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The Alburnett City Council met in regular session January 7, 2010 at 7:05 p.m. At the Alburnett Fire Station Office. Mayor Boesenberg called the meeting to order with council members Schantz, Titler, Trumm, Robertson and Wood present.

Wood moved: Schantz second approval of the agenda. 5-0

Linn County Sheriff's department was not present due to weather.

Chris Jansen – MSA mapping – was not present due to weather.

Dave Haugen with MSA Professional Services gave an update on the upcoming water project. Week of January 11 information will be going out for bid. February we will be advertising in papers and MSA website. Invitation to bid will be out for 6 weeks. Bids should be back by regular March council meeting. We have 2 grant applications out and should know results in March. One is the housing grant and the other is sewer project grant.

Dan Peterson representing the Alburnett Lion's Club presented a diagram of the proposed Lion's Club bench location. The limestone bench is approximately the same size as the existing bench and would be placed at the same angle South of the planter. All work would be done by the Lion's Club in the spring. Wood moved to accept the proposed bench and location. Schantz second. 5-0

Jeremy Bartlett presented the council with information on a wireless router for the City Hall and a laser jet printer for Steve at the maintenance shop. Both were approved and Jeremy will be following up on these.

Jeremy voiced concerns about sidewalk clearing after snow falls. This presents a problem for children walking to school and other pedestrians. This could be a potentially dangerous situation. Chapter 23 section 3 of the city code states that if snow and ice are not removed in a reasonable time the city will do the removal and assess a fee. Reasonable time is not clarified and no fee amount is set. There is no current way to enforce the code. Clarification of the code will be done with re-codification of the ordinance book. Jeremy presented a slide show with examples of what other cities have done. One example was a door hanger explaining that it is the neighborly thing to do and it is the law. The council will look into Code of Iowa section 364.12 which may state what 'reasonable time' may be.

Pirc-Tobin Construction Inc. presented an architectural drawing for a proposed sewer extension from the manhole on the North side of Old Quass Road to his shop. Approximately 1100 feet. Dave Haugen has examined the plans and found no problems. Craig Tobin inquired about his cost to connect to the existing line. Mr. Tobin also asked that the council adopt a resolution requiring a connection fee for any future connections to this line, which would help re-imburse him for the cost of the project. Wood moved we allow Pirc-Tobin Construction Inc to extend the sewer on Old Quass Road with DNR approval and other proper permits and approval of the city engineer. Schantz second. 5-0

Deputy Williams arrived and gave the Sheriff's report.

Joel Miller, county auditor, introduced himself and explained that we were the 16<sup>th</sup> of 17 community council meetings on his list to attend. He answered questions on the process, cost and companies available to do a city audit.

Titler moved: Robertson second on approval of consent agenda. 5-0

Old Business – Mayor Boesenberg will check with our city attorney for recommendations of an auditor for the city books.

Dave Haugen will meet with the city inspector, Vince, on writing of a silt fence ordinance.

After checking with other communities, Iowa Codification is the main company for re-codifying of the ordinance book. Mayor Boesenberg will contact them.

New Business – City Maintenance - Steve had printed a sump pump observation notice for council members to look over. Steve and Dave Haugen with MSA are working on a map of the city for going door-to-door with this notice. Pirc-Tobin fixed the problem of the light pole in the sewer line. Alliant Energy will be covering the cost of this project. Steve had plowed snow most of the day. Worked on the plow truck again. Steve completed DNR reports so the city can get construction permits for upcoming projects. January 12-13 & 19-20 Steve will be attending water classes at Kirkwood. After completion of these classes he can test for water treatment.

We are looking for 5 new members for the Board of Adjustment Committee. This is a meet as need committee. We will post this opening on our web site.

Mayor Boesenberg requested the council look at installing or re-programming existing water meters to radio read capabilities. A discussion was held. Radio read would be more accurate and may generate increased revenue and would be less time consuming to read. The Local Option Tax we have collected could cover the cost of this project. We have 96 meters on hand and Steve will check to see if they can be exchanged for radio read.

Storm sewer fees are currently \$1.50 a month. We will need to increase this rate to cover cost.

Mayor Boesenberg read a letter of resignation from Amber Franklin, city clerk as of 12/31/09. Wood moved to accept Amber Franklin's resignation as of December 31, 2009. Titler second. 5-0

Wood moved:Trumm second to adjourn the meeting at 9:37 pm. 5-0

Mayor, David Boesenberg

Sharon Robertson  
Council member