

The City Council of the City of Aledo met in Regular Session in the Council Chambers of the City Hall building on December 21, 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, 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 John Hoscheidt of WRMJ and Cathy Decker of the Times Record.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

The meeting was opened in prayer by Father John Thieryoung, The Catholic Church.

Appearances: Jay Doherty spoke before the Council in regards to economic development/ Tax Increment Financing (TIF). Mr. Doherty noted that his father was not in favor of taking the residents out of the TIF district and hoped through council and education to leave the TIF alone.

Public Hearing:

Acting MAYOR HUNTER opened for public hearing of the estimated budget for fiscal year 2010 (see attached notice and has been marked Exhibit "B"). The council discussed the estimated levy and the MAYOR solicited comments from the public. After public comment and discussion and comment from the council the MAYOR closed the public hearing.

Communication and Correspondence:

Requests & Petitions:

Administrative Report: ADMINISTRATOR Green reported that there have been several conversations regarding Tax Increment Financing (TIF) applicants. Also, Administrator Green has been in contact with Nancy Hill of Ehler's and Associates. Ms. Hill submitted a proposal to assist with the new TIF parameters and noted that this could be completed by the end of January 2010. She also offered to give a

presentation to the Council and the general public if interested. Finally, the Request for Proposal (RFP) for the old Aledo Jr. High School has been attached with the administrator report for review.

ALD. Rillie inquired how often Ehler's and Associates worked with developers compared to other municipalities. ADMINISTRATOR Green will look into this matter.

CHIEF Sponsler submitted the Aledo Police Department Activity Report and reported that he has been attending the Climate Changes, Hazard Mitigation and IPLAN. The 3 committee meetings are in regards to the contingency plans that are to be set in place in the event there should be a major disaster or significant event. Also, CHIEF noted that with the upcoming holiday season fast approaching there will be 24-hour coverage and at times the City's officers may be the only officers on duty.

ALD. Rillie suggested working with the Sheriff's Department and inquired if a City officer would have jurisdiction outside of the City limits. CHIEF Sponsler reported that he has spoken with the States Attorney and was assured that the City would not need any resolution giving the City power to go beyond their jurisdiction.

DPW Moller reported:

- The first snow storm hit the City hard but snow removal was completed without any issues or problems. It was also reported that many unlicensed vehicles in snow routes created small issues for snow removal but the assistance of Aledo Police Department helped immensely and made the issue much easier.
- A water main break occurred during the storm at SW 5th Street and 4th Avenue. Craig Zenk was called in to alleviate any major catastrophes due to all the shut-off valves being covered under the snowfall.
- Well No. 4 has been replaced and put back online. Issues were resolved after problems were discovered to be Ameren IP's. DPW Moller met with Ameren IP and will be looking into filing a claim to recover some money for repairs.

Treasurer's Report: has been marked Exhibit "C", attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

Committee Report: The next Tax Increment Financing (TIF) committee meeting will be held January 6, 2010 at 6:00 o'clock p.m.

REGULAR COUNCIL SESSION

Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag,

ACTION ITEMS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by ALDERMAN RILLIE and seconded by ALDERMAN BAUGHER to approve the meeting minutes of December 7, 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 yeas, 0 nays.

FINANCE: INVOICE LIST:

Motion was made by ALDERMAN BALMER and seconded by ALDERMAN HUNTER that the Invoice Listing, which has been marked Exhibit “D”, 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 yeas, 0 nays.

DPW Moller reported that a tree will be planted and a plaque honoring Robert B. Downing, who celebrated his 100th birthday on December 17, 2009, will be placed in Memorial Park. The plaque was made by Lackey Monuments of Monmouth, Illinois.

ORDINANCE NO. 12, SERIES OF 2009 (2nd Reading):

ALD. Cooper inquired about the \$110,000.00 that had been taken out during this years budget sessions. The money was set aside due to the on-going debate regarding residents lying within the TIF district.

CITY ATTORNEY Walton informed the Council that the City cannot spend more then what is budgeted and if the City should want to spend the revenues taken in, then the City would need to budget the \$110,000.00

Motion was made by ALDERMAN COOPER and seconded by ALDERMAN BAUGHER to amend the budget for fiscal year 2010 to include the \$110,000.00 to the TIF fund. Roll call vote was recorded as follows:

YES: Bewley, Cooper, Hunter, Mattson, Maynard, Balmer, and Baugher. NO: Rillie. Motion carried. 7 yeas, 1 nay.

Motion was made by ALDERMAN BAUGHER and seconded by ALDERMAN BALMER to adopt and approve Ordinance No. 12, Series of 2009 adopting a municipal budget for the City of Aledo, Fiscal Year 2010. Roll call vote was recorded as follows:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 13, SERIES OF 2009 (2nd Reading):

Motion was made by ALDERMAN MAYNARD and seconded by ALDERMAN RILLIE to adopt and approve Ordinance No. 13, Series of 2009 approving the levying of taxes in and for the City of Aledo, in the County of Mercer, and State of Illinois, for the corporate and municipal purposes of said city, for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2010 and ending December 31, 2010, and authorizing the City Clerk of said city to certify the same to the County Clerk of said County of Mercer with the following noted change:

On the bottom of page 6 shall look as follows:

Total levy/rate	356,115	
Rate x EAV=Revenue (39,459,595 x .009025)	356,122	
Maximum at 5% Increase (340,269 x 105%)		
Increase % (356,115/340,269)	1.0466	4.66%
Total City of Aledo Budget	6,374,163	
Less: Estimated Revenues From Sources other Than Tax Levy	6,018,048	
AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAX LEVY:	356,115	

Roll call vote was recorded as follows:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 19R, SERIES OF 2009:

Motion was made by ALDERMAN BALMER and seconded by ALDERMAN COOPER to approve an agreement between the Mercer County Health Department and the City of Aledo for parking lot painting of directional arrows and striping at the Health Department Building located at 1007 N.W. 3rd Street in Aledo, Illinois. Roll call vote was recorded as follows:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 14, SERIES OF 2009:

CITY ATTORNEY Walton requested ADMINISTRATOR Green report to the Council on the genesis of this agreement with National Public Gas Agency and how the agreement possibly came about.

ADMINISTRATOR Green reported that in the past former Mayor Lee Celske purchased the gas for the City and watched the markets closely. After the new election, with no one having the expertise to watch the markets and purchase the gas, John Harms of NPGA introduced the possibility of joining into the gas supply pool no. 3.

CITY ATTORNEY Walton noted that supply pool no. 3 would be a compilation of many different municipalities joined together in the purchase of a well. The downside would be that the agreement is long-term and if the City should want to terminate the agreement in the future it would be difficult. The City would have to be bought out basically by another municipality before the agreement could be dissolved.

ALD. Maynard suggested hiring a consultant for the expertise of purchasing gas. CITY ATTORNEY Walton agreed with ALD. Maynard and suggested that it may be a good alternative route to possibly hire a commodities broker.

No action was taken regarding Ordinance No. 14, Series of 2009 and it was tabled until next year.

ORDINANCE NO. 15, SERIES OF 2009:

After some discussion regarding increasing customer gas connection fees, a consensus from the Council was to have ADMINISTRATOR Green and Gas Superintendent Don Korns work on an itemized list of parts and costs to bring back to Council on the 01/04/10 regular council meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 20R – 25R, SERIES OF 2009:

ADMINISTRATOR Green reported that the Public Funds Resolution is needed due to the passing of Mayor Doherty and his name would be replaced with ADMINISTRATOR Green as the third signer.

Acting MAYOR Hunter noted that both CITY ATTORNEY Walton and he both agreed ADMINISTRATOR Green should be put on the Public Funds Resolutions as the third signer.

Motion was made by ALDERMAN BALMER and seconded by ALDERMAN BAUGHER to approve Resolution 20R, Resolution 21R, Resolution 22R, Resolution 23R,

Resolution 24R, and Resolution 25R; Series of 2009 approving that CITY ADMINISTRATOR Green, CITY CLERK Dale, and CITY TREASURER Stropes shall be authorized to act on behalf of the City to open a deposit account, endorse checks for deposit only and withdraw funds on deposit. Roll call vote was recorded as follows:

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

LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN DR. RATTANANONT AND DR. LENO:

ALD. Rillie voiced concern in regards to the second paragraph on page 7, number 5 and describes the Lessor owning the improvements located thereon being leased to the Lessee.

CITY ATTORNEY Walton recommended that a title search be completed first and have ready at the 01/04/10 regular council meeting. CITY ATTORNEY Walton will contact Attorney Karl Bredberg and will notify him of the Council's concerns.

Motion was made by ALDERMAN BALMER and seconded by ALDERMAN COOPER to table a decision on the lease agreement between Dr. Rattananont and Dr. Leno until the next regular council session being held on January 4, 2010. Roll call vote was recorded as follows:

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

2010 PUBLICATION OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS:

There was discussion regarding the dates set forth for regular council meetings beginning January of 2010 and ending December of 2010.

A consensus from the Council is to continue to have the Committee-of-the-Whole commencing at 6:15 o'clock p.m. and to change the Regular Council Meeting start-time from 7:00 o'clock p.m. to 6:45 o'clock p.m. in January, 2010.

AGREEMENT FOR PURCHASE AND SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AT 206 S.E. 2ND AVENUE:

CITY ATTORNEY Walton reported that the draft agreement for purchase of Henderson Auto Sales has been included in the Council packets and also noted that a title commitment would have to be completed before the closing. It was also advised by CITY ATTORNEY Walton to hire a specialist to do our own environmental study due to the history of the property.

Discussion was had regarding the environmental study and CITY ATTORNEY Walton noted that there would be no legal issues and the City would be purchasing the property at its own risk.

ALD. Bewley asked if there was to be a study and if this would be TIF eligible. CITY ATTORNEY Walton confirmed that it would be TIF eligible.

Motion was made by ALDERMAN BALMER and seconded by ALDERMAN MAYNARD to approve the Purchase and sale of Real Property between Henderson Auto Sales, Inc., an Illinois corporation (“Seller”), and the City of Aledo, an Illinois municipal corporation (“Purchaser”), subject to all of the terms and conditions of the agreement, approximately 1.19 acres of real property located at 206 S.E. 2nd Avenue, City of Aledo, County of Mercer, State of Illinois. The purchase price of Real Property (“Purchase Price”) shall be Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000.00), to be paid by Purchaser to Seller in cash at the Closing. The parties acknowledge that the fair market value of the Real Property is Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00). Purchaser shall deliver a written acknowledgement to Seller at the Closing demonstrating Purchaser’s receipt of a donation from Seller valued at One Hundred and Forty Thousand Dollars (\$140,000.00). Roll call vote was recorded as follows:

YES: Balmer, Baugher, Bewley, Cooper, Hunter, Mattson, and Maynard. NO: None. ABSTAIN: Rillie. Motion carried. 7 yeas, 0 nays, 1 abstention.

ALD. Rillie abstained because he represents the Henderson family.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

MAYORS REPORT:

OLD BUSINESS:

MAYNARD CONTRACT; OLD JR. HIGH: CITY ATTORNEY Walton reported that the request for proposal (RFP) for the old Aledo Jr. High building will be put in the papers as soon as possible. It will be run for a two week period in the Rock Island Argus/Dispatch and the Aledo Times Record.

NEW BUSINESS:

DPW Moller suggested the possibly of erecting a small directional sign at the corner of N.W. 3rd Avenue and 7th Street and looked for direction of the Council.

ALD. Rillie inquired if the sign would obstruct view and create the possibility of accidents.

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DPW Moller will review the code of ordinances and report back at a later council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, motion was made by ALDERMAN MATTSON and seconded by ALDERMAN RILLIE that the meeting be adjourned. Unanimous voice vote followed in agreement. Meeting was adjourned at 8:24 P.M.

Jarod Dale, City Clerk

Minutes approved by Council action January 4, 2009.

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