

ALBURNETT CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 20TH, 2020 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The City Council of the City of Alburnett, Iowa met in regular session, **Thursday, August 20th, 2020**, at 7:00 pm at City Hall with Mayor McClintock presiding. The original August meeting date was changed due to severe storms that came through and impacted the City and power on Monday, August 10th. McClintock called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call was taken, and the following council members were present: Dave Boesenberg, Brian Mensen, Bethany Sarazin, Chester Schantz, and Joe Trumm. Also present were Steve Graham (Fire Chief), Guy Trimble (Public Works Director), Danielle Brecht (City Clerk), TJ West (Board of Adjustment Chairperson), Jaxon Jones and Dee Elledge.

Approval of Agenda: Mayor McClintock called for a **MOTION** to approve the agenda as submitted; motion by Sarazin (moved), seconded by Mensen. All voted AYE (5), motion carried.

Sheriff's Report: Report was delivered from Linn County Sheriff's Office since original meeting date was changed. No questions/comments.

Mayor's Report: Mayor McClintock gave Mayor's Report.

Council Reports: Schantz / Mensen / Sarazin / Boesenberg / Trumm – each gave Council Report, respectively.

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.
- **City Clerk:** Danielle Brecht gave report. Discussion followed.

Consent Agenda: Minutes from 07/09/2020 council meeting, list of claims, Financials/Treasurer's Reports. No bills added to. Mayor McClintock called for a **MOTION** to approve the consent agenda; moved by Boesenberg; seconded by Trumm. All voted AYE (5), motion carried.

New Business:

- **Board of Adjustments – Variance Report:** TJ West (311 Willow St) stated that the Board of Adjustments met on August 9th. At this meeting, members voted in West as chairperson and reviewed a variance request received from 201 Donald Drive. West stated that board voted to deny the request as they considered future development on the north side of the property and did not feel that there was an unnecessary hardship to the homeowner.
- **Freedom Rock:** Dee Elledge from Center Point was present to discuss a request from the city to purchase a stone to represent Alburnett's support of veterans at "Freedom Rock", located at the Linn County Fairgrounds. Discussion followed. Trumm requested tabling discussion until September council meeting.
- **Resolution # 08-2020-01: Resolution Outlining Alburnett's Support of the Outdoor Warning Siren System:** Mayor McClintock discussed Resolution to state that the City of Alburnett plans to work with Linn County and other communities within the county to address the outdoor warning siren system following the closure of the DAEC (Duane Arnold Energy Center). McClintock started that resolution is to show support but noted that there could be a future expense due to support of said system. Discussion followed. McClintock called for a **MOTION** to approve Resolution #08-2020-01: Resolution Outlining Alburnett's Support of the Outdoor Warning Siren System; moved by Sarazin; seconded by Mensen. Roll call vote was taken by clerk with all council members voting AYE (5); motion carried.

- **Mayoral Proclamation: Local Disaster Declaration:** Mayor McClintock made an official Proclamation, declaring a State of Emergency in the City of Alburnett from the Derecho strength wind and storms that came through and caused excessive damage and power outages in the City of Alburnett and surrounding areas on August 10th, 2020.
- **Water/Sewer/Storm Sewer – Rate Increase Discussion:** Mayor McClintock and council members discussed whether or not the rates should be increased on an annual basis, incrementally, to avoid a jump in rates as has happened in the past when financing needs arise for water/sewer/storm water projects. Request to get more details and numbers from city clerk and public works director and discuss at September council meeting.

Old Business:

- **Ordinance # 2020 - 3: An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Alburnett, Iowa 2012 By Amending Chapter 33 – Snowmobiles:** Discussion took place relating to amending the City of Alburnett Code of Ordinances specific to Snowmobiles to remove UTV/ATV language. **MOTION** to approve Ordinance # 2020 - 3: An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Alburnett, Iowa 2012 By Amending Chapter 33 – Snowmobiles, moved by Sarazin, seconded by Trumm. Roll call vote taken with all council members voting AYE (5), motion carried. **MOTION** to introduce and approve the first reading of Ordinance # 2020 - 3 moved by Sarazin, seconded by Boesenberg. Roll call vote taken with all council members voting AYE (5); motion carried. **MOTION** to suspend the rule requiring that an ordinance be voted on for passage at two council meetings prior to the meeting at which it is to be passed with respect to Ordinance # 2020 - 3 moved by Schantz, seconded by Boesenberg. Roll call vote taken with all council members voting AYE (5); motion carried. **MOTION** to approve final reading, passage and adoption with respect to Ordinance # 2020 - 3 moved by Sarazin, seconded by Boesenberg. Roll call vote taken with all council members voting AYE (5); motion carried, **Ordinance # 2020 - 3 passed.**
- **Ordinance # 2020 - 4: An Ordinance Regulating the Operation of All-Terrain Vehicles and Off-Road Vehicles Within the City Limits of the City of Alburnett, Iowa:** Discussion took place relating to amending the City of Alburnett Code of Ordinances specific to UTV/ATV usage within the City of Alburnett. **MOTION** to approve Ordinance # 2020 - 4: An Ordinance Regulating the Operation of All-Terrain Vehicles and Off-Road Vehicles Within the City Limits of the City of Alburnett, Iowa, moved by Boesenberg, seconded by Trumm. Roll call vote taken with the following council members voting AYE: Schantz, Sarazin, Boesenberg, Trumm and the following council members voting NAY: Mensen. Motion carried (4/1). **MOTION** to introduce and approve the first reading of Ordinance # 2020 - 4 moved by Schantz, seconded by Sarazin. Roll call vote taken with all council members voting AYE (5); motion carried. **MOTION** to suspend the rule requiring that an ordinance be voted on for passage at two council meetings prior to the meeting at which it is to be passed with respect to Ordinance # 2020 - 4 moved by Boesenberg, seconded by Sarazin. Roll call vote taken with all council members voting AYE (5); motion carried. **MOTION** to approve final reading, passage and adoption with respect to Ordinance # 2020 – 4 moved by Sarazin, seconded by Boesenberg. Roll call vote taken with all council members voting AYE (5); motion carried; **Ordinance # 2020 – 4 passed.**
- **Fire Station Project – Update:** Public Works Director provided an update on new fire station construction project. Discussion followed.

Final Discussions: none

Motion to adjourn: Mayor McClintock sought **MOTION** to adjourn, moved by Mensen, seconded by Boesenberg. All voted aye (5), motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:01 pm.

Danielle Brecht, City Clerk

C. Charles McClintock, Mayor