Alden City Council
Regular Meeting
October 19th, 2026

Mayor Mourlam called the meeting to order at 5:00PM with Bob Hoversten and Jerry Hartema absent, all other members were present. Also in attendance were the following individuals: Mark Buschkamp with IFADC, Deputy Holmes, Michelle Nederhoff with Greenbelt Insurance Agency, Barb Jass and Susan Essing with the Alden Food Pantry Board, Frank Cearley, Willy Peters, Marlin and Barb Kalous, Robin Heinzeroth, Lisle Critzer, Jamilla Kepple, Darlene Hulbert, Darla Carpenter, Steve Lyon and Lorrie Watts.
Consent Agenda: Mark Oliver motioned to approve consent agenda items, Mike Oliver seconded the motion and all present voted aye.
Resolution 2026-09 Approval of Alden's Annual Financial Report as published on 9/30/26: Janaan Harding introduced the Resolution 2026-09 for approval, Mark Oliver seconded the motion to approve and the vote was as follows: Ayes, Mike Oliver, Janaan Harding, Mark Oliver. Resolution passed and approved.
Alden Food Pantry Board Members Barb Jass and Susan Essing were present on behalf of the Alden Food Pantry and former Alden Development Corp. (which is dissolving). The Alden Food Pantry will be incorporated by the end of this calendar year. The members of the Food Pantry Board are wanting to enter into a long-term agreement with City of Alden on the current City-owned property at 211 Main Street, Alden, Iowa. That is where the Alden Food Pantry is located currently. The City of Alden owns the building currently insures the building and the contents except the food. The Alden Food Pantry does not pay for utilities on the building. The City of Alden pays those expenses. The City would like the attorneys for the City and the Alden Food Pantry to establish an agreement whether that be a long-term lease or a 28E Agreement to protect the long-term place for the Food Pantry. The Food Pantry would like to establish the expectations and responsibilities of the Board for the long-term well-being of the Food Pantry service to the area. City Clerk Lorrie Watts was instructed to contact Taylor Nederhoff for recommendations on the agreement. The council would like to have the agreement and execute this agreement at the December Council Meeting.
Michelle Nederhoff of Greenbelt Insurance Company presented the new premiums for January 1st, 2027. The Delta Dental Insurance Premium will be implementing an increase of 3.5% which is an increase of $11.58/month total for all employees covered and Blue Cross/Blue Shield has an increase of $531.00/month total for all employees covered. The council requested this be on the agenda for the November meeting so the full council could take a look at the increases and could vote on the policies.
Copy/Printer Replacement-Lorrie Watts requested permission to the purchase or lease of a new machine in the future based on a letter received effective December 2026, informing the City that the current machine would no longer be covered by a maintenance contract due to the inability to get parts for the machine. The council gave their blessing to get the number. They also requested she start with the business in Iowa Falls, Copy Systems for pricing.
Storm Sewer Intake/Routing Water Replacement Quote-discussion was held and a request was made to have Klaffke Concrete and Imperial Points look at the intake to be sure the quote contained all replacement costs due to the construction of the manhole and the intake possibly requiring

more concrete removal than suspected. Steve Lyon stated he would contact the contractors to be sure everyone was on the same page with the project.
Public Input: Marlin Kalous voiced his disappointment with the progress of Manuel Lerma's property, Kenny Hack's property, Joe Frazier still having a semi-trailer on his property. Deputy Holmes informed the council that he had 3 of the 16 notices left to serve for the city. He stated that he had Adam Johnson, Nichole Dague/Kenny Hack and Jessica Lara left to serve for their abate nuisance properties. Robin Heinzeroth stated that the house on Hardin Street that Shelly Warnecke rents has a brush pile that needs attention and the pile of sticks and overgrowth at Fred Elling's property is still needing attention. She thanked the Maintenance Department for the vehicle tow that had taken place. Deputy Holmes stated he had a conversation with Lucas Weidemeier about the items still in his yard. He was told the vehicle, and misc. items would be gone this week.
Darla Carpenter stated that they had some campers who would like to leave their campers at the campground all winter. Lorrie Watts stated that depending on the council approval, those individuals would need to sign a Release and Hold Harmless Agreement with their names, camper ID's, Brand/Model to alleviate any liability for damages to those items left unattended. Carpenter stated that the drive could use gravel, Steve Lyon stated that he would take the box scraper down to the campground and level the drive. He stated due to end of season happening next week, he would not place more gravel until spring. Carpenter complained about the internet service still not what they all would like. Lorrie Watts stated that Brian Hansen would be placing the repeater poles at the end of the season, when it was easier to work around the grounds. Carpenter also requested that the Hardin County Sheriff's Department issue some citations or warnings for the Semi trucks coming off the gravel at very fast speeds west of the campground and they speed right past the park where children are playing. The council requested and extra police presence. Mark Buschkamp updated the City of Alden on the new territory added to the IFADC Revolving business loan fund. The new update includes Alden and Iowa Falls. City Clerk Lorrie Watts asked could a new business borrow from the IFADC and the Alden Economic Development Loan fund that the city currently has? Buschkamp stated that businesses could borrow from both funds. Janaan Harding asked where the rock behind Michael Krogh's building went, Steve Lyon stated that is was put on the ground owned by Bob Hoversten until the dam project needs it. She asked about the hydrant and the dirt pile at the corner park. Lyon stated the hydrant is fixed but the dirt has been too wet to move. He stated they were waiting for it to dry out and then would be moved to the City's dirt pile down by the salt shed. She asked if the weeds were going to be sprayed soon. Lyon stated that is was on the list for next week. They were going to spray everything next week for the end of the season preparation. Mayor Mourlam called for a motion to adjourn, Mark Oliver motioned and Mike Oliver seconded the motion and all present voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 5:40PM.

Signed: Harley Mourlam, Mayor

ATTEST:
Lorrie Watts, City Clerk