

## ALBURNETT CITY COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE APRIL 8TH, 2021 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The City Council of the City of Alburnett, Iowa met in regular session, **Thursday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021**, at 7:00 pm at City Hall with Mayor Bethany Sarazin presiding. Sarazin called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call was taken with the following council members present: Brian Mensen, Chester Schantz, Joe Trumm, and TJ West. Absent was council member Dave Boesenberg. Also present was Adam Bentley (ECICOG), Karla McMurrin, Steve Graham (Fire Chief), Guy Trimble (Public Works Director), and Danielle Brecht (City Clerk).

**Approval of Agenda:** Mayor Sarazin called for a motion to approve the agenda; **MOTION** by Mensen (moved), seconded by Trumm. All council members present voted AYE (4), motion carried.

**Sheriff's Report:** \*\*Report given at 7:23 pm when deputy arrived\*\* Deputy gave report of 43 required hours of service, actual hours of 127.1 with 11 calls.

**Mayor's Report:** Mayor Sarazin gave a report; discussion followed.

**Council Reports:** no council reports were given.

**Citizen Comments - Agenda items:** none

**Citizen Comments - Non-Agenda items:** none

#### Written Reports:

- **Fire Department:** Chief Graham gave report; discussion followed.
- **Public Works:** Guy Trimble gave report; discussion followed. **MOTION** moved by Mensen to approve the expenditure of up to \$2,500.00 for dust control by city shop; seconded by Schantz. All council members present voted AYE (4), motion carried.
- **City Clerk:** Danielle Brecht gave report; discussion followed.

**Consent Agenda:** Minutes from 03/08/2021 and 03/29/2021 council meetings, list of claims, Financials/Treasurer's Reports provided and discussed. **MOTION** by Schantz to approve the consent agenda; seconded by Mensen. All council members present voted AYE (4), motion carried.

#### New Business:

- **Resolution # 04-2021-01: Resolution to Transfer per FY21 Budget** – Discussion was held regarding budgeted transfers for FY21; **MOTION** by Trumm to approve Resolution # 04-2021-01; seconded by Schantz. All council members present voted aye (4), motion carried.
- **FY21 Budget Amendment – Set Public Hearing:** Discussion was held regarding budgetary amendments needed for FY21. Mayor Sarazin called for a motion to set the public hearing date for the FY21 Budget Amendments. **MOTION** moved by Mensen to set public hearing for FY21 Budget Amendments on May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021; seconded by West. All council members present voted aye (4) – motion carried.
- **Flood Plain Ordinance** - Discussion was held regarding need to update city ordinance to comply with new federal and state flood plain regulations. **MOTION** by Mensen to adopt the flood plain ordinance language provided by the Iowa DNR; seconded by West. Discussion followed and it was noted that the ordinance language provided in council packet was only that to change current ordinance, not to replace with adopted flood plain ordinance provided by Iowa DNR. Clerk to obtain and provide Iowa DNR specific ordinance verbiage for council review. All council members present voted NAY (4) – motion failed. Ordinance change to be reviewed and discussed at May council meeting.

- **Resolution # 04-2021-02: Resolution setting the date for a public hearing on proposal to enter into a General Obligation Refunding Loan Agreement and borrow money thereunder in a principal amount not to exceed \$275,000.00** – Discussion was held about refinancing portion of GO Bond debt to obtain lower interest rate and save roughly \$15,000 - \$25,000 over the remaining life of the loan. **MOTION** to approve Resolution # 04-2021-02 moved by Trumm; seconded by Schantz. All council members present voted aye (4) – motion carried.

**Old Business:**

- **ECICOG: Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)** - Adam Bentley from ECIGCOG was present to discuss their continued progress with assisting the City of Alburnett in creating and updated CIP plan. Discussion followed.
- **Library Service Contract – Discuss decision relating to current and proposed library contract for service:** Mayor Sarazin let council know that the Metro Library Network reached out made an offer to hold the FY20 per capita rate of \$30.95 for library service through the end of the current contract. Discussion followed. **MOTION** to contract with Center Point Andresen Public Library moved by Mensen; seconded by Schantz. Further discussion was held and **motion was rescinded** by Mensen due to a conflict of interest relating to place of employment. New **MOTION** was moved by Schantz to contract for library service with the Center Point Andersen Public Library, contingent upon their library board’s approval of proposed contract and to then move forward with terminating contract with Metro Library Network; seconded by Trumm. Votes were as follows: AYES: Schantz, Trumm, West (3), NAYS: none; ABSTAIN: Mensen (1) – motion carried.
- **Water/Sewer Rate: Review/discuss current rates and need for rate increase:** Discussion followed; tabled until next meeting.
- **New Fire Station Project:** Discussion followed, including note from Fire Chief Graham about public open house event on Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am – 4:00 pm.
- **Mask Mandate Policy Review:** Tabled.

**Final Comments:** none

**Motion to adjourn:** Mayor Sarazin sought **MOTION** to adjourn, moved by Mensen, seconded by West. All council members present voted aye (4), motion carried. **Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.**

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Danielle Brecht, City Clerk

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Bethany Sarazin, Mayor