

The City Council of the City of Aledo met in Regular Session in the Council Chambers of the City Hall building on January 04, 2010. ACTING MAYOR HUNTER called the meeting to order at 6:48 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 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 Pastor Harry Losey, Hamlet/Perryton Presbyterian Church.

Appearances: Ron Moffitt appeared before the Council to read a letter from Gary Davison of Geneseo, Illinois. Mr. Davison is a former Aledo resident and expressed encouragement for the downtown Aledo area and The Livermore Restaurant.

Communication and Correspondence:

Requests & Petitions:

Administrative Report: ADMINISTRATOR Green submitted her report to the Council. Acting MAYOR HUNTER read the report submitted by ADMINISTRATOR Green in her absence. Items reported are as follows:

- Ehler's and Associates, Nancy Hill, submitted a proposal to assist the City with the new TIF parameters, guidelines, and the drafting of an updated ordinance. Some references were included with the report and those municipalities using their service being Village of Carbon Cliff, Illinois, Village of Lemont, Illinois, and Village of Rockton, Illinois.
- John Harms of National Public Gas Agency has agreed to come to Aledo to discuss the different options available to the City of Aledo for the purchase of gas.

- The purchase of property located at 206 S.E. 2nd Avenue (Henderson Auto Sale's) has been completed and discussions regarding the development of the property will be during future TIF Committee Meetings.

CHIEF Sponsler submitted the Aledo Police Department Activity Report and reported that during the New Year's Holiday extra Officers were on duty and there were no major issues.

DPW Moller reported:

- A report was submitted by Missman-Stanley and Associates.
- Access to the Aledo Cemetery was closed due to unsafe road conditions while Cemetery Sexton Charles E. Dellitt was on vacation the week of 12/21/09 and 12/28/09.

Committee Report:

ALD. Cooper reported that the 2010 schedule of Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Committee meetings is set for the first Thursday following the first Monday of each month. The TIF Committee Meeting in January will be held on January 7th, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. in the Aledo City Hall Council Chambers.

ALD. Cooper also requested a consensus from the Council regarding a TIF expert being scheduled to hold a seminar.

ALD. Rillie inquired on the Illinois Tax Increment Association membership and noted that this could be a viable resource of information. CITY CLERK Dale reported that the last dues paid to the association were done in 2007. After some discussion, CITY CLERK Dale will speak with Tom Henderson, Executive Director of the Illinois Tax Increment Association to reactivate the membership.

Consensus from the Council is to contact Nancy Hill of Ehler's and Associates, and Tom Henderson of Illinois Tax Increment Association, to provide information and give a presentation regarding TIF during a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Committee Meeting.

ALD. Maynard inquired on a possible agreement with NPGA. CITY ATTORNEY Walton reported that he had spoken with CITY ADMINISTRATOR Green and the alternative gas purchase arrangement that was submitted with Ms. Green's administrative report. The arrangement gave the option to enter into a minimum of a 3 year term, dollar cost averaging purchase arrangement for 50% of the gas and the rest would be purchased at spot market rate. Mr. Harms will be available upon request to speak to the Council and CITY ATTORNEY Walton will contact Mr. Harms to get the contract for the proposal that was outlined and will distribute for review.

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 COOPER to approve the meeting minutes of December 21, 2009 as amended with the following noted changes:

- On page 2, under Committee Report heading, the sentence should read: The next Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Committee meeting will be held January ~~6~~ 7, 2010 at 6:00 o'clock p.m.
- On top of page 4, first paragraph shall read: Motion was made by ALDERMAN BAUGHER and seconded by ALDERMAN BALMER to adopt and approve Ordinance No. 12, Series of 2009 as amended adopting a municipal budget for the City of Aledo, Fiscal Year 2010.
- On page 7, first paragraph, shall read: Discussion was had regarding the environmental study and CITY ATTORNEY Walton noted that there would be no legal ~~issues~~ recourse and the City would be purchasing the property at its own risk.

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 BAUGHER and seconded by ALDERMAN BALMER that the Invoice Listing "End of Year", which has been marked Exhibit "B", 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, and Balmer. NO: None. ABSTAIN: Rillie. Motion carried 7 yeas, 0 nays, 1 abstention.

ALD. Rillie abstained because of line item on page 3 regarding Rosebud Properties L.P. and that he represents the Henderson family.

Motion was made by ALDERMAN BALMER and seconded by ALDERMAN MAYNARD that the Invoice Listing “AP 01- 01/05/10”, 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: Bewley, Cooper, Hunter, Mattson, Maynard, Rillie, Balmer, and Baugher. NO: None. Motion carried 8 yeas, 0 nays.

LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN DR. RATTANANONT AND DR. LENO:

CITY ATTORNEY Walton reported that he had been in contact with Attorney Karl Bredberg and recommended to the Council that there should be no reason not to consent to the agreement.

The following change was made by Attorney Karl Bredberg as follows:

- On Page 7, Number 5 shall read; The Lessor is leasing the above described real estate from the City of Aledo ~~although the Lessor owns the improvements located thereon being leased to the Lessee.~~ This lease is subject to the prior written consent of the City of Aledo. Attached hereto are copies of the original lease, assignment of lease and addendum to lease between the Lessor and the City of Aledo. The Lessee’s tenancy is specifically subject to the terms of all of these documents.

Motion was made by ALDERMAN RILLIE and seconded by ALDERMAN BEWLEY to consent to the assignment of lease for the commercial business property located at 301 N.W. 2nd Street, Aledo, Illinois between Dr. Prasop Rattananont of Aledo, Illinois “Lessor” and Dr. John H. leno, of Rock Island, Illinois “Lessee”. 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. 15, SERIES OF 2009 (Tabled 12/21/09):

The gas meter installation and the items used are as follows:

Meter and Reader	\$200.00
Regulator	\$ 25.00
Shut Off Valve	\$ 23.10
Riser	\$ 31.11
Couplings (5-6 used)	\$ 13.75 Each (\$82.50 for 6)
Curb Stop	\$ 62.87
Excess Flow Valve	\$ 40.50
Pipe and Wire	\$ 50.00
Transition	\$ 18.10

Service Tee	\$ 36.34
Fittings (Meter Set Extra Fittings)	\$ 25.00
PVC (Case)	\$ 10.00
Top Hat (Cased Curb Stop Parts)	\$ 25.00
Fernco	\$ 8.93
Meter Bar	\$ 19.00
Riser Bracket	\$ 10.00

	\$667.45 Using 6 Couplings

This does not include labor of 2 workers for a minimum of 1 day, use of the backhoe and trencher and, the sand, seed, and dirt to complete the work.

After discussion, Motion was made by ALDERMAN RILLIE and seconded by ALDERMAN BEWLEY to table Ordinance No. 15, Series of 2009 to confirm the ownership of various parts of installation and to correct the wording within the ordinance. 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.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

MAYORS REPORT: Acting MAYOR HUNTER reported on the table included in council packets and the table reflects the status of the Aledo Liquor Licenses issued as of January 4, 2010. As of this date there exists one available License for issue for Class A.

An application has been filed for a Class D (Restaurant) Liquor License but no License has been issued at this time.

ALD. Maynard inquired whether the City should consider having just a Beer and Wine License. Currently the City does not have such a class.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

ALD. Balmer reported that various constituents have voiced concern regarding a fall clean-up and the possibility of having another curbside pick-up.

DPW Moller reported the fall clean-up in past was not budgeted because of cost and noted if Council should recommend amending the budget for fall curbside pick-up that the City would be all for it.

Motion was made by ALDERMAN RILLIE and seconded by ALDERMAN BAUGHER 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: Mattson, Maynard, Rillie, Balmer, Baugher, Bewley, Cooper, and Hunter. NO: None. Motion carried. 8 yeas, 0 nays. The meeting was recessed to closed session at 7:26 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, MATTSON, MAYNARD, and RILLIE, as well as, CITY ATTORNEY WALTON, and CLERK DALE.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, motion was made by ALDERMAN BAUGHER and seconded by ALDERMAN MATTSON that the meeting be adjourned. Unanimous voice vote followed in agreement. Meeting was adjourned at 8:29 P.M.

Jarod Dale, City Clerk

Minutes approved by Council action January 19, 2010.

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