

The City Council of the City of Aledo met in Regular Session in the Council Chambers of the City Hall building on July 06, 2010. Acting MAYOR HUNTER called the meeting to order at 7:52 P.M. The roll was called, whereupon the following answered present:

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

Also present were JANICE GREEN, City Administrator, STEPHEN MOLLER, Director of Public Works & Utilities, TERRY DOVE, Chief of Police, 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 Cathy Decker of The Times Record, John Hoscheidt of WRMJ.

### **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

The meeting was opened in prayer by Carl Stoldt, College Avenue Presbyterian Church.

**Appearances:** No Appearances.

**Communication and Correspondence:** Acting MAYOR Hunter reported that he had received communication from Rick Boruff who expressed appreciation to the City and DPW Moller in regards to the installation of the storm water drainage pipe on SE 7<sup>th</sup> Street to prevent water runoff and damage to his property.

**Requests & Petitions:** A special event application was received by Trinity Presbyterian Church for Vacation Bible School. The dates of the event are August 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010 and will be held between the hours of 9:00 A.M. to 11:45 A.M. with a street closure request on the dates listed above. The street closure request is SW 4<sup>th</sup> Street from west of the YMCA entrance to SW 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue.

A sign request was received from Barnes Family Bluegrass Music Festival to advertise the event by displaying a sign in Central Park from Saturday, August 28, to Sunday, September 5, 2010.

**Administrative Report:** ADMINISTRATOR Green reported that Tax Increment Financing (TIF) meetings were held with John Kessinger regarding Pope Creek Candy, Co., and Joe Jackson for the World Wide Gun Report. A personnel committee meeting was held in regards to the Union Contract with front office staff.

Also, the regularly scheduled TIF committee meeting to be held on July 8, 2010 at 6 o'clock P.M. has been cancelled. As soon as there are updated estimates from Joe

Jackson, a rescheduled meeting may be held towards the end of July. The 2009 TIF report is in its final stages of completion and the Joint Review Board (JRB) may potentially be convened by the end of July.

Finally, it was reported that the Aledo Park District Pool committee will meet on July 12, 2010 at 6 o'clock P.M. to continue planning for a new pool for the park district and the aldermen were invited to attend.

The Aledo Police Department Activity Report: No Report.

DPW Moller reported:

- The letter notifying residents of illegal connections to the Aledo sanitary sewer system by means of connecting sump pumps or foundation drainage has been finalized and will be sent along with the next utility billing statements in mid July.
- Jetco, Ltd., anticipates starting the second week of July and materials for painting have been dropped off at the South Water Tower.
- It was discussed that the lock at the old disposal had been replaced by an unknown individual and was noted that there looked to be no tampering of the site.
- A status of projects was submitted by Missman Stanley & Associates, P.C., and the items listed are as follows:
  - Alignment study for Main Street extension to the City was furnished.
  - Sewer capacity issues were reviewed in the Vashti Village area. The sewer videos and compiling of existing map information to determine work scope were done. The smoke testing was completed on 6/10/10. Discussion involved a possible relief sewer on the north side with City staff and potential funding assistance for this from the Government.
  - The contract documents, bonds and insurance documents are in process for the South Water Tower painting and upgrades awarded to Jetco, Ltd, Prospect Heights, IL for \$189,266 on May 3, 2010.

ALD. Maynard requested a copy of the letter for the removal of sump pumps to the sanitary sewer system and later noted that he would just wait and receive the letter when received with the utility billing statement.

Acting MAYOR Hunter inquired on the appraisals for the old Henderson building. ADMINISTRATOR Green reported that she had been in contact with Cory Greer to conduct the appraisal of the building and lot and had not yet been scheduled.

**Mayor's Report:** Acting MAYOR Hunter reported that he had attended meetings along with CITY ADMINISTRATOR Green for Pope Creek Candy, Co., and World Wide Gun Report. Also, it was noted that he met with Gas Superintendent Don Kornis and CITY CLERK Jarod Dale in regards to the new gas metering system that will go to the new Big River Resource (Martin Grain) project. Finally, it was noted that CITY CLERK Dale had received a certificate of completion from the State of Illinois, Office of Attorney General Lisa Madigan for successfully completing the Open Meetings Act on-line training.

**Committee Report:** ALD. Rillie reported that the Ordinance committee was to convene to discuss Ordinance No. 17, Series of 2010; Amending Title 3, Chapter 4 of the Aledo City Code Relating to Peddlers and noted that the Committee of the Whole was the best allotted time to convene for this item.

The ordinance originally drafted by CITY ATTORNEY Walton had been scaled down and minimized by ALD. Rillie for discussion. Within the ordinance amending Title 3, Chapter 4 relating to peddlers provided the following:

Section 1:

No individual or business entity shall exercise the calling or occupation of pawnbroker without a valid license issued by the Commissioner of Banks and Real Estate of the State of Illinois. The aforesaid license shall at all times be displayed in a conspicuous location at or near the main entrance to the premises for which such license is issued.

Section 2:

Pawnbroker: Any individual or business entity which lends money on the deposit or pledge of physically delivered personal property, other than property the ownership of which is subject to a legal dispute, securities, printed evidence of indebtedness or printed of ownership of the personal property, or who deals in the purchase of such property on the condition of selling the property back again at a stipulated price, shall be held and is hereby declared and defined to be a pawnbroker. The business of a pawnbroker does not include the lending of money on deposit or pledge of title to property.

Section 3:

Hours of Operation: No pawnbroker shall operate its business or otherwise or purchase any goods, wares, articles or things whatsoever between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. the next day.

Section 4:

Record of Purchases: Every pawnbroker shall allow the Chief of Police to inspect the records kept in accordance with 205 ILCS 510/5(a) as the same are approved by the Mercer County Sheriff, including, if applicable, computerized

records kept in accordance with 205 ILCS 510/5(c), provided that the pawnbroker shall provide the Chief of Police with any necessary computer equipment needed for the purpose of inspecting such computerized records.

Section 5:

Reports of Chief of Police: It shall be the duty of every pawnbroker to deliver to the Chief of Police a copy of the daily record or report required to be delivered to the Mercer County Sheriff in accordance with the provisions of 205 ILCS 510/7.

ALD. Rillie reported that there were a few options for the committee to consider. The first option would be to approve the original ordinance drafted by CITY ATTORNEY Walton. This included rules and regulations similar to those in Peoria, Illinois or another option would be to consider the ordinance downscaled by ALD. Rillie. The final suggestion to the committee by ALD. Rillie would be to do nothing.

ALD. Rillie noted that his personal opinion would be to do nothing until such time is needed and ALD. Balmer was in agreeance. ALD. Bewley inquired if any official or staff had toured the facility and CHIEF Dove reported that he had met with owner Donald Yates and toured the facility.

There being no further discussion, ALD. Rillie asked to adjourn the ordinance committee meeting and reconvene back to the Committee of the Whole.

Ron Moffitt requested to speak to the Committee of the Whole and reported that a new business was coming to Aledo and the business is Precious Petals and was set to open in late July or early August, 2010.

## **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 RILLIE to approve the meeting minutes of June 21, 2010 as presented. Roll call vote was recorded as follows:

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

#### **FINANCE: INVOICE LIST:**

ALD. Balmer inquired on line item Debra Hardin on page 1 of the invoice listing. DPW Moller reported that this was for a roofing permit and was submitted in error and was reimbursed.

ALD. Rillie inquired on the release of lien on page 1. CITY ADMINISTRATOR Green noted that this was for the program through Bi-State Regional Commission for the Home Rehabilitation Program.

The line item on page 4 of the invoice listing for Rock Island Electric for the OD repair, labor and materials were inquired upon. DPW Moller noted this was for the external oil seal for the lift station at the old disposal.

Motion was made by ALDERMAN BALMER and seconded by ALDERMAN COOPER that the Invoice Listing, 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, Maynard, Rillie, and Balmer. NO: None.  
Motion carried. 7 yeas, 0 nays.

**ORDINANCE NO. 17, SERIES OF 2010:**

Motion was made by ALDERMAN RILLIE and seconded by ALDERMAN BAUGHER to table Ordinance No. 17, Series of 2010; amending Title 3, Chapter 4 of the Aledo City Code Relating to Peddlers.

Roll call vote was recorded as follows:

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

**APPOINTMENT OF OPEN MEETINGS ACT DESIGNEE:**

Motion was made by ALDERMAN BALMER and seconded by ALDERMAN MAYNARD to appoint CITY CLERK Jarod Dale as the Open Meetings Act Designee as required by law. Roll call vote was recorded as follows:

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

**PUBLIC PROPERTY: APPROVAL OF SPRING/SUMMER TREE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM BIDS:**

DPW Moller reported that the bids for the first round of tree removal for 2010 were opened on June 24, 2010 at 10:00 A.M., with CITY CLERK Dale and DPW Moller present. The results from the bids are for 15 trees that included complete removal or required trimming of hazardous limbs.

There were 4 bids received for the Spring/Summer Tree Removal and those bids are as follows:

Etheridge Tree Service .....	\$3,296.00
Lee's Tree Service .....	\$4,500.00
Shepard's Tree Company .....	\$8,300.00
Breeden's Tree Service .....	\$4,360.00

DPW Moller recommended that the contract be awarded to the overall low bid submitted by Etheridge Tree Service.

Motion was made by ALDERMAN RILLIE and seconded by ALDERMAN BAUGHER to approve the low bid by Etheridge Tree Service, 808 W. Main Street, Aledo, IL., 61231 for the amount of \$3,296.00.

Roll call vote was recorded as follows:

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

**APPROVAL FOR RELEASE OF A PORTION OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES FROM JULY 20, 2009 TO SCOTT UMLAND OF FLEMING & UMLAND:**

CITY ADMINSTRATOR Green reported that CITY ATTORNEY Walton reviewed the portion of the recording from July 20, 2009 closed session meeting that attorney Scott Umland requested to use in the remaining portion of the Taylor, Rees, Beckey & Co., P.C., litigation. It was also reported that the recording consists solely of the part of the meeting where Mr. Taylor and Mr. Rees were present, and CITY ATTORNEY Walton recommended that the Council approve the release of the recording for use by attorney Umland.

ALD. Rillie voiced concern but would take CITY ATTORNEY Walton's recommendation.

Motion was made by ALDERMAN BALMER and seconded by ALDERMAN BEWLEY to approve the release of a portion of closed session recording from July 20, 2009 regular City Council meeting to Scott Umland of Fleming & Umland for use in pending litigation.

Roll call vote was recorded as follows:

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

**SPECIAL EVENT REQUEST:**

Motion was made by ALDERMAN MAYNARD and seconded by ALDERMAN BALMER to approve the special event request for Trinity Presbyterian Church located at 309 SW 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue for the event “Vacation Bible School” to be held from August 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010 between the hours of 9:00 A.M. to 11:45 A.M. and with the street closure on SW 4<sup>th</sup> Street from west of the YMCA entrance to SW 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue.

Unanimous voice vote followed in agreement.

**SIGN REQUEST:**

Motion was made by ALDERMAN BALMER and seconded by ALDERMAN BAUGHER to approve the sign request for the Barnes Family Bluegrass Music Festival and to be displayed in Central Park from August 28th to September 5th, 2010 to advertise for said music festival.

Unanimous voice vote followed in agreement.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS –** ALD. Baugher inquired if the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) committee meeting that was cancelled for July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010. It was reported that CITY ADMINISTRATOR Green and ALD. Rillie were waiting for more information from Joe Jackson for World Wide Gun Report and could potentially schedule a meeting later in July after the information has been received.

**OLD BUSINESS –**

**RESOLUTION NO. 15R, SERIES OF 2010; A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE RELEASE OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES:**

The resolution has been amended since the last meeting to exclude the destruction of executive session recordings after the 18 month period and also a section has been added to the resolution. The addition is as follows:

**Section Three:** The City Clerk is hereby directed to maintain copies of all recordings of every executive session set forth on Schedules A and B of this Resolution.

Motion was made by ALDERMAN BAUGHER and seconded by ALDERMAN BEWLEY to approve Resolution 15R, Series of 2010; a resolution regarding the release of closed session minutes. Roll call vote was recorded as follows:

City of Aledo  
Minutes of the Regular City Council Session – July 06, 2010

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

**NEW BUSINESS** – Acting MAYOR Hunter reviewed the 6 month liquor license annual report with the Council. It was noted that there are currently (2) Class “A”-Club, (5) Class “B”-Package, (3) Class “C”-Tavern, and (5) Class “D”-Restaurant licenses issued within the city limits.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, motion was made by ALDERMAN RILLIE and seconded by ALDERMAN BALMER that the meeting be adjourned. Unanimous voice vote followed in agreement. Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 P.M.

---

Jarod Dale, City Clerk

Minutes approved by Council action July 6, 2010.

---

Jarod Dale, City Clerk