

**ALTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes of Regular Session
Tuesday, December 9, 2014**

Mayor Minten called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. with Council members Schutt, Vande Griend and Zenor present. Also present was Jeff Peters, Joe Schwartz, Jeff Jensen, Dale Oltmans and Laurie Stoos. Kleinhesselink arrived at 6:40 and Bengard was absent.

Motion by Zenor and second by Schutt to approve the agenda. Ayes 3

Motion by Schutt and second by Zenor to approve the consent agenda, including minutes from November 11, 2014 and November 20, 2014 meetings. Ayes 4

DECEMBER 2014 BILLS

A & M LAUNDRY INC	LAUNDRY SERVICE	\$43.28
AFLAC	AFLAC-PRE-TAX	\$497.33
AG PARTNERS	FUEL	\$1,830.83
ALTON CHAMBER	FEES	\$680.00
ANALYTICAL & CONSULTING	COMPLIANCE TESTING	\$1,838.81
ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY	BELT	\$38.09
BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES	\$152.73
CLAYTON ENERGY CORPORATION	GAS COMMODITY	\$59,221.39
CLAYTON ENERGY CORPORATION	GAS RESERVATION	\$10,121.41
COMMUNITY BANK	ACH & RETURN CK FEES	\$32.25
COMMUNITY BANK (FED WHLD)	FED/FICA TAX	\$6,975.47
COMMUNITY BANK	GAS LOAN	\$30,786.50
DALE OLTMANS	MILEAGE	\$290.41
DATA TECHNOLOGIES, INC.	SOFTWARE LICENSE & SUPPORT FEE	\$3,152.36
DEKOK, DON	GAS REBATE	\$325.00
DEWILD GRANT RECKERT & ASSOC	ENGINEERING SERVICES - STREETS	\$1,725.45
ECHO GROUP INC	ELBOWS, COUPLINGS, CONDUIT	\$345.66
EGGERT MICHAEL	GAS REBATE	\$425.00
ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING CO.	PAGER BATTERIES	\$164.60
FOREMAN TIRE SERVICE	EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	\$536.88
GLENN'S COPIER INC	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$81.51
HAMILL MOTOR COMPANY	DUMP TRUCK/EQUIPMENT REPAIRS	\$646.69
HOLIDAY LITES & TRIM	CHRISTMAS LIGHTS	\$180.00
IOWA ASSN. OF MUNICIPAL UTIL.	GAS TESTS	\$20.00
IOWA ONE CALL	LOCATES	\$31.50
IOWA RURAL WATER ASSN.	MEMBERSHIP DUES	\$250.00
IOWA STATE TREASURER	STATE TAX	\$1,244.00
IPERS COLLECTIONS	IPERS	\$4,470.32
KLAY,VELDHUIZEN,BINDNER,DEJONG	LEGAL FEES	\$1,050.00
KOLBECK INC	TREE GRINDING	\$1,050.00
KRIZ-DAVIS CO.	CONNECTORS, INSULATORS	\$506.20
KUSTOM PAINTING	PAINT LIBRARY	\$1,250.00

MATHESON TRI-GAS IN	OXYGEN	\$22.99
MBMECA	ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION	\$6,541.06
MID AMERICAN	LIGHTS	\$131.41
MIKES WELDING & REPAIR	ENGINE, HYDRAULIC PUMP	\$2,780.85
MISSOURI RIVER ENERGY SERVICES	ELECTRIC	\$54,879.63
MISSOURI RIVER ENERGY SERVICES	ULTRASONIC INSPECTION	\$383.40
MOUW MOTOR	FUSION - REPAIRS	\$136.43
MUNICIPAL UTIL-BILLS	UTILITY BILLS	\$1,354.56
NEAL CHASE LUMBER CO	SAW, SUPPLIES, TRUCK REPAIRS	\$2,208.40
NICK HERDA	MILEAGE - REIMBURSEMENT	\$269.21
NORTHWEST IA LEAGUE OF CITIES	MEMBERSHIP DUES	\$25.00
O C AREA HEALTH FOUNDATION	CONTRIBUTION - NURSING HOME	\$12,000.00
ORANGE CITY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	BULK WATER, WATER TRUE-UP	\$7,449.73
ORANGE CITY SANITATION	GARBAGE HAULING	\$6,214.90
PAYROLL CHECKS ON 11/26/2014	PAYROLL	\$22,955.73
REHAB SYSTEMS INC.	JET/VAC/TELEWISE SEWER	\$6,829.55
SIOUX GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB	MEETING EXPENSE	\$1,004.70
SIOUXLAND PRESS	PUBLICATIONS, ENVELOPES	\$504.50
SIOUXLAND PROPANE CO	HEADLIGHT	\$52.76
STANDARD READY MIX CONCRETE	CONCRETE - E 10TH ST	\$467.50
SUPERIOR EQUIPMENT & RENTAL	SPRING, TENSION	\$29.46
TOWN & COUNTRY IMPLEMENT	BRAKE INSPECTION	\$613.07
TREASURER - STATE OF IOWA	SALES TAX	\$3,290.00
TRITECH EMERGENCY SYSTEMS INC	RESCUE BILLING	\$82.50
U S CELLULAR	CELL PHONES	\$216.36
U. S. POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	\$500.00
VISA	EQUIPMENT LIGHTS, TRAVEL, RUBBER BLADE	\$1,513.22
VISSER BROTHERS	FURNACE MAINTENANCE	\$72.27
WELLMARK	GROUP INSURANCE	\$7,494.81
WEST IOWA TELEPHONE	TELEPHONE, INTERNET, FAX	\$546.34
ZARNOTH BRUSH WORKS INC	SWEEPER HOSES	\$1,470.80
ZEP - ACUITY SPECIALTY PRODUCT	CLEANING SUPPLIES	\$244.29
TOTAL		\$272,249.10

GENERAL FUND	\$22,697.97
ROAD USE TAX FUND	\$10,997.47
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS FUND	\$2,080.39
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	\$12,000.00
LMI HOUSING	\$50.00
CAPITAL - STREETS	\$1,508.00
WATER FUND	\$16,654.86
SEWER FUND	\$17,456.13
ELECTRIC FUND	\$80,622.51
GAS FUND	\$108,181.77
TOTAL	\$272,249.10

Audit Report: Jeff Peters from Williams and Company reviewed the June 30, 2014 Audit Report with the Council. In the Auditors opinion, the financial statements present fairly, and Jeff stated the City Staff has done a thorough job reporting the finances as well as maintaining the City's financial position.

Peters left at 6:25.

Trees Forever: Jeff Jensen from Trees Forever and Joe Schwartz from the Iowa DNR presented the Council with an Urban Forest Management Plan. Jensen informed the Council there are no signs of the Emerald Ash Borer in Alton at the time of inspection. Jensen also highlighted hazardous trees with decay in Alton. Schwartz discussed the available grant money to replace trees in the City's right of way.

Jensen and Schwartz left at 6:45.

Property Purchase: Oltmans informed the Council that a property owner on Park St. has offered to sell his property to the City.

Motion by Zenor and second by Kleinhesselink to approve the purchase of property at 806 Park St for \$27,500 plus legal costs excluding any liens and accrued property tax. Ayes 4

City Attorney: City Attorney Brad De Jong submitted a new contract to the City. Oltmans informed the Council the contract has not been changed in three years. The contract remains the same except the fee has increased from \$175/hour to \$200/hour.

Motion by Kleinhesselink and second by Schutt to approve new contract for City Attorney Brad De Jong. Ayes 4

NWI Area Solid Waste Agency:

Motion by Kleinhesselink and second by Vande Griend to appoint Oltmans as primary and Minten as secondary representatives for the City to the NWI Area Solid Waste Agency. Ayes 4

Wastewater:

ORDINANCE 714 "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ALTON, IOWA 2002 BY AMENDING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO THE MUNICIPAL SANITARY SEWER UTILITY RATES" was introduced and moved for adoption by Council Member Vande Griend. Kleinhesselink seconded the motion. The Mayor put the question upon the motion, and the roll being called, the vote thereon was as follows:

Ayes: Kleinhesselink, Schutt, Vande Griend and Zenor

Nays: None

Absent: Bengard

Whereupon the Mayor declared the motion carried and said proposed ordinance was given second vote for passage and placed on file before the Council for the third time.

Joint Engineering – Oltmans has spoken with the City of Orange City. The City of Orange City has approved moving forward with an engineering study for a wastewater treatment facility and has contacted DGR to complete the study. No further update was currently available.

Personnel:

RESOLUTION 14-35 “A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALTON, IOWA, SETTING SALARIES AND WAGES FOR APPOINTED OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015” was introduced and moved for adoption by Council Member Schutt. Vande Griend seconded the motion to adopt.

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

Whereupon the Mayor declared the Resolution duly adopted.

Industrial Park: Oltmans discussed with the Council the sunset on TIF funds availability. There are utility projects that would qualify for TIF, including water, sanitary sewer, electric, and natural gas main extensions to loop the utilities in the Industrial Park. Also, natural gas upsizing to the border station if Ag Partners added additional grain drying and subdividing and developing Lot 2. It was the consensus of the Council to instruct Oltmans to work with DGR and a bonding attorney on moving forward with the water and sanitary loop as well as the natural gas loop.

Other Business:

Motion by Kleinhesselink and second by Vande Griend to adjourn the meeting at 7:46. Ayes 4

Mayor,
Ronald L. Minten

City Clerk/Administrator
Dale Oltmans

November Revenue

General Fund	\$15,945.54	Capital Equipment Fund	\$18.11
RUT Fund	\$10,424.82	LMI Housing	\$20.92
Employee Benefits	\$615.94	Capital Industrial Dev.	\$1,100.00
Local Option Fund	\$23,130.19	Capital Parks & Trails	\$402.75
TIF - Industrial Park	\$5,048.30	Water Fund	\$19,778.63
TIF- FVM1	\$1,338.85	Sewer Fund	\$10,727.06
Debt Service Fund	\$3,475.71	Electric Fund	\$72,677.16
Capital Econ. Dev. Fund	\$100.00	Gas Fund	\$23,063.09
		Total Receipts	\$187,867.07