

The City Council of the City of Aledo met in Regular Session in the Council Chambers of the City Hall building on October 19, 2009. MAYOR DOHERTY called the meeting to order at 7:04 P.M. The roll was called, whereupon the following answered present:

Aldermen TAB BALMER, JR., MICHAEL BAUGHER, TERRY BEWLEY, BARRY COOPER, RICHARD HUNTER, RANDY MATTSON, RICHARD MAYNARD and ROBERT RILLIE.

Also present were JANICE GREEN, City Administrator, J. MICHAEL SPONSLER, Chief of Police, STEPHEN MOLLER, Director of Public Works & Utilities, MARK WALTON, City Attorney, and JAROD DALE, City Clerk.

An attendance sheet has been marked Exhibit "A", attached hereto and made a part of these minutes. The media was represented by Jim Taylor of WRMJ and Cathy Decker of the Times Record.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

The meeting was opened in prayer by Ron Moffitt.

Appearances:

Bill Coutant: requested an update on the storm/sewer problems along NW 6th Street. DPW Moller reported that Missman Stanley is currently reviewing proposed plans and costs.

Ron Moffitt; Exchange Club: spoke before the Council on the improvements of Street Signs. The Exchange Club has offered to cover the inventory and labor costs if the City would be willing to purchase the vinyl that will repair the signs. MAYOR Doherty requested that Mr. Moffitt supply an inventory list of signs that need to be repaired and a bid amount for materials to complete the repairs.

Communication and Correspondence: Pam Myers of Aledo Main Street notified the Council that "Moonlight Madness" and "A Night to Connect" to unveil the public Wi-Fi will be held on October 29, 2009 from 5 to 7:00 P.M. in downtown Aledo.

Administrative Report: ADMINISTRATOR Green reported that Earl Etheridge is interested in re-applying for a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Loan. An agreement was signed in April of 2009 between the City of Aledo and Earl Etheridge and the time-frame for the agreement has passed. ADMINISTRATOR Green urged Mr. Etheridge to re-apply with new quotes and begin a new process.

CHIEF Sponsler submitted the Aledo Police Department Activity Report and reported on the Homecoming Parade and precautions that were used to ensure the safety of all

spectators and those that were involved. Also, on October 22nd and 29th, two more H1N1 Distribution Clinics have been scheduled to be at the V.F.W. in Aledo from 4:00 P.M. to 6:30 P.M. held by the Mercer County Health Department.

DPW Moller reported that a new camera has been installed at the yard-waste site and the new light be installed in the near future. As well, DPW reported that the City participated in the Security Assessment through the Illinois Rural Water Association and informed that the security measures and emergency plans for the City were commendable. The Association advised DPW that signage warning that any damage to facility buildings and systems is a federal offense be erected. During the budget process that a security fence for the new tower and telemetry building will be sought. Finally, Fall Clean-up is tentatively scheduled for November 1st-8th, and dumpsters will be supplied for convenience at the City Garage located at 309-311 E. Main Street. Items prohibited are tires, white goods, T.V.'s, and any hazardous materials.

City Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report which has been marked Exhibit "B" has been attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

REGULAR COUNCIL SESSION

Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag,

ACTION ITEMS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by ALDERMAN MAYNARD and seconded by ALDERMAN HUNTER to approve the meeting minutes of October 5, 2009 as read. Roll call vote was recorded as follows:

YES: Balmer, Baugher, Bewley, Cooper, Hunter, Mattson, Maynard, and Rillie. NO: None. Motion carried. 8 ayes, 0 nays.

FINANCE: INVOICE LIST:

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

YES: Baugher, Bewley, Cooper Hunter, Mattson, Maynard, Rillie, and Balmer. NO: None. Motion carried, 8 ayes, 0 nays.

NEW BUSINESS:

Gas rates were brought up for discussion. It was established that this will be addressed during the budget process.

ALD. Baugher reported of an open stairwell located in the downtown area and addressed this as a concern. DPW Moller will look into this matter.

Motion was made by ALDERMAN BAUGHER and seconded by ALDERMAN HUNTER to adjourn to closed session to discuss:

- A. Pending/possible litigation (Section 2(c)(11) Open Meetings Act and**
- B. Personnel (Section 2(c)(1) Open Meetings Act and**
- C. Purchase of Real Estate (Section 2(c)(5) Open Meetings Act.**

Roll call vote was as follows:

YES: Bewley, Cooper, Hunter, Mattson, Maynard, Rillie, Balmer, and Baugher. NO: None. Motion carried. 8 ayes, 0 nays. The meeting was recessed to closed session at 7:10 P.M.

Council reconvened in open session at 7:43 P.M. Roll call was taken with the following answering present: ALDERMEN BALMER, BAUGHER, BEWLEY, COOPER, HUNTER, MATTSON, MAYNARD, and RILLIE, as well as MAYOR DOHERTY, CITY ADMINISTATOR GREEN, CHIEF SPONSLER, DPW MOLLER, CITY ATTORNEY WALTON, and CLERK DALE.

A Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Committee Meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, November 5, 2009 in the Council Chambers at 6:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, motion was made by ALDERMAN BAUGHER and seconded by ALDERMAN RILLIE that the meeting be adjourned. Unanimous voice vote followed in agreement. Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Jarod Dale, City Clerk

Minutes approved by Council action November 2, 2009.

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