

**CITY OF ALBURNETT
OFFICE OF CITY CLERK
ALBURNETT, IA 52202**

(Subject to Approval)

The Alburnett City Council met in regular session Thursday February 18 , 2010 at 7:00 pm at the Alburnett Fire Station Office. Mayor Boesenberg called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm with council members Trumm, Schantz, Robertson & Titler present. Wood was absent. Visitors present were Bill & Cindy Mefford, Roger Reed, Dave Haugen, Chris Jansen, Deputy Crosser, Dave Atherton, Scott Atherton and Nick Bettis.

Trumm moved;Schantz second to approve the consent agenda. Ayes – Titler, Trumm, Schantz, Robertson. Naves - none. Motion carried.

Deputy Crosser gave the Sherriff's report. Required hours are 43.33 and actual hours were 70.40. Due to moving the Sherriff's office back downtown there were some hours not logged.

Nick Bettis, Operations Manager for the Secondary Roads Department, introduced himself and was available for any questions or problems. An issue with old road closure gates on Old Quaas Road was brought up and he will check into that.

Dave Haugen with MSA Professional Services gave an update on the water project. The project is out to bid with lots of interest being shown. Bid opening will be Friday February 26th at 2:00 pm.

Chris Jansen with MSA Professional Services reported that the G.I.S. System is up and running. The G.I.S. System has water lines, culverts, sewer lines, storm sewer lines and fire hydrants available for viewing. Chris stated that our CDBG Grant for sewer improvements was submitted in November and results will be back in March.

Fire Department Report – We had 6 calls for the month. The Fire Grill fund raiser will be coming up soon.

Cindy Mefford spoke on water billing issues. Data Technologies will be working with us next week on correcting these issues. Roger Reed spoke on problems with snowmobiles in town. We will contact the Sherriff's department on how to keep them off the sidewalks. Roger also voiced concerns about areas of town without sidewalks.

Schantz moved; Trumm second to accept the regular minutes, special session minutes and workshop minutes. Ayes – Trumm, Schantz, Robertson, Titler. Naves - none. Motion carried

Each council member approved and initialed bills that are to be paid and bills that were paid.

Trumm moved; Titler second to approve consent agenda. Ayes – Schantz, Robertson, Titler, Trumm. Naves – none. Motion carried.

Pot holes at the west end of Roosevelt Street have surfaced again. Steve has discussed this issue with Kluesner Construction and Pirc Tobin Construction. It was decided to fill the area with rock until

the frost is out of the ground. A more permanent solution will be studied in the spring

A budget meeting will be held Wednesday February 24th at 6:00 pm at City Hall. Janon , with Data Technologies, will be conducting the meeting.

Bid letting will be Friday February 26th at 2:00 pm at City Hall. This is for the water project which includes a lift station, well drilling, distribution system, linking lines in town and chlorination. Bids will be accepted at the March 4 regular council meeting.

New Business – City Maintenance report – We had repairs on the dump truck again. Our supply of salt is running low. Steve Graham has gotten some bids on acquiring more salt. Steve took a Water Treatment Class at Kirkwood in January. After passing the exam he will be licensed to test the city's water. On February 18 there was a conference call with the DNR about our sanitary sewer. They complimented us on doing a great job when we have had to bypass. There is a Region One Meeting in Manchester on March 3 that Steve will be attending.

We received a request from the City of Central City for \$3,784.80 for the Meals on Wheels program. Chester will be doing further research on how many citizens of Alburnett benefit from this program.

Trumm moved; Titler second to accept the Contract for Law Enforcement Services at 43.33 hours/week. Ayes – Robertson, Titler, Trumm, Schantz. Naves – none. Motion carried.

Schantz moved; Trumm second to accept the proposal from L.L. Pelling to lock in a price for 2010 seal coating work. Ayes – Titler, Trumm, Schantz, Robertson. Naves – none. Motion carried.

Titler moved; Schantz second to accept a contract with Data Technologies. They have been doing off-site computer work until a new City Clerk is hired. Ayes – Schantz, Trumm, Titler, Robertson. Naves – none. Motion carried.

Clerks wages and personnel policy changes were discussed. Clerks wages from towns with a population of 600 – 800 people will be studied. Upgraded policy changes will be in affect prior to hiring of a new City Clerk.

Trumm moved; Robertson second to approve Ordinance #02-2010 to replace a previous Resolution #01-2009 – changing of water and sewer rates. Ayes – Robertson, Trumm, Schantz, Titler. Naves - none. Motion carried. Robertson moved; Schantz second to suspend the second and third readings due to the fact this was replacing a previously passed resolution. Ayes – Titler, Trumm, Schantz, Robertson. Naves - none. Motion carried.

Titler moved: Schantz second to accept Resolution #02-2010 allowing Mayor Dave Boesenberg and council member Joe Trumm to be authorized signatures on the Farmers State Bank account. Ayes – Trumm, Robertson, Titler, Schantz. Naves - none. Motion carried.

Titler moved; Schantz second to issue a check for \$30.00 for Steve's water treatment exam. Ayes – Robertson, Schantz, Trumm, Titler. Naves - none. Motion carried.

A discussion was held on having monthly utilities ie: lights, gas, phone, cell phone, rent etc , set up as direct payments from the bank.

We will work on an ordinance specifying reasonable time after a snowfall for removal of snow from sidewalks. This will also include placement of plowed snow on city property.

Trumm moved; Titler second to adjourn at 10:41 pm. Ayes – Robertson, Trumm, Schantz, Titler. Nays - none. Motion carried.

Mayor, David Boesenberg

Sharon Robertson
Council Member