

Alden City Council
Regular Meeting
January 26th, 2026

Mayor Mourlam called the meeting to order at 5:00PM. Mike Oliver was absent; all other council members were present. Also present was William Peters, Frank Cearley, Robin Heinzeroth, Deputy Holmes, Justin Ites, Lyle Critser, Amee and Andy Jass, Steve Lyon and Lorrie Watts.

Consent Agenda: Bob Hoversten motioned to approve, Mark Oliver seconded and all approved.

Alden-Grant Lee Township 28E Fire Agreement: Janaan Harding motioned to approve the Alden-Grant Lee Township 28E Fire Agreement for mutual aid, Mark Oliver seconded the motion and all approved.

Hardin County Waste/Recycling Alden Representatives: Mark Oliver motioned to approve Chris Kuhnle as primary and Harley Mourlam as the alternate representative for Alden, Bob Hoversten seconded the motion and all approved.

Franklin County REC Little Book House Donation and Placement: Franklin County REC would like to build and install a Little Book House for take a book/leave a book community project. They will build and stock the first Little Book House and would like the city to maintain the project. The campground was suggested as the placement of the house. Mayor Mourlam suggested the shelter at the campground as a good place, everyone agreed that it was a good place. Janaan Harding suggested the library be asked to stock the little house with used books as needed. Janaan Harding motioned to approve the Franklin REC Little Book House Project, Jerry Hartema seconded the motion and all approved.

Front Snowblower discussion and no decision to approve was made.

Sander Quote: Andy Jass and Steve Lyon requested that a new sander be included in the next budget year's numbers. The sander is 16 years old and is on its last leg. A quote was presented for \$8500.00 from Pro Repair & Performance. Bob Hoversten made a motion to approve; Mark Oliver seconded the motion and all present voted aye.

Schiller Grant Applications: Kylie Vanatter and Lorrie Watts have a grant to replace Lifeguard Chairs and the Pool Slide Pump and some other incidental items for improved safety at the Alden Pool. The total project is \$7582.51. Bob Hoversten motioned to approve the grant application, Janaan Harding seconded the motion and all present voted aye.

Park Restrooms Floor and Painting: Janaan Harding reported that she has an application for the Park/Shower House Restroom Improvement Grant Application. The flooring will be done by TSR Concrete Coatings for \$2835.00 and the painting should be roughly \$2000.00-\$2500.00. The flooring is a Diamond Profile for permanent adhesion, with a polyurea basecoat with a polyaspartic topcoat with warranty. She stated she had three quotes, \$2835.30, \$2685.00 and \$6230.00. The project will start on March 23rd, based on grant. She would like approval for a down payment of \$850.65 and will be refunded if the project does not go forward. Bob Hoversten motioned to approve, Mark Oliver seconded the motion and all present voted aye.

She is also completing one for waterlines to the campground sites which was previously approved by council. Council discussed the timeline of that project. Andy Jass stated the campground opening will need to be pushed back two weeks. They will need space for equipment and will need to haul dirt and seed the areas that are disturbed by the project. Steve Lyon stated they would

speak with the camp hosts about the timeline. She is writing one for new plants in the retention bowl for species of plants that are less invasive to the area.

Council set the following dates for future meetings: February 4th @ 5:00PM Budget work session for all departments, Special Public Hearing on March 23rd, @ 5:00PM, which will consist only of the Max Tax Levy, April 27th, @ 5:00PM for the budget adoption. The City Hall office will be closed from April 1st-17th, for employees' vacation.

Public Input: William Peters suggested the council raise the rates at the campground. Bob Hoversten stated that would be an item for the Budget work session on February 4th. Janaan Harding reminded everyone of the Alden Days Fundraiser on February 7th @ 5:00, she stated there are some great donated items and hoped everyone would come up for the Spaghetti Dinner and fun evening. Mayor Mourlam asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting: Bob Hoversten moved, Jerry Hartema seconded the motion and all present voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 5:37PM.

Signed: Harley Mourlam, Mayor

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Lorrie Watts, City Clerk