Our manpower shortage is compounded by the loss of two (2) part-time officers; one having resigned to take a full-time position with the Scott County Sheriff's Department and the other having filled the previous full-time opening for this Department. The Department has one (1) full-time officer and three (3) part-time officer openings.

The CHIEF has secured a reservation for one (1) police recruit in the upcoming September Basic Police Officer academy class. However, this leaves us little or no time to recruit, background check, and hire an officer, or officers, in time to attend the academy session. We are in the process of attempting to get an officer hired and prepared for the academy start date on September 13, 2020.

Administration Report: The 2020 Census is well underway. It is vitally important that we get a complete and accurate account of every household in Aledo. Every person who is not counted means a loss of thousands of dollars in revenue from the City's portion of tax monies returned to Aledo by the State of Illinois and the federal government. Please encourage everyone you know to get on the Census website, <https://2020census.gov/>, and complete the household survey. It only takes a few minutes and all of the information is completely secure and confidential.

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 Council members were invited to tour the downtown buildings being renovated by Perryton, LLC. Tour was conducted by WJ Albertson for the three (3) building projects located in the downtown area.

MAYOR thankful Aledo was spared from severe weather damage after the Derecho that occurred in Iowa & Illinois on August 10th. There were other communities that were without power for days after the storm.

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 DIXON to approve the meeting minutes of August 03, 2020 as presented. A Roll call vote was recorded as follows:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: No Report.

FINANCE: INVOICE LIST:

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 31R, SERIES OF 2020; APPROVING DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION PROGRAM LOAN AGREEMENT FOR MARTIN J. HERMAN / SHEILA D. HERMAN:

Motion was made by ALDERMAN KOPP and seconded by ALDERMAN SARABASA to approve Resolution No. 31R, Series of 2020; Approving Downtown Revitalization Program Loan Agreement for Martin J. Herman / Sheila D. Herman, for property located at 127 E. Main Street, Aledo, IL; the City shall reimburse the property owner one-half of the actual costs incurred by the property owner in the form of a loan in an amount not to exceed \$9,000.00. Project scope to include: masonry north wall & gutter repairs; windows on north-side of building; doors on east side of building; additional upgrades work related to doors, windows & trim. A Roll call vote was recorded as follows:

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

CEMETERY TRANSFER(S):

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Motion was made by ALDERMAN CHAUSSE and seconded by ALDERMAN DIXON to approve action items (c), (d), & (e) cemetery transfer(s) as presented. A Roll call vote was recorded as follows:

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

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS: A Joint Personnel and Ordinance & Police Committee meeting to be held on Thursday, August 20th at 6:00 o'clock p.m. in the Community Room at the Aledo Fire Station.

OLD BUSINESS: ALD. Dixon inquired why the City issues renewals related to NV permits on an annual basis instead of yearly basis. CHIEF reported renewals were set-up to be due beginning January 1 of each year like the liquor license(s) holders are. We typically will see renewals come in the beginning of February or March of each year. City Council also discussed recent issues related to neighborhood vehicles running up

or down the highway and was noted as an item that can be placed in the fall / winter bulletin to remind those with NV permits on regulations within the city limits of Aledo.

NEW BUSINESS: ALD. Bertrand inquired on Halloween, 2020. CHIEF reported should the city decide to hold annual trick or treating hours in Aledo, the item would first need to be reviewed by the Mercer County Health Department. Masks to be worn and porchlights to be addressed possibly. Currently, there is no regulations or orders related to Halloween from the Illinois Department of Health or executive orders from the Governor.

Census 2020 was highlighted during new business discussions. City Staff reported information related to Census is on the city website; has been on the radio; Mercer County Better Together is completing a census 2020 campaign; and doors hangers are available to be issued to residence. Aledo citizens can complete the census online by going to <https://2020census.gov/>.

Fall Clean-Up to be held in late October, 2020. Information to be placed in the fall / winter bulletin that is scheduled to be released in September, 2020 to residents.

A reminder regarding burning of yard-waste, grass, leaves to be addressed in the fall / winter 2020 bulletin as well. Also, will be reminding Aledo residents to utilize the yard-waste site south of Aledo at the South Lagoon.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, motion was made by ALDERMAN CHAUSSE and seconded by ALDERMAN KOPP that the meeting be adjourned. A Unanimous voice vote followed in agreement. Meeting was adjourned at 6:59 P.M.

Jarod Dale, City Clerk

Minutes approved by Council action September 08, 2020.

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