



Minutes of the Regular City Council Session – August 02, 2021

The City Council of the City of Aledo met in Regular Session in the Council Chambers at the Aledo City Hall building on August 02, 2021. MAYOR HAGLOCH called the meeting to order at 6:33 P.M. The roll was called, whereupon the following answered present:

Aldermen MICHAEL CHAUSSE, BARRY COOPER, DENNIS DIXON, JAY DOHERTY, ZACH FRICK, 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.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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

Public Comment: No Report.

Communication & Correspondence: No Report.

Requests & Petitions: No Report.

Public Works Activity Report:

- *Streets:* Sprayed weeds at all City properties; shade tent at the Aledo Park District pool was completed; patching of potholes; retrieved a kitten from a catch basin; and compiled surplus list of old/unused equipment.
- *Gas:* JULIE's; assist water division with a water service repair and fence removal; shut-off's; repair one (1) gas leak.
- *Water:* JULIE's; removed all fencing at the north lagoon with Lovewell to install new this week; repaired one (1) water service; the road at the west cell at the south lagoon was repaired; all rip rap was sprayed to remove weeds.
- *Cemetery:* Four (4) Funerals occurred. Fix stones & foundations; mowing.
- *DPW:* Button Building painting to begin this week; met with Bush Turf for the new ball diamond seeding project with seeding to be done this fall; met with Tom Sharp and Don Kornis to discuss and obtain pricing to install a water-line to the new diamond; met with the village of Seaton's engineering firm to obtain water samples for the completion of EPA permits for the possible connection to the City transmission line; attended ILLOWA with discussions held to update all building codes in early 2022. Current codes for Aledo are 2003 while most QC communities 2012 to 2018 codes. Plans would be for Aledo to adopt 2021 by march of next year. Local amendments would need to be formalized before adoption.



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Aledo Police Department Activity Report: ADMINISTRATOR/CHIEF Sullivan reported there is still no estimated delivery date for the squad cars that were ordered. It is hoped that they will be delivered in early 2022, but there is also some possibility delivery may take place in late 2021. The Department will continue to service all of the current vehicles and attempt to keep each in good running condition.

The Department is waiting on training to be available from Mobile Team Training Unit IV, Illinois State Police, so that our officers can complete the updated training requirements regarding the new statutes that went into effect on July 1, 2021.

One new full-time officer, Clifford Adam, has been hired. His application was discussed with the Council previously. He was sworn in between the previous meeting and this meeting. We completed all of the mandatory processes to have his certification and waiver of training accepted prior to being sworn in as an Aledo officer. Officer Adam has been a police officer since 1993 and will be leaving his current employment with Oquawka to accept the full-time position with Aledo. He will continue to assist Warren County and the City of Monmouth on a part-time basis and as an auxiliary officer.

Administrative Report: CITY CLERK Dale provided the monthly reports related to Utility Billing and Payroll for the month of July. CITY CLERK reported the City has not been notified to date regarding the Administrative Department union negotiations. The City is aware that staff has communicated to Local 150 on their interest to begin bargaining. The current contract to expire on December 31, 2021.

CITY CLERK reported the front desk clerk / receptionist to be on maternity leave beginning in September and to return tentatively around November 1st. The Public Works Administrative Assistant is scheduled to move to the front desk area of City Hall to cover the front window during this time. The PW window, located on the northside of the building, to be closed during this period.

CITY CLERK reported on activity related to Facebook, Instagram & twitter for the month of July. The launch of social provided over 377 new followers on Facebook and 91 followers on Instagram. Posts in August to be related to upcoming events in Aledo, the new monthly email newsletter and agriculture.

CITY CLERK reported the fall/winter bulletin to be drafted in August with design/edits/corrections to be finalized by the end of month. Looking to publish and mail out the bulletin in early September.



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Mayor’s Report: MAYOR Hagloch reported Finance Director Parchert reviewed the recent increase in sales tax from the prior year, for the contribution months of march and April with those increases related to gas, automotive and other industries. MAYOR and DPW Blaser anticipate the demolition of the former farmer’s grain & coal property to begin in one (1) week. Determination on what will happen to the property at the former Casey’s General Store is on hold until a phase II environmental is received back to corporate. This will determine if the property left or demolished.

Committee Report: No Report.

A Ordinance & Police Committee meeting set for Monday, August 9th at 6:00 o’clock p.m.
A Personnel Committee meeting set for Monday, August 9th at 6:15 o’clock p.m.
A Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Committee set for Monday, August 9th at 6:30 o’clock p.m.

REGULAR COUNCIL SESSION

Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag,

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 19, 2021
- Approval of Finance: Invoice Listing – AP14.
- Approval of Ordinance No. 15, Series of 2021; Providing for the Annexation of Certain Property owned by Steve R. Kenney, which constitutes Unincorporated Territory having an area less than Sixty Acres which is completely surrounded by the Corporate Limits of the City of Aledo. (Second Reading)
- Approval of Resignation of Officer Tyler Mattson as a Full-time Officer with the Aledo Police Department effective August 8, 2021.
- Approval of the Hiring of Clifford Adam as a Full-time Police Officer for the Aledo Police Department effective July 27, 2021.

A Roll Call vote was recorded as follows:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: No Report.



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ACTION ITEMS: No Report.

OLD BUSINESS:

ALD. Chausse requested an update regarding a pathway to Wal-Mart for neighborhood vehicles and golf carts. DPW Blaser reported not much has been completed regarding a pathway or established from the prior meeting. MAYOR Hagloch highlighted there was a NV in Central Park recently and discussion was held if signage should be posted prohibiting this type of activity. No final recommendation was made.

City Staff reported the concept drawing for Industrial Park signage was complete and an RFP would need to be created and sent out to signage companies. City Staff to discuss more at the upcoming department head meeting.

CHIEF Sullivan reported a traffic study had not been completed for the intersection of E. Main Street & NE / SE 4th Avenue in Aledo. CHIEF noted the current signage is appropriate with the CITY COUNCIL noting prior discussion was to consider a 4-way stop intersection. CHIEF reported if the City was to establish new signage at the intersection this could potentially create accidents. No further discussion followed.

ALD. Holmes inquired if the City has considered creating a splash park in Aledo. MAYOR Hagloch reported discussions are being held related to an aquatic feature in Aledo.

It was also inquired if a pickle ball court would be established in Aledo. MAYOR reported a donation would need to be found to create a new pickle ball court and that person or individuals would then need to present the donation to the Aledo Park District.

NEW BUSINESS:

ALD. Kopp reported there is a large sized hole in the parking lot next to the old theatre in the downtown business district. DPW Blaser to inspect the item and report back to the property owners.

ALD. Sarabasa inquired if discussion would be had related to the officers that are resigning and moving to other departments in the area. ALD. Chausse reported that would be a discussion item listed on the agenda for August 9th during the Ordinance & Police Committee meeting. No further discussion followed.



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ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, motion was made by ALDERMAN KOPP and seconded by ALDERMAN FRICK that the meeting be adjourned. A Unanimous voice vote followed in agreement. Meeting was adjourned at 6:52 P.M.

Jarod Dale, City Clerk

Minutes approved by Council action August 16, 2021.

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