

ALTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes of Regular Session
Tuesday, November 12, 2024

Mayor Vande Griend called the meeting to order at 6:02 P.M. with Council members Frederes, Jorgensen, and Plathe present. Kleinhesselink and Mulder were absent. Also present were Dale Oltmans and Laurie Tentinger.

Motion by Jorgensen and second by Plathe to approve the agenda. Ayes 3

Motion by Jorgensen and second by Frederes to approve the minutes from October 15, 2024, meeting. Ayes 3

Motion by Plathe and second by Frederes to accept the financial reports as presented. Ayes 3

Motion by Jorgensen and second by Frederes to approve the bills as presented. Ayes 3

NOVEMBER 2024 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE		
<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>PRODUCT/SERVICE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
A & M LAUNDRY INC	LAUNDRY SERVICE	\$56.05
AALBERS EXCAVATING/TRUCKING	TRUCKING - BALL FIELD LIME	\$1,609.61
AFLAC	AFLAC-PRE-TAX	\$417.77
AGSTATE	FUEL	\$3,454.92
AGRIVISION EQUIPMENT	V-BELT	\$84.78
AHLERS & COONEY, P.C.	URBAN RENEWAL	\$108.00
ALTON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	PROPERTY TAX REIMBURSEMENT	\$83.00
AMERICAN STATE BANK	FED/FICA TAX	\$11,969.83
AMERIGROUP IOWA, INC	PMT REFUND	\$116.91
ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY	BATTERY, DEF, FILTERS, OIL	\$675.13
BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES	\$239.83
BORDER STATES INDUSTRIES, INC.	STREETLIGHTS	\$1,914.00
BRYAN ROCK PRODUCTS INC	BALL DIAMOND LIME	\$440.00
CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS	COPIER FEES	\$102.66
CLAYTON ENERGY CORPORATION	GAS RESERVATION	\$7,048.09
CLAYTON ENERGY CORPORATION	GAS COMMODITY	\$69.41
DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP	HI-VIS SHIRTS	\$154.96
DEWILD GRANT RECKERT & ASSOC	FLOOD REPAIRS	\$5,207.54
ECHO GROUP INC	SUPPLIES, LIGHT BULBS	\$1,151.01
FLYNN, MEGHAN	UTILITY DEPOSIT REFUND	\$195.66
FRANSYL EQUIPMENT CO., INC.	HOSES	\$331.70
FREDS PLUMBING & HEATING	FIRE DEPT LEAK	\$155.06
GOODLAND PUMP SERVICE	PUMP	\$6,247.50
GRAINGER	REPAIRS	\$36.62
HAWKE & CO AG SERVICES	HOSE, FITTING - VAC WAGON	\$118.31
HAWKINS WATER TREATMENT	CHEMICALS	\$30.00
HOLIDAY INN	IMFOA CONFERENCE	\$478.04
IOWA RURAL WATER ASSN.	DUES	\$355.00
IOWA STATE TREASURER	STATE TAX	\$1,744.85
IOWA UTILITIES COMMISSION	GAS & ELECTRIC ASSESSMENTS	\$1,025.00

IPERS COLLECTIONS	IPERS	\$8,293.40
JANITOR'S CLOSET	PAPER TOWELS	\$367.72
KGM	METERS - FLOOD REPLACEMENT	\$6,384.37
KOPETSKYS ACE	FILTERS, SUPPLIES	\$127.39
MID SIOUX OPPORTUNITY	PROJECT SHARE	\$120.00
MID-AMERICAN RESEARCH CHEMICAL	BACTERIA FOR LAGOONS	\$1,519.72
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY	ELECTRIC - BLOWOFF	\$22.87
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY	STREETLIGHTS	\$347.14
MISSOURI RIVER ENERGY SERVICES	ELECTRIC	\$39,216.04
MUNICIPAL UTIL-BILLS	UTILITIES	\$1,464.83
NEAL CHASE LUMBER CO	SUPPLIES	\$312.51
ORANGE CITY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	BULK WATER	\$14,795.78
ORANGE CITY HEALTH SYSTEM	DRUG TESTS	\$107.00
ORANGE CITY SANITATION	GARBAGE HAULING	\$9,188.80
PAYROLL	PAYROLL 10/31/2024	\$39,545.71
PEFA, INC	GAS COMMODITY	\$4,960.05
PLUIM PUBLISHING CO., INC.	FIRE PREVENTION AD	\$332.50
PREMIER COMMUNICATIONS	IT SERVICES	\$925.00
PRINCIPAL LIFE	GROUP INSURANCE	\$327.12
PUNT, AVRIEL	UTILITY DEPOSIT REFUND	\$139.24
RICE SIGNS	SIGNS	\$286.32
SCHUETZ AUTO BODY, LLC	DEDUCTIBLE	\$1,000.00
SIOUX COUNTY RECORDER	RECORDING FEES	\$61.00
SIOUXLAND PRESS	ENVELOPES, PUBLICATIONS	\$1,202.50
TOWN & COUNTRY IMPLEMENT	SNOW PUSHERS	\$48,100.00
TREASURER - STATE OF IOWA	SALES TAX	\$2,579.77
TREASURER - STATE OF IOWA	WATER EXCISE TAX	\$1,995.73
U. S. POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	\$500.00
UMB BANK, N.A.	2020 BOND FEE	\$600.00
UNITYPOINT CLINIC-OCC MED	DRUG TESTS	\$84.00
UNUM LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	GROUP INSURANCE	\$355.99
UTILITY EQUIPMENT CO.	WATER SADDLE, CORP, TEE, PIPE	\$1,432.60
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	CONSULTING - FLOOD	\$987.00
VERIZON	CELL PHONES	\$589.61
VISA	TRAINING, SUPPLIES, HI-VIS	\$1,355.87
WELLMARK BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD	GROUP INSURANCE	\$8,060.64
WESCO DISTRIBUTION, INC.	LOAD TRACKER, LEADS	\$798.00
WEST IOWA TELEPHONE	TELEPHONE, FAX, INTERNET	\$737.11
WILLIAMS & CO	AUDIT	\$3,250.00
	TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	\$248,094.57

ANNUAL URBAN RENEWAL REPORT: Oltmans presented a correction to the Annual Urban Renewal Report.

Motion by Jorgensen and second by Plathe to accept the Annual Urban Renewal Report as presented. Ayes 3

TIF DEBT CERTIFICATION: Oltmans presented the Urban Renewal District Certification for FVM 2nd Add Phase 1 and FVM 2nd Add Phase 2.

Motion by Plathe and second by Frederes to approve Urban Renewal District FVM 2nd Add Phase 1 2024 Certification. Ayes 3

Motion by Plathe and second by Frederes to approve Urban Renewal District FVM 2nd Add Phase 2 2024 Certification. Ayes 3

TRANSFER OF FUNDS:

RESOLUTION 24-33: “A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALTON, IOWA TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM THE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX FUND TO THE RUT FUND” was introduced and moved for adoption by Council Member Jorgensen. Plathe seconded the motion to adopt.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Plathe, Jorgensen, Frederes

Nays: None

Absent: Kleinhesselink, Mulder

Whereupon the Mayor Vande Griend declared the Resolution duly adopted.

RESOLUTION 24-34: “A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALTON, IOWA TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM THE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX FUND TO THE RUT FUND” was introduced and moved for adoption by Council Member Plathe. Frederes seconded the motion to adopt.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Plathe, Frederes, Jorgensen

Nays: None

Absent: Kleinhesselink, Mulder

Whereupon the Mayor Vande Griend declared the Resolution duly adopted.

NWI AREA SOLID WASTE AGENCY: Motion by Jorgensen and second by Frederes to approve Mayor Vande Griend’s appointment of Oltmans as representative and Brian Konz as alternate to the NWI Area Solid Waste Agency. Ayes 3

CITY ATTORNEY: Oltmans presented the 2025 contract for legal services with Brian Van Engen at Oostra Bierman Law. There were no changes to the 2024 contract.

Motion by Jorgensen and second by Plathe to approve 2025 contract for legal services with Brian Van Engen at Oostra Bierman Law. Ayes 3

ZONING: Oltmans presented the 2025 Zoning Services contract with Quintin Van Es. There were no changes to the 2024 contract.

Motion by Plathe and second by Frederes to approve the 2025 Independent Contractor Zoning contract. Ayes 3

SOFTWARE: Tentinger informed the Council that the City's current software is requiring a change of platform by the end of 2025. The current software company is raising prices, and the new software has not been functioning properly. Staff are reaching out to different software companies to see what options are available.

UTILITIES:

ORDINANCE 900: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ALTON, IOWA, BY AMENDING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO NATURAL GAS CHARGES

Council Member Jorgensen introduced Ordinance 900.

Motion by Council Member Jorgensen that the reading just had to be the final reading, 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.

Council Member Plathe duly seconded the motion.

Ayes: Jorgensen, Plathe, Frederes

Nays: None

Absent: Kleinhesselink, Mulder

And the Mayor declares the motion duly carried.

Motion by Jorgensen that title of said bill for Ordinance be approved as set out and said bill for Ordinance 900 be adopted and placed on its final passage. Council Member Frederes seconded the foregoing motion.

Ayes: Jorgensen, Frederes, Plathe

Nays: None

Absent: Kleinhesselink, Mulder

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

Tentinger spoke to the Council regarding the need for a medical stay policy for disconnecting utilities. Council directed Staff to write up a policy to present at the next meeting.

Tentinger updated the Council on progress in getting the State's new Setoff Program in place. The City's current application is under review and Staff is hoping to have it up and running before the tax season in order to be able to collect on outstanding debts.

SGCC: The Council reviewed the proposed budget for Sioux Golf & Country Club for Fiscal Year 24-25. Jorgensen noted some changes from the prior year.

Motion by Plathe and second by Frederes to approve the Fiscal Year 24-25 budget for Sioux Golf & Country Club as presented. Ayes 3

The Council reviewed the list of nominees for the two open seats on the Sioux Golf & Country Club Board.

Motion by Frederes and second by Plathe to approve the nominees for the Sioux Golf & Country Club Board as presented. Ayes 3

PERSONNEL:

RESOLUTION 24-32: “A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALTON, IOWA, APPROVING AN ANNUAL EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION DINNER AND GIFT POLICY” was introduced and moved for adoption by Council Member Jorgensen. Plathe seconded the motion to adopt.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Jorgensen, Plathe, Frederes

Nays: None

Absent: Kleinhesselink, Jorgensen

Whereupon the Mayor Vande Griend declared the Resolution duly adopted.

Council discussed adding staff to replace Pete Vande Poppe when he retires. Staff will advertise after January 1.

2024 FLOODING: Oltmans updated the Council on progress with flood projects and FEMA. Alton will have a new PDMG starting this week and Staff is optimistic this change will help progress.

Motion by Jorgensen and second by Plathe to adjourn the meeting at 6:49 PM. Ayes 3

Mayor
Dan Vande Griend

City Clerk/Administrator
Dale Oltmans

October Revenue

General Fund	\$271,128.46	Capital Building Fund	\$652.00
RUT Fund	\$13,979.32	Capital Parks & Trails Fund	\$358.03
Employee Benefits Fund	\$22,949.10	Water Fund	\$34,162.14
Local Option Sales Tax Fund	\$26,654.25	Sewer Fund	\$30,514.19
TIF – FVM2 Phase 1 Fund	\$21,535.24	Electric Fund	\$88,647.81
TIF – FVM2 Phase 2 Fund	\$8,720.82	Gas Fund	\$24,167.53
Debt Service Fund	\$134,418.95	Storm Water Fund	\$2,831.50
Capital Equipment Fund	\$749.25	Total Receipts	\$681,468.59