

ALTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes of Regular Session
Tuesday, February 9, 2021

Mayor Vande Griend called the meeting to order at 6:04 P.M. with Council members Jorgensen, Krull, Mulder, Plathe, and Vander Pol present. Also present were Quintin Van Es, Dale Oltmans, and Laurie Tentinger.

Motion by Mulder and second by Plathe to approve the agenda. Ayes 5

Motion by Jorgensen and second by Krull to approve the minutes from January 12, 2021 meeting. Ayes 5

Motion by Mulder and second by Vander Pol to approve the financial reports as presented. Ayes 5

Motion by Jorgensen and second by Mulder to approve the bills as presented. Ayes 5

FEBRUARY 2021 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>PRODUCT/SERVICE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
A & M LAUNDRY INC	LAUNDRY SERVICE	\$ 56.89
AALBERS, MIKE	CREDIT BALANCE REFUND	\$ 55.63
AFLAC	AFLAC-PRE-TAX	\$ 357.32
AG PARTNERS	FUEL - RUBY	\$ 1,102.14
AMERICAN LEGION POST 200	FLAGS	\$ 114.00
AMERICAN STATE BANK	FED/FICA TAX	\$ 8,294.65
ANALYTICAL & CONSULTING	COMPLIANCE TESTING	\$ 213.80
ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY	SIREN BATTERIES, ANTIFREEZE	\$ 1,728.73
BOMGAARS	TRACTOR LIGHT, WRENCH SET	\$ 152.90
BORDER STATES INDUSTRIES, INC.	WIRE, METER STOP, FR CLOTHING, LIGHTS	\$ 5,511.09
CLAYTON ENERGY CORPORATION	GAS RESERVATION	\$ 12,667.51
CLAYTON ENERGY CORPORATION	GAS COMMODITY	\$ 9,823.86
CMBA ARCHITECTS	FIRE STATION SERVICES	\$ 1,615.52
COMMUNITY INS	LIBRARY POLICY, JCB	\$ 1,709.00
DEARBORN NATIONAL	GROUP INSURANCE	\$ 2,949.81
DEWILD GRANT RECKERT & ASSOC	AMMONIA COMPLIANCE, 4TH AVE STORM	\$ 1,655.00
DIAMOND VOGEL PAINT	PAINT	\$ 126.59
ECHO GROUP INC	TAPE, MOTION SWITCHES	\$ 341.54
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING & EQUIP	GENERATOR SERVICE	\$ 808.55
FOREMAN TIRE SERVICE	ADAPTERS	\$ 40.00
GROEBNER & ASSOCIATES INC	VALVE EXTENSIONS	\$ 156.87
IMFOA	MEMBERSHIP DUES	\$ 100.00
IOWA DEPT OF REVENUE	PROPERTY TAX	\$ 11.68
IOWA DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	BLADES	\$ 301.36
IOWA ONE CALL	LOCATES	\$ 1.90
IOWA STATE TREASURER	STATE TAX	\$ 1,298.00
IPERS COLLECTIONS	IPERS	\$ 5,541.48
KONZ, BRIAN	DEDUCTIBLE BUYDOWN	\$ 921.90
MIKE LAMM	ELECTRIC REBATE	\$ 96.00
MID SIOUX OPPORTUNITY	PROJECT SHARE	\$ 40.00
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY	STREETLIGHTS	\$ 247.30

MIKES WELDING & REPAIR	SUPPLIES, PLOW REPAIR	\$ 419.70
MISSOURI RIVER ENERGY SERVICES	ELECTRIC	\$ 56,659.31
MUNICIPAL UTIL-BILLS	UTILITIES	\$ 2,427.16
NEAL CHASE LUMBER CO	SUPPLIES	\$ 137.84
NOTEBOOM ELECTRIC	CONNECTORS, LABOR	\$ 266.74
ORANGE CITY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	BULK WATER	\$ 7,035.28
ONE OFFICE SOLUTION	FILE CABINETS, OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$ 4,205.97
ORANGE CITY SANITATION	GARBAGE HAULING	\$ 7,000.25
PAYROLL	PAYROLL 01.31.2021	\$ 26,691.17
PEFA, INC	GAS COMMODITY	\$ 16,518.62
PLUIM PUBLISHING CO., INC.	FLYERS, SUBSCRIPTION	\$ 223.00
PREMIER COMMUNICATIONS	IT SERVICES	\$ 600.00
RANDY'S IRON WORKS INC	SNOWPLOW REPAIR	\$ 562.66
REICHL, JOHN	UTILITY DEPOSIT REFUND	\$ 51.04
REHAB SYSTEMS INC.	JET/VAC CLEANING, TELEVISION	\$ 6,508.45
SANITATION PRODUCTS, INC	COUPLERS	\$ 82.65
SECRETARY OF STATE	NOTARY FEE	\$ 30.00
SIOUXLAND PRESS	PUBLICATIONS	\$ 118.00
STANDER ENGRAVING	NAME PLATES	\$ 25.00
SUPERHITECH	SECURITY CAMERAS	\$ 4,749.71
TEAMCO INC	CORD COUPLERS, CLAMP	\$ 332.21
TENTINGER, LAURIE	DEDUCTIBLE BUYDOWN	\$ 1,000.00
TOWN & COUNTRY IMPLEMENT	HY-TRAN	\$ 476.00
TREASURER - STATE OF IOWA	WATER EXCISE TAX	\$ 1,305.00
TREASURER - STATE OF IOWA	SALES TAX	\$ 3,837.00
TRI-STATE COMMUNICATIONS, INC	RADIO	\$ 750.56
U. S. POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	\$ 500.00
UNITYPOINT CLINIC-OCC MED	DRUG TESTS	\$ 42.00
VANDER POL EXCAVATING	4TH AVE STORM SEWER	\$ 19,213.37
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONES	\$ 276.87
VISA	SUPPLIES, TRAINING, SOFTWARE	\$ 1,045.29
WELLMARK BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD	GROUP INSURANCE	\$ 10,744.30
WEST IOWA TELEPHONE	TELEPHONE, FAX, INTERNET	\$ 637.78
	TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	\$ 232,513.95

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Van Es presented the Council with the revised architect agreement. After negotiations they settled on a fixed fee of \$152,000. Van Es reviewed different grants and fundraisers that the Fire Department is exploring to help fund equipment for the project. The Council discussed use of excess funds if the project was completed under budget. The consensus was that the funds would be used to pay off the loan for current fire trucks. Discussion was also held on possible questions that could arise at the community meeting and how the meeting location will be set up.

Motion by Plathe and second by Jorgensen to accept the architect agreement as presented. Ayes 5

Mulder updated the Council on the E-911 and County Emergency Management meetings he attended. There is potential money from the county to help with EMT and ambulance expenses. Also, the new communications tower is nearing completion.

Van Es left the meeting at 6:55 PM.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Jorgensen updated the Council on the latest AEDC meeting. The AEDC is working on creating acreage or estate lots on the south end of Fair View Meadows. Covenants and zoning would have to be changed to allow for the lot development. The AEDC is meeting to discuss moving forward with Fair View Meadows Second Addition Phase II.

Oltmans informed the Council that several businesses have contacted him interested in locating in Alton and the need for additional lots for these businesses. After discussion it was the consensus of the Council to have the AEDC negotiate, purchase, and sell the lots to the potential businesses.

BUDGET: Oltmans presented the budget as prepared and reviewed multiple line items.

Motion by Vander Pol and second by Krull to approve the Preliminary Budget. Ayes 5

Mayor Vande Griend opened a public hearing for the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Proposed General Fund Max Levy at 7:29 PM. No written or oral comments were received. Mayor Vande Griend closed the public hearing at 7:33 PM.

RESOLUTION 21-05 “A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALTON, IOWA APPROVING THE CITY MAXIMUM PROPERTY TAX DOLLARS FOR THE AFFECTED LEVY TOTAL FOR THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2022” was introduced and moved for adoption by Council Member Jorgensen. Plathe seconded the motion to adopt.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Jorgensen, Plathe, Mulder, Vander Pol, Krull

Nays: None

Whereupon the Mayor Vande Griend declared the Resolution duly adopted.

RESOLUTION 21-06 “A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALTON, IOWA SETTING TIME AND PLACE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING WRITTEN AND ORAL COMMENTS ON THE CITY’S PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 BUDGET” was introduced and moved for adoption by Council Member Jorgensen. Vander Pol seconded the motion to adopt.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Jorgensen, Vander Pol, Plathe, Krull, Mulder

Nays: None

Whereupon the Mayor Vande Griend declared the Resolution duly adopted.

4TH AVE STORMWATER PROJECT: Oltmans informed the Council that Vander Pol Excavating, LLC, has completed the Stormwater Improvements in accordance with the terms of conditions of the contract and that is the recommendation of the City’s engineer to approve final payment and accept the work.

RESOLUTION 21-07 “A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALTON, IOWA ACCEPTING WORK” was introduced and moved for adoption by Council Member Plathe. Krull seconded the motion to adopt.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Plathe, Krull, Jorgensen, Mulder
Nays: None
Abstain: Vander Pol

Whereupon the Mayor Vande Griend declared the Resolution duly adopted.

GAS LOAN REFINANCING: Oltmans informed the Council that he negotiated with American State Bank and came to terms to refinance the natural gas loan from 4.55% to 2.125%.

RESOLUTION 21-08 “RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO LOAN AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF ALTON, IOWA AND AMERICAN STATE BANK, ALTON, IOWA, FOR THE ISSUANCE OF TAXABLE GAS REVENUE REFUNDING CAPITAL LOAN NOTES, SERIES 2009B, OF THE CITY” was introduced and moved for adoption by Council Member Jorgensen. Plathe seconded the motion to adopt.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Jorgensen, Plathe, Vander Pol, Krull, Mulder
Nays: None

Whereupon the Mayor Vande Griend declared the Resolution duly adopted.

GOLF CARTS: Oltmans informed the Council that some residents raised concerns on the golf cart ordinance requiring brake lights. It was the consensus of the Council to amend the ordinance to remove the brake light requirement but keep the taillight requirement.

EQUIPMENT BUILDING: The Council discussed the overhead doors to the equipment building. Oltmans presented quotes for replacing the two overhead doors with a single 27' door to allow for maneuvering of equipment in and out of the building. Mulder reviewed the project and reported that the current doors are twelve foot wide and the snowplows are thirteen foot wide making it difficult for staff to back the trucks in. They will also be able to store equipment three wide without having to move equipment in and out.

Motion by Mulder and second by Krull to approve the replacement of overhead doors in the equipment building with a 27' overhead door. Ayes 5

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS: Oltmans presented the Council with costs for the current employee benefit plan as well as the plan previously held. Council discussed the decision to switch plans and the effect it had on employees. Council discussed the savings the new plan contains and what it could cost to buydown employee deductibles to match the previous plan. Also discussed was the desire to ensure the current plan would not be changed even if cost goes up. The consensus was to have the City absorb price increases instead of employees.

Motion by Jorgensen and second by Vander Pol to implement a plan to buydown employee deductibles to cover the difference in deductible and out of pocket maximum from the current plan to the former plan's deductible and out of pocket maximum. Ayes 5

SGCC: Discussion was held on Sioux Golf & Country Club's need to purchase a new lawn mower and how they would pay for it. SGCC would like to set up a revolving loan fund with the City. Oltmans has spoken to an attorney at Ahlers Cooney and it was determined to be able to loan SGCC money to purchase equipment an Urban Renewal Plan would need to be established. It was the consensus of the Council to proceed with the process for setting up an Urban Renewal Plan.

OTHER BUSINESS: Vande Griend appointed Mulder, Plathe and Oltmans to be on the Office Remodel Committee.

Mulder updated the Council on the meeting with the City of Orange City. Discussion was held on employee and equipment sharing as well as the potential additional of a police officer. Also discussed was meeting with ISG to see what the City needs in terms of parks, trails, etc.

Motion by Krull and second by Jorgensen to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 PM. Ayes 5

Mayor
Dan Vande Griend

City Clerk/Administrator
Dale Oltmans

January Revenue

General Fund	\$14,964.88
RUT Fund	\$14,067.37
Employee Benefits Fund	\$59.43
Local Option Fund	\$15,840.10
TIF – FVM2 Phase 1 Fund	\$2.24
Debt Service Fund	\$256.39
Capital Equipment Fund	\$65.53

Capital Parks & Trails	\$13.07
Water Fund	\$23,633.39
Sewer Fund	\$22,775.24
Electric Fund	\$93,732.72
Gas Fund	\$52,710.42
Storm Water Fund	\$2,694.46
Total Receipts	\$240,815.24