

The City Council of the City of Aledo met in Regular Session via video conferencing communication on January 04, 2021. MAYOR HAGLOCH called the meeting to order at 6:30 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 Jim Taylor, WRMJ.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Public Comment: No Report.

Communication & Correspondence: No Report.

Requests & Petitions: No Report.

Public Works Activity Report:

- *Streets:* Clean PW Garage; investigate sink hole at SW 9th St; dirt work at tree stump's and sidewalk replacement projects; ran vac truck; cleaned at old disposal; assist gas division; and plowed snow.
- *Gas:* JULIE's; continued moving materials from the Gas House to the PW garage; odorizer repair and adjustment; continue OQ testing; continue training Gas Worker on JULIE's; assisted Cemetery Division; and plowed snow.
- *Water:* OQ testing; water turn-on's; sewer inspections; jet sewers; clean lift station lift baskets; and plowed snow.
- *Cemetery:* Four (4) funerals occurred. Re-mulch playground area.
- *DPW:* majority of work consisted of subdivision research; building code work with Hank's Power and Equipment; property maintenance code work with Farmer's Grain & Coal; Zoning Board of Appeals packet preparation for 1/14; and relocating the decorative light power supply from the Gas House to Central Park.

Aledo Police Department Activity Report: ADMINISTRATOR/CHIEF Sullivan reported The Department is in the transition period from the old records management system to the new one. We are tracking all of our incidents to be submitted into the National and State of Illinois, National Incident-Based Reporting System, which became mandatory as of January 1, 2021.

Officer Christie is progressing through the field training portion of his acclimation to police work. He passed the ILETSB certification test and is now certified as a law enforcement officer by the State of Illinois. He has full police authority.

Officer Scott Waldrup's appointment, moving him from part-time status to full-time status is on the Agenda as an action item. The academy start date has been postponed by a week. He will be taking the entrance testing on Sunday, January 10, 2021. Waldrup is scheduled to graduate on 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 last week. He responded to a roll-over traffic accident and was injured rescuing people who were trapped in the vehicle. Officer Bennett will be off for at least several weeks. If his injury requires surgery, he may be off for a period of months. Officer Bennett was working in his capacity as a Mercer County Sheriff's Deputy at the time of his injury.

Administration Report: CITY CLERK Dale provided the City Council with monthly utility billing, water & sewer lateral repair program; and payroll information for the month of December.

CITY CLERK reported the fourth (4th) quarter sales tax revenue for 2020. CITY CLERK noting there was an increase from prior year in the amount of \$18,612.18. The fourth (4th) quarter reporting regarding building permits was also provided.

CITY CLERK reported Administrative staff is working diligently to close out F/Y 2020. Year-end reports were generated on December 30th regarding payroll and utility billing. The City Clerk and AP Clerk will have until January 6th, 2021 to generate W-2 and 1099 reports to be executed in January and issued to Tyler Technologies for printing.

Mayor's Report: MAYOR Hagloch provided the Aledo Liquor License report as of January 1, 2021. MAYOR noting liquor license categories for Club, Tavern, Restaurant and Banquet have had their fees waived for the first (1st) six months of 2021 due to COVID-19 Pandemic. The item to be reviewed again in June, 2021.

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 KOPP and seconded by ALDERMAN DIXON to approve the meeting minutes of December 21, 2020 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 SARABASA 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, Kopp, Sarabasa, and Bertrand. NO: None. Motion carried. 8 yeas, 0 nays.

MOTION APPROVING THE HIRING OF SCOTT WALDRUP AS A FULL-TIME POLICE OFFICER FOR THE ALEDO POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Motion was made by ALDERMAN CHAUSSE and seconded by ALDERMAN BEWLEY to approve the hiring of Scott Waldrup as a Full-time Police Officer for the Aledo Police Department effective January 10, 2021. A Roll call vote was recorded as follows:

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

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS: A Public Property, Streets & Sidewalks Committee meeting to be held on Monday, January 11th, 2021 at 6:00 o'clock p.m. via video conferencing communication.

An Ordinance & Police Committee meeting to be held on Monday, January 11th, 2021 at 6:15 o'clock p.m. via video conferencing communication.

OLD BUSINESS: City Staff reported E-Cycle & Paint services to resume on Thursday, January 7th between the hours of 9:00 a.m. – Noon & 12:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the PW Garage. City Staff to man the drop-off site in the interim while Ald. Chausse researched the ability for MC High School students to assist in manning the site on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month.

NEW BUSINESS: ALD. Sarabasa inquired when the City Council would be resuming in-person meetings for the City. MAYOR Hagloch reported video communication to be utilized at least thru January, 2021. MAYOR noted he would re-access the current procedure for meetings. City Council discussed Mercer County was currently at 9% regarding COVID-19 positivity rates with Region 2 a little more. It was also noted during discussion the next two (2) weeks would be critical for the area.

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 6:40 P.M.

Jarod Dale, City Clerk

Minutes approved by Council action January 19, 2021.

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