

**ALTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes of Regular Session
Tuesday, October 14, 2014**

Mayor Minten called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. with Council members Kleinhesselink, Schutt, Vande Griend and Zenor present. Also present was Dale Oltmans and Laurie Stoos. Bengard arrived at 6:20.

Motion by Kleinhesselink and second by Zenor to approve the agenda. Ayes 4

Motion by Schutt and second by Kleinhesselink to approve the consent agenda, including minutes from September 30, 2014 meeting. Ayes 4

OCTOBER 2014 BILLS

Total Payroll		\$28,097.13
Community Bank	FED Withholding/FICA	\$8,473.53
IPERS	IPERS	\$5,147.97
Iowa State Treasurer	State Withholding	\$1,490.00
AFLAC	Insurance	\$497.33
A&M Laundry	Laundry Service	\$43.28
Acres, Jodi	Utility Deposit Refund	\$56.94
ACT Safe	Wastewater Compliance	\$696.50
Ag Partners	Fuel	\$1,392.90
Ag Partners	Spray	\$171.75
Analytical & Consulting Services	Water/Wastewater Compliance	\$840.45
APGA	Annual Membership Dues	\$350.00
Blacktop Paving	2nd Ave & Division St	\$17,400.00
Blom Electric	New Service -Babcock	\$3,629.50
Bomgaars	Supplies	\$4.17
Border States	Conduit	\$1,036.83
Brown Supply Co.	Curb Box, Manhole Repair, Sweeper Broom	\$2,473.12
Brown, Thomas	Utility Deposit Refund	\$86.78
Bunkers Feed	Weed Control	\$170.00
City of Orange City	Gas Contract	\$3,750.00
City of Orange City	Law Enforcement Contract	\$31,000.75
Clayton Energy	Gas Commodity	\$8,527.76
Clayton Energy	Gas Reservation	\$2,499.45
Community Bank	ACH Fees	\$27.10
Connections	Employee Assistance Program	\$81.27
Dearborn National	Group Insurance	\$1,086.00
DeVries, Dann	Utility Deposit Refund	\$275.00
DGR	Water Main Loop Improvements	\$1,907.16
Ditch Witch	Repairs, Tools	\$674.98
Echo	Elbows, Conduit, Tape	\$533.70
Econo Signs	Stop Signs	\$273.93

Emergency Services Marketing	Two year subscription	\$300.00
Foreman Tire	Mower Repair	\$19.54
FP Mailing Solutions	Annual Meter Rent	\$360.00
Frank Dunn Co.	Patching Material	\$420.00
Glenn's Copier	Office Supplies	\$136.03
IAMU	OSHA Workshop	\$115.00
IAMU	Water/Wastewater Workshop	\$175.00
Iowa DNR	Annual Water Use Fee	\$99.00
Iowa Lakes Community College	EMS Training	\$95.00
Iowa League of Cities	Budget Workshop	\$35.00
Iowa One Call	Locates	\$25.20
Jellema Construction	City Hall Doors	\$5,131.29
JK Country Bakery	Supplies	\$30.00
Klay, Veldhuizen, Bindner, DeJong	Legal Fees	\$1,320.00
Korver Lawn Care	Lawn Care - Sewer	\$100.00
Lyftogt Line & Septic Service	Sewer Maintenance	\$175.00
Mangold Environmental Testing	Water Testing	\$22.00
MBMECA	Electric Transmission	\$4,164.09
Mid American	Lights	\$131.28
Mid Sioux	Project Share	\$20.00
Mike's Welding & Repair	Equipment, Repairs, Supplies	\$606.00
Missouri River	Electric	\$25,421.21
Missouri River	Registration Fees	\$174.00
Moore Medical	Ambulance Supplies	\$233.88
Motor Inn	Vehicle Repairs	\$394.53
Mouw, Kris	Utility Deposit Refund	\$223.23
Municipal Management Corp	Water System Leak Survey	\$500.00
Municipal Utilities	Utilities	\$1,356.24
Neal Chase	Supplies, equipment, postage	\$827.50
Nilles, Dave	Electric Rebate	\$10.00
Noteboom Electric	Repairs	\$138.91
Oltmans, Dale	Office Supplies	\$22.47
Orange City Area Health	Paramedic Assist, Drug & Hearing Tests	\$256.00
Orange City Municipal Utilities	Bulk Water	\$8,497.19
Orange City Sanitation	Garbage hauling	\$6,194.90
Orange City Sanitation	Rolloff - Pool Bathhouse Roof	\$275.31
Pluim Publishing	Fire Prevention Ad	\$297.25
Reiter, Mallory	Utility Deposit Refund	\$105.19
Schwarz, Tyler	Utility Deposit Refund	\$58.19
Sioux County Recorder	Ordinance & Resolutions Recording	\$127.00
Siouxland Press	Publications	\$30.60
Siouxland Propane	Switch	\$18.54
Skarshaug Testing	Safety Testing	\$189.58
Standard Ready Mix Concrete	Replacing Manhole Covers	\$552.50
Steven, John	Electric Rebate	\$10.00

Superior Equipment	Mower Repair	\$35.70
Treasurer State of Iowa	Sales Tax	\$3,072.00
Tritech	Rescue Billing	\$27.50
Unity Point	Drug Tests	\$37.00
US Cellular	Cell Phones	\$298.09
US Post Office	Postage	\$500.00
VISA	Travel/Training, Supplies, Maintenance	\$1,127.03
Wellmark	Group Insurance	\$10,517.78
Wesco	Secondary Junction, Pad Box, Splice Cover	\$817.63
WesTel	Telephone, Fax, Internet	\$520.22
Williams & Company	Audit	\$8,250.00
Grand Total		\$206,486.55

Easement Vacation: Aalbers 2nd Addition

Mayor Minten opened the public hearing for Easement Vacation in Aalbers 2nd Addition at 6:15 P.M. No written or oral comments were received. The public hearing was closed at 6:18 P.M.

Ordinance 713 was introduced by Council Member Schutt

AN ORDINANCE VACATING EASEMENTS LYING BETWEEN LOTS 9 & 10, LOTS 10 & 11, AND LOTS 13 & 14, IN AALBERES 2ND ADDITION TO ALTON, IOWA

Motion by Council Member Zenor that the reading just had to be the first and the Council dispense with the statutory provision that this Ordinance be fully and distinctly read on three different days as provided by section 380.3 of the Code of Iowa.

Motion was duly seconded by Council Member Kleinhesselink.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Bengard, Kleinhesselink, Schutt, Zenor

Nays: None

Abstain: Vande Griend

And the Mayor declares the motion duly carried.

Motion by Schutt that title of said bill for Ordinance be approved as set out and said bill for Ordinance 713 be adopted and placed on its final passage. Council Member Kleinhesselink seconds the foregoing motion.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Bengard, Kleinhesselink, Schutt, Zenor

Nays: None

Abstain: Vande Griend

The Mayor declares the motion duly carried and will forthwith sign he said Ordinance and the Clerk will add his attestation thereto, said Ordinance being adopted.

RESOLUTION 14-24 “RESOLUTION APPROVING THE VACATION OF THE EASEMENTS LYING BETWEEN LOTS 9 & 10, LOTS 10 & 11, AND LOTS 13 & 14, AALBERS 2nd ADDITION TO THE CITY OF ALTON, IOWA” was introduced and moved for adoption by Council Member Bengard. Zenor seconded the motion to adopt.

Upon roll call vote, the following was recorded:
Ayes: Bengard, Kleinhesselink, Schutt, and Zenor
Nays: None
Abstain: Vande Griend

Whereupon the Mayor declared the Resolution duly adopted.

Library:

Motion by Bengard and second by Vande Griend to accept the Mayor’s appointment of Wendy Oetken and Russell Howard to the Library Board. Ayes 5

Motion by Zenor and second by Schutt to award the bid to paint the Library’s entryway and conference room to Kustom Painting. Ayes 5

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RESOLUTION 14-28 “RESOLUTION ASSESSING COSTS OF MOWING AND/OR WEED CONTROL AND FOR ASSESSMENT OF SAID COSTS AND CERTIFICATION OF SAID COSTS TO THE SIOUX COUNTY AUDITOR TO BE COLLECTED AS GENERAL PROPERTY TAXES” was introduced and moved for adoption by Council Member Kleinhesselink. Zenor seconded the motion to adopt.

Upon roll call vote, the following was recorded:
Ayes: Bengard, Kleinhesselink, Schutt, Vande Griend and Zenor
Nays: None
Absent: None

Whereupon the Mayor declared the Resolution duly adopted.

Zoning:

Motion by Bengard and second by Vande Griend to authorize Mayor Minten to sign the Zoning Official Contract drafted by the City Attorney for one calendar year subject to acceptance by Zoning Official. Ayes 5

Fire Department: 28E Agreement

Motion by Schutt and second by Zenor to authorize Mayor Minten and City Administrator Oltmans to sign 28E Agreement for the Alton Fire Department. Ayes 5

Personnel: Establish Public Works Department

RESOLUTION 14-29 “RESOLUTION ELIMINATING TITLE 1, CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE 14 (WATER AND SEWER OPERATOR) AND ARTICLE 15 (STREET SUPERINTENDENT) AND APPROVING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT” was introduced and moved for adoption by Council Member Bengard. Zenor seconded the motion to adopt.

Upon roll call vote, the following was recorded:

Ayes: Bengard, Kleinhesselink, Schutt, Vande Griend and Zenor

Nays: None

Absent: None

Whereupon the Mayor declared the Resolution duly adopted.

Motion by Vande Griend and second by Schutt to appoint Nick Herda as the Public Works Superintendent for the City of Alton. Ayes 5

RESOLUTION 14-30 “APPROVING THE APPOINTING OF A PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT AND APPROVING WAGES FOR SAID POSITION” was introduced and moved for adoption by Council Member Kleinhesselink. Zenor seconded the motion to adopt.

Upon roll call vote, the following was recorded:

Ayes: Bengard, Kleinhesselink, Schutt, Vande Griend and Zenor

Nays: None

Absent: None

Whereupon the Mayor declared the Resolution duly adopted.

Streets:

Discussion was held on the available Legal Debt Limit and if the Council wanted to investigate bonding for street improvements. Also discussed was possible federal grants available for work on E. Division St. It was the consensus of the Council to work towards improving roads so that the money budgeted each year could be better utilized for repair and maintenance of streets.

Staff requested approval to purchase a new piece of equipment to better maintain gravel alleys and streets.

Motion by Bengard and second by Zenor to approve purchase of 7' land leveler. Ayes 5

Utilities:

Water/Wastewater Committee update:

Oltmans, Herda and Lorna Puntillo (ACT SAFE) met with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. Herda updated the Council of the current action plan to sample, work with businesses, residential softeners, and dredging lagoons.

Well Capping:

Herda informed the Council that the DNR is requesting that the remaining wells be capped, since they are not active.

Motion by Schutt and second by Vande Griend to grant permission to cap the two remaining wells. Ayes 5

Other business:

Stoos informed the Council of the payment agreement requirements from the Iowa Utility Board.

The November meeting is scheduled for November, 11, Veterans' Day. Oltmans and Stoos have agreed to work Veterans' Day in exchange for a floating holiday.

Discussion was held on Fair View Meadows covenant. It was the consensus of the Council to abstain from any votes regarding the covenant unless a vote is required.

Discussion was held on selling lots that the City owns in Fair View Meadows, with a minimum assessment. Concern was expressed that it could affect current lot values and whether or not it would compete with private sellers. Staff will investigate property valuation concerns.

Oltmans updated the Council on a business building in Aalbers 2nd addition requiring a 3 phase electric extension and natural gas extension. They will be constructing a fiber line along Highway 60.

Motion by Kleinhesselink and second by Zenor to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 PM. Ayes 5

Mayor,
Ronald L. Minten
September Revenue

City Clerk/Administrator
Dale Oltmans

General Fund	\$14,075.14	Capital Equipment Fund	\$27.13
RUT Fund	\$9,697.33	LMI Housing	\$20.68
Employee Benefits	\$524.53	Capital Parks & Trails	\$2,816.43
Local Option Fund	\$11,755.25	Water Fund	\$22,916.15
TIF - Industrial Park	\$55.42	Sewer Fund	\$11,368.40
Debt Service Fund	\$2,097.64	Electric Fund	\$85,112.58
Capital Econ. Dev. Fund	\$100.00	Gas Fund	\$15,807.39
		Total Receipts	\$176,374.07