

The City Council of the City of Aledo met in Regular Session in the Council Chambers of the City Hall building on December 7, 2009. ACTING MAYOR HUNTER called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M. The roll was called, whereupon the following answered present:

Aldermen TAB BALMER, JR., MICHAEL BAUGHER, TERRY BEWLEY, BARRY COOPER, RICHARD HUNTER, and ROBERT RILLIE. Alderman RANDY MATTSON was excused from the meeting. Alderman RICHARD MAYNARD arrived at 7:06 P.M.

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 Daren Dietmeier, Trinity Presbyterian Church.

Appearances: Carla Ewing of the Mercer County Health Department appeared before the Council to request an intergovernmental agreement between the City of Aledo and the health department for the assistance of striping the parking lot for the Health Department/ Project Now building. Ms. Ewing also noted that the Health Department would reimburse for the cost of materials.

DPW Moller reported an estimated cost of materials would be around \$100.00 to \$250.00 and could possibly be completed in spring of 2010. CITY ATTORNEY Walton will have an agreement ready for 12/21/09 regular council meeting.

John Hoscheidt spoke before the Council on concerns regarding economic development and Tax Increment Financing (TIF). Also, Mr. Hoscheidt made an offer on behalf of the Aledo Chamber of Commerce to hold a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) and/or economic development seminar for members of the Council, Aledo Main Street, The Aledo Chamber of Commerce and the general public. The seminar would be led by an expert on TIF that could answer any questions and would be paid for his/her appearance by the chamber.

Communication and Correspondence:

Requests & Petitions:

Administrative Report: ADMINISTRATOR Green attached items on TIF parameters along with the administrator report. Those items include a proposed TIF processing policy; (Awning Grants, Building Facade & Repair Grant, TIF Redevelopment Loans & Grants), proposed feasibility evaluation policy grants & loans, and TIF preliminary application. The final budget has been submitted and the first reading will be during the Council meeting. As well, it was reported by request of MAYOR Hunter that \$1,500.00 be added to the general fund (miscellaneous expense) for the annual Christmas Party. ADMINISTRATOR Green noted that due to the annual Christmas Party being omitted from the 2009 budget, Mayor Doherty had agreed to the employees planning a party without any assistance from the City. The party has been planned for December 18th, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at the Aledo fire-station. All elected officials and spouses are invited to attend with the cost being \$15.00 per couple.

CHIEF Sponsler submitted the Aledo Police Department Activity Report and noted that he attended a meeting with the Mercer County Health Department, Mercer County Hospital and ESDA Director regarding the upcoming storm. Contingency plans are set and in place due to the forecast of cold temperatures and ice. Also, in the event the VFW will be used as a warming station, the City may be sharing in the cost of \$500.00 per day for a generator.

DPW Moller reported:

- The second round of tree-cuts has been completed.
- Included with the Public Works & Utilities Activity Report is information the IEPA identified as deficiencies during a site visit on September 29, 2009. DPW reported time frames have been set to gain compliance in accordance with the IEPA guidelines and overall the City received a favorable report.
- A status of projects regarding “street projects” and “sewer & water projects” from Missman Stanley & Associates was submitted. For the street project it was noted that work being done by Valley Construction is complete and the City has accepted the project and the final pay estimate has been submitted to the State for approval. For sewer & water projects, the field survey has been completed regarding the sewer capacity issues in the Vashti Village area.

REGULAR COUNCIL SESSION

Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag,

ACTION ITEMS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by ALDERMAN COOPER and seconded by ALDERMAN RILLIE to approve the meeting minutes of November 16, 2009 as read. Roll call vote was recorded as follows:

YES: Balmer, Baugher, Bewley, Cooper, Hunter, and Rillie. NO: None. Motion carried.
6 yeas, 0 nays.

FINANCE: INVOICE LIST:

Motion was made by ALDERMAN RILLIE and seconded by ALDERMAN BEWLEY to vote on line item Essig-Motors Inc. separately from the Invoice Listing, which has been marked Exhibit "B", attached hereto and made a part of these minutes. Roll call vote was recorded as follows:

YES: Baugher, Bewley, Cooper, Hunter, Rillie, and Balmer. NO: None. Motion carried
6 yeas, 0 nays.

Ald. Maynard arrived at the meeting at 7:06 P.M.

Ald. Rillie inquired on line items presented on page 4. The two line items are as follows: TIF Midwest Bank of Western Illinois and Tharp Brothers. Administrator Green reported that the TIF Midwest Bank of Western Illinois was in regards to a CD that matured and was being transferred from The National Bank to Midwest Bank of Western Illinois. DPW Moller noted that the gas line boring/GDG was done on Route 94 and an invoice had been received.

Motion was made by ALDERMAN BALMER and seconded by ALDERMAN BAUGHER that the Invoice Listing, less the Essig-Motors Inc. payment on page 4, which has been marked Exhibit "B", attached hereto and made a part of these minutes, be approved and checks issued. Roll call vote was as follows:

YES: Bewley, Cooper, Hunter, Rillie, Balmer, and Baugher. NO: none. ABSTAIN: Maynard. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 abstention.

Motion was made by ALDERMAN RILLIE and Seconded by ALDERMAN BEWLEY that the Essig-Motors Inc. payment on page 4 of the Invoice Listing, which has been marked Exhibit "B", attached hereto and made a part of these minutes, be approved and check issued along with Resolution 17R, Series of 2009 approving the purchase of a 2007

Chevrolet Truck for the Department of Public Works & Utilities and declaring the existing vehicles as surplus property. Roll call vote was as follows:

YES: Hunter, Maynard, Rillie, Balmer, Baugher, and Bewley. NO: None. ABSTAIN: Cooper Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 abstention.

APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS 2009-2010 COMMITTEES:

Motion was made by ALDERMAN BALMER and seconded by ALDERMAN MAYNARD to approve the appointment list of committees for 2009-2010 with the following noted additions and correction:

- Ald. Balmer was added to the Personnel Committee.
- Ald. Cooper was added to the Police Committee.
- Ald. Maynard was added to the Tax Increment Financing Committee and the Board of Local Improvements.
- Ald. Rillie was named Mayor Pro-Tem.
- Ald. Baugher was added to the Ordinance Committee after noting Ald. Cooper was listed twice on the Ordinance Committee.

Roll call vote was recorded as follows:

YES: Hunter, Maynard, Rillie, Balmer, Baugher, Bewley, and Cooper. NO: None. Motion carried. 7 yeas, 0 nays.

APPOINTMENT OF BUDGET OFFICER; JANICE GREEN:

Motion was made by ALDERMAN MAYNARD and seconded by ALDERMAN BAUGHER to approve and appoint Janice Green as the Budget Officer for 2009. Roll call vote was recorded as follows:

YES: Maynard, Rillie, Balmer, Baugher, Bewley, Cooper, and Hunter. NO: None. Motion carried. 7 yeas, 0 nays.

ORDINANCE NO. 11, SERIES OF 2009; HENDERSON EASEMENT AGREEMENT:

Motion was made by ALDERMAN BAUGHER and seconded by ALDERMAN BEWLEY to waive 2nd reading for Ordinance No. 11, Series of 2009 providing for an easement agreement. Roll call vote was recorded as follows:

YES: Balmer, Baugher, Bewley, Cooper, Hunter, and Maynard. NO: None. ABSTAIN: Rillie. Motion carried. 6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 abstention.

Ald. Rillie abstained for the reason that he represents the Henderson family.

Motion was made by ALDERMAN BALMER and seconded by ALDERMAN BAUGHER to adopt Ordinance No. 11, Series of 2009, providing an easement agreement for Rose Henderson, the owner of real property at 208 N. College Avenue and desires to construct and maintain a carport upon the property that encroaches upon N.E. 3rd Street right-of-way abutting the property. The easement shall terminate when Rose Henderson no longer resides on the property or when the property is no longer owned by Rose Henderson or her heirs. Roll call vote was recorded as follows:

YES: Balmer, Baugher, Bewley, Cooper, Hunter, and Maynard. NO: None. ABSTAIN: Rillie. Motion carried. 6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 abstention.

ORDINANCE NO. 12, SERIES OF 2009, ADOPTING MUNICIPAL BUDGET FY 2010 (FIRST READING):

CITY ATTORNEY Walton noted that a public hearing will be held on 12/21/09 regular council meeting and the adoption of Ordinance No. 12, Series of 2009.

ORDINANCE NO. 13, SERIES OF 2009, AUTHORIZING THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF TAXES FOR FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2010 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2010 (FIRST READING):

The adoption of Ordinance No. 13, Series of 2009 will be held on 12/21/09 regular council meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 18R, SERIES OF 2009, SUPPORTING ALEDO MAIN STREET AND ENTRY INTO THE GREAT AMERICAN MAIN STREET AWARDS COMPETITION:

Motion was made by ALDERMAN RILLIE and seconded by ALDERMAN COOPER to approve Resolution 18R, Series of 2009 supporting Aledo Main Street and entry into the Great American Main Street Awards Competition. Roll call vote was recorded as follows:

YES: Baugher, Bewley, Cooper, Hunter, Maynard, Rillie, and Balmer. NO: None. Motion carried. 7 yeas, 0 nays.

APPROVAL OF CLEANING BIDS:

Motion was made by ALDERMAN RILLIE and seconded by ALDERMAN BAUGHER to approve the low bid of \$160.00 per week from Dustbusters Cleaning Service, Inc. and to begin service for a 2 year term from January 1, 2010 and ending on December 31, 2012. Roll call vote was recorded as follows:

YES: Bewley, Cooper, Hunter, Maynard, Rillie, and Baugher. NO: Balmer. Motion carried. 6 yeas, 1 nay.

SIGN REQUEST:

Motion was made by ALDERMAN BAUGHER and seconded by ALDERMAN COOPER to approve the requested sign posting for Aledo Exchange Club to advertise Christmas tree sales, to be posted November 16, 2009 to mid-December until sales of the Christmas trees are complete. Unanimous voice vote followed in agreement.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ALD. Maynard noted some suggestions and concerns regarding potential TIF parameters that were submitted for review by the Council from CITY ADMINISTRATOR Green. Discussion followed regarding Awning Grants, Building Facade and Repair Grants, TIF redevelopment Loans and Grants.

ALD. Maynard also requested that there be full disclosure with the Council regarding applicants and all information be disbursed to the Council as well.

CITY ATTORNEY Walton suggested having fixed deadlines and TIF committee meetings set for once a month. CITY ADMINISTRATOR Green suggested having a TIF committee meeting on the first Thursday following the first Monday of each month.

MAYORS REPORT:

Acting MAYOR Hunter noted that everything was going fine at this time.

OLD BUSINESS:

MAYNARD CONTRACT; OLD JR. HIGH: CITY ATTORNEY Walton reported that he spoke with former City attorney Tom Cady and that all issues have been resolved and a final judgment has been issued. He noted that the recommendation would be to solicit proposals.

After some discussion, ALD. Rillie recommended that when publishing the request for proposals that there be a timeline for when the proposals should be submitted. Also, the proposals should be run in the legal and general real estate sections of papers. Finally, ALD. Rillie recommended that the ad state the building lies within the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District and that the City reserves all rights to accept or reject all bids.

NEW BUSINESS:

ALD. Baugher inquired on an ordinance that was adopted in 2005 regarding the vacation of the 300 block of S.E. 14th Street in the City of Aledo. CITY ADMINISTRATOR Green and CITY CLERK Dale will research the ordinance and if the issue was completed properly.

ALD. Rillie reported that the accountant for the Henderson Estate would like to complete the sale of Henderson's Auto Sales before the end of 2009. After discussion, a contract will have to be proposed and authorized before the end of the year. CITY ATTORNEY Walton will work on this matter.

Motion was made by ALDERMAN BALMER and seconded by ALDERMAN MAYNARD 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: Cooper, Hunter, Maynard, Rillie, Balmer, Baugher, and Bewley. NO: None. Motion carried. 7 yeas, 0 nays. The meeting was recessed to closed session at 8:31 P.M.

Council reconvened in open session at 8:58 P.M. Roll call was taken with the following answering present: ALDERMEN BALMER, BAUGHER, BEWLEY, COOPER, HUNTER, MAYNARD, and RILLIE, as well as CITY ADMINISTRATOR GREEN, CHIEF SPONSOR, DPW MOLLER, CITY ATTORNEY WALTON, and CLERK DALE.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, motion was made by ALDERMAN RILLIE and seconded by ALDERMAN BEWLEY that the meeting be adjourned. Unanimous voice vote followed in agreement. Meeting was adjourned at 8:59 P.M.

Jarod Dale, City Clerk

Minutes approved by Council action December 21, 2009.

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