

**Alton City Council - Special Session**  
**Tuesday, September 30, 2014 at 6:00 P.M.**  
**Alton Council Chambers**  
**905 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue - Alton, Iowa 51003**

Mayor Minten called the special session to order at 6:00 P.M., with Council Members Bengard, Kleinhesselink, Schutt, Vande Griend and Zenor present. Also present was Marlys and Jerry De Groot, Dale Oltmans and Laurie Stoos.

Motion by Bengard and seconded by Vande Griend to approve the agenda. Ayes: 5

Motion by Schutt and seconded by Kleinhesselink to approve the minutes from the September 9, 2014 meeting. Ayes: 5

**New Business:**

**Personnel:** Employee Recognition

**RESOLUTION 14-26: “A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO JERRY DEGROOT FOR HIS DEDICATED SERVICE AS STREET SUPERINTENDENT TO THE CITIZENS OF ALTON, IOWA”** was introduced and moved for adoption by Council Member Schutt. Zenor seconded the motion to adopt.

Upon roll call vote, the following was recorded:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Whereupon the Mayor declared the Resolution duly adopted.

The Mayor presented De Groot with a certificate of appreciation from the City Council.

**Rezoning:**

Discussion was held in regards to the City’s obligation to uphold private covenants. Per a letter from the City Attorney, it is his official opinion that it is not the City’s responsibility to enforce private covenants. Oltmans informed the Council that the City does it’s best to notify residents when a private covenants exists.

It being a meeting of the City Council of the City of Alton, Iowa, Councilman Bengard introduces and causes to be read a bill for Ordinance 710 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 647 KNOWN AS THE CITY OF ALTON ZONING ORDINANCE PURSUANT TO SECTION 25.1 AND SECTION 1.5 OF SAID ORDINANCE AS PREVIOUSLY PASSED AND ADOPTED THE 13<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER, 2004.**

Motion by council member Schutt 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, Vande Griend, Zenor

Nays: None

And the Mayor declares the motion duly carried.

Motion by Zenor that title of said bill for Ordinance be approved as set out and said bill for Ordinance 710 be adopted and placed on its final passage. Council member Vande Griend seconds the foregoing motion.

On roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

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.

It being a meeting of the City Council of the City of Alton, Iowa, Councilman Kleinhesselink introduces and causes to be read a bill for Ordinance 711 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 674 AS PREVIOUSLY PASSED AND ADOPTED THE 14<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JULY, 2009.**

Motion by council member Bengard 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 Zenor.

On roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

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 711 be adopted and placed on its final passage. Council member Vande Griend seconds the foregoing motion.

On roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

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.

It being a meeting of the City Council of the City of Alton, Iowa, Councilman Schutt introduces and causes to be read a bill for Ordinance 712 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 676 AS PREVIOUSLY PASSED AND ADOPTED THE 14<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JULY, 2009.**

Motion by council member Kleinhesselink 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 Bengard.

On roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

And the Mayor declares the motion duly carried.

Motion by Vande Griend that title of said bill for Ordinance be approved as set out and said bill for Ordinance 712 be adopted and placed on its final passage. Council member Bengard seconds the foregoing motion.

On roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

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.

**Easement Vacation:**

**RESOLUTION 14-25: “RESOLUTION PROPOSING THE VACATION OF THE EASEMENTS LYING BETWEEN LOTS 9 & 10, LOTS 10 & 11, AND LOTS 13 & 14, IN AALBERS 2ND ADDITION TO THE CITY OF ALTON, IOWA”** was introduced and moved for adoption by Council Member Schutt. Bengard 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.

**Personnel:** Employee Benefits Package

Oltmans presented the Council with the employee benefits package renewal he received from the City's insurance agent. Renewal rates decreased by 13.47%. Oltmans informed the Council that if they wish to change the plan in any way, they would have to convert the plan to an Affordable Health Care plan with substantially higher rates.

Motion by Bengard and second by Vande Griend to accept proposed renewal of employee benefits package. Ayes 5

**Sioux Golf & Country Club:** Financial Issues

Bengard and Schutt would like the Council to take a serious look at investigating purchasing Sioux Golf and Country Club. The Council requested that staff investigate sources of funds that the City could use to acquire SGCC, and pay off their existing debt. Bengard and Schutt are requesting that this be done before Sioux Golf's annual meeting in November.

Discussion was held on the value of the golf course to the City as well as what possible financial ramifications it may have for the City.

The Council directed Oltmans to speak to other Cities that have acquired golf courses and made them municipal golf courses, as well as speaking with the City's Financial Advisors and Bonding Attorneys.

Motion by Kleinhesselink and second by Zenor to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 PM. Ayes 5

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Mayor,  
Ronald L. Minten

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City Clerk/Administrator  
Dale Oltmans