

Alexander City Council Minutes
April 6, 2021

Mayor Schear opened the meeting at 6:00 PM.

Council Persons Present: Roy Arends, Kim Larsen, Nathan Draper, Christian Larsen, Marie Carroll.

Approval of Agenda – Motion by Arends to approve, 2nd by K Larsen. Approved unanimously.

Minutes of March 2, 2021 meeting approved with Motion by Arends, 2nd by K Larsen. Approved unanimously.

Motion by Draper to approve vouchers and pay bills, 2nd by Arends. Approved unanimously.
April Expenditures – Alexander Public Library (apportionment) \$2,625.00; Alliant Energy (utilities) \$1,229.41; Christian Larsen (reimburse) \$98.99; Display Sales (Christmas decs) \$3,108.00; Dudley’s Corner (diesel) \$81.47; Floyd & Leonard (repair generator) \$666.08; Hawkins, Inc. (water additives) \$316.50; IPERS (pensions) \$333.17; LTD Broadband (Internet) \$80.00; Treasurer- State of Iowa (WET Tax) \$311.00; Treasurer – State of Iowa (Withholding) \$57.00; Storey Kenworthy (office supply) \$49.96; United States Treasury (Payroll taxes) \$1,163.40; USPS (Box rent) \$66.00; Wright Co Landfill (Q4FY21) \$1,093.75; Aimee Miller (clerk salary) \$729.01; Christian Larsen (Maint/Wat Ass./Street/Snow) \$498.93; Thomas Schear (Mayor, mileage) \$63.63; Trevis Murphy (Water super) \$557.86.

Public Input – Tom Christianson presents changes to Insurance for renewal. There is a significant increase and there won’t be any vouchers or dividends this year. Due to a number of factors regionally and nationally such as derecho, hurricanes, wild fires, and the closure of the Canadian border and rising prices of building materials. Total for City and Library combined is \$9,887.00. Brad Petersen is having issues with sewer water backing up into his basement, has tried locating tiles and hasn’t found the problem yet, doesn’t want to do any “exploratory digging”, especially in the street. City doesn’t have any good maps of tiles, Clerk will try to get IRWA or Mort’s to take a look.

Library Report – Annual Easter egg hunt will be the 10th from 9:30 to 11 or until all eggs have been found, Easter bunny will arrive at 9:30 for pictures, library website Concrete 5 will go live end of May, several new Christian Fiction books were donated from the Thompson library. Three state library databases will no longer be offered at the end of May.

Public Hearing – Dangerous Buildings Ordinance. No comments.

Motion by Arends to adopt, 2nd by K Larsen. Roll call vote: Approved unanimously.

Junk Vehicles – discussion to include general garbage and junk, clerk has a list of letters to send.

Chairs for City Hall – Motion by Arends to spend \$200.00 on padded folding chairs, 2nd by Draper. Approved.

Flag Pole Base/Concrete – Would need new concrete before putting design at base of flag pole. The floor of the City garage and driveway also need to be redone. C Larsen will get estimates.

American Rescue Plan – City expects to receive \$20,000 in 2 installments.

NIACOG Home Repair Program – will put something on water bills to customers.

Generator fencing – C Larsen states there is already some fencing around the generator, will put out mouse poison

Septic progress – None.

Adjourned

Next regular meeting of the council – May 4, 2021, 6:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Aimee J Miller – City Clerk

(Mayor Signature)