

Alden City Council
Regular Meeting
March 24th, 2025
5:30PM

Mayor Mourlam called the meeting to order at 5:30PM with all council members present. Also in attendance were William Peters, Robin Heinzerth, Steve Lyon, Ameer and Andy Jass, Justin Iles of the Times Citizen, Lorrie Watts, Mark Buschkamp of IFADC, Alden Days Committee Members: Tim Klaffke, Natasha Baier, Sarah Theisen, and Erica Ewing.

Consent Agenda: Bob Hoversten motioned to approve, Mike Oliver seconded the motion and all present voted aye.

Resolution 2025-05 Operating Transfers:

FROM: L.O.S.T. #122 (Local Option Sales Tax-Community Programs) \$10,000.00

INTO: GENERAL FUND #001

Detail: Library Programs & Support

FROM: GENERAL FUND #001: \$10,000.00

INTO: LIBRARY #002:

FROM: L.O.S.T. #121 (Local Option Sales Tax-Capital Improvements) \$127034.31

INTO: GENERAL FUND: #001

Detail: Oliver Welding	\$1200.00	Library Fence-Storm Damage
Olberding Flooring	\$1599.16	Ruined Flooring Storm Damage
Iowa River Rough Cut	\$13398.95	Library Tree Removal-Storm Damage/Park Ash Trees
Imperial Points	\$700.00	Drywall/Tuckpoint-Storm Damage
Z&Z Glass	\$1000.00	Window Replacement-Storm Damage
Reliable One	\$6217.52	A/C-Evaporator-Storm Damage
Zoske Electric	\$1562.06	Fire Alarm System-Storm Damage
Otis Elevator	\$10558.38	Motherboard Replacement
Maguire Inc	\$11521.00	Water Tower Maintenance
Hardin County Eng	\$25000.00	Design/Land Survey Acquisition Bridge 28E Payment
Dakota Supply	\$13356.00	Winter Septic/Dakota Supply-Storm Sewer Repair
S&K Trailer	\$14900.00	Dump Trailer-Maintenance All Depts
Danko Emerg Equip	\$8763.86	Fire Equipment (Bunker Gear)
Alden Diesel/Matts Rep	\$7402.47	Ambulance Repairs-Fire Dept
Bound Tree	\$1187.43	Defib Paddle Replacement-Ambulance-Fire Dept
Ia. Central Elect	\$1298.95	Dam Light Replacement/Repairs
Krogh Oppold	\$7350.98	JD RD990X Mower-Maintenance Equipment

FROM GENERAL FUND: #001 \$85489.12

INTO LIBRARY FUND: #002 \$28837.12

INTO ROAD USE FUND: #110 \$20131.00

INTO STREET & BRIDGE #305 \$25000.00

INTO WATER FUND:#600 \$11521.00

Mark Oliver motioned to approve Resolution 2025-05 Operating Transfers, Jerry Hartema seconded the motion and voting as follows: Ayes: Bob Hoversten, Mike Oliver, Janaan Harding, Mark Oliver, and Jerry Hartema.

Resolution 2025-06 Saving Funds into Checking Transfers:

Fire Department Savings Fund into General Checking: \$6098.70

*Bunker Gear/Ambulance Repairs

Equipment Replacement Fund into General Checking: \$7350.98

*New John Deere 990X Lawn Mower

Pump/Tower Maintenance Fund into Water Checking \$11521.00

*Water Tower Maintenance Yearly Contract

Library Building Fund into General Checking: \$4953.38

*Elevator Motherboard-Otis Elevator (7/22/24 Minutes)

Library Special Fund into General Checking: \$4718.12

*Elevator Mother Board (7/22/24 Minutes)

Mike Oliver motioned to approve Resolution 2025-06 Savings to Checking Transfers, Janaan Harding seconded the motion and vote was as follows: Ayes: Mark Oliver, Janaan Harding, Mike Oliver, Jerry Hartema and Bob Hoversten.

Set Public Hearing for the Adoption of the FY 2025-2026 Budget for April 15th, 2025 @ 5:00PM. Bob Hoversten motioned to approve, Mark Oliver seconded the motion and all present voted aye.

Public Input: William Peters asked about some rock in a ditch on Hardin Street, Andy Jass stated that could broom back to area it came from when the work on the Barrick Property was finished. Janaan Harding stated that there is a wire on the cell tower that has come loose and, in the wind, it is clanging on the base. Lorrie Watts stated she would contact Paul with USCOC about getting that repaired. Harley Mourlam stated that they come often to check the system out and that cable is a safety cable. Mike Oliver stated that there were two streetlights that need attention on the east end of town. Oliver stated he would get the addresses of the lights. Janaan Harding stated that the City received all the Schiller Grants that were requested: \$1200.00 for two Schiller Honor Trees that each will be a cardinal with plaques honoring Evelyn and Eleanor and all they've done for Alden, \$18000.00 for the pool shelter and increased seating area which will be run through the Horizons Betterment Group, the Alden Legion received \$2500.00 for Veteran's Grave Markers. She explained they will be drilled into the concrete slab and fixed permanently. Martin Marietta will help with the hole drilling and volunteering to make this project very doable. Harding reported that April 3rd @ 5:30PM at the Eldora High School is where the Endowments will be given and the HCCEF would like to see community members attend and support this. She reported that she has done a Build with Bags Grant for picnic tables and benches for the new pool area. She asked if the plastic bag barrel could be placed in City Hall once again for this grant request. They would like to see that easily available. The council discussed the 657(2)a Condemnation proceedings on 1009 Water Street and would like that to be put on the April 15th agenda. Mike Oliver stated that he had been in the property, and it is in bad/dangerous shape. The property has been purchased on tax sales by a company that pays back taxes site unseen. Watts stated the company is out of LeMars, Iowa and is a subsidiary of Pony Creek Properties...Oak Tree Properties is what the notice stated. She stated she would put the topic on the agenda and contact Taylor Nederhoff.

Alden Days Committee Updates: Tim Klaffke gave council members a map and schedule of the Alden Days event on June 20th & 21st, 2025. He stated there will be no bags tournament, the beer garden area will be smaller, and the food vendors will be outside of the beer garden. They plan to have an area for family games and some picnic tables so families can sit, play games, eat and still hear the music. He stated they have secured their fireworks permit through Hardin County due to

moving the fireworks back to the original shooting area. They have received insurance certificates from the fireworks company as well. Mayor Mourlam stated that he would like to be invited to the Alden Days Meetings, it does not mean he will come but would like an invitation extended. Tim Klaffke stated that they meet every month. Janaan Harding presented a check for \$11708.01 from the Alden Days Fundraiser and with a check received from Moler Sanitation of \$750.00 that brings the money raised to \$12458.01. She stated it was a good fundraiser. Tim Klaffke stated that there are a couple licenses are the liquor license and the food permits for the Non-profit meals in the park. Tim Klaffke stated the Fire Department/City would have the liquor license for the beer garden. Mayor Mourlam stated that it would need to be on the Council Agenda in the next couple of months. Lorrie Watts stated that she would handle the food permits in the next month and that it was merely an online licensing with the State Public Health Department. Klaffke stated the beer garden would open at 6:00PM and the music would start at 7:00PM. Janaan Harding asked about staffing of the inflatables, Klaffke stated the FFA is helping with that by volunteering for the day. Janaan Harding stated they would need help finding a starting & sag wagon golf cart for the 5K event. Tim stated he would work on that. Janaan Harding stated that she is completing the banner orders for the Veterans who are being honored. She currently has 10 purchased by family members and would like to see all poles downtown have a veteran banner posted. She would like a full count of the poles and the size of brackets that are needed. Andy Jass and Steve Lyon will get that information for her. The banners cost \$175.00 each and the only cost to the city is putting them up and taking them down. They would be up from May to Veteran's Day in November. Mayor Mourlam called for a motion to adjourn the meeting, Bob Hoversten moved, Mike Oliver seconded the motion and all present voted aye. Meeting adjourned @ 5:55PM.

Signed: 
Harley Mourlam, Mayor

ATTEST:


Lorrie Watts, City Clerk