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Steve Schneider, President
Tim Dyke, Pres. Pro-Tem
Richard Lauer
Dave Love
Gary Peltier
Richard Tobias
Thomas Umphenour

ALMONT VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING April 16, 2013

CALL TO ORDER

President Schneider called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Schneider led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: Dyke, Lauer, Love, Tobias, Schneider, Umphenour

Councilmembers Absent: Peltier

Staff Present:

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| Village Manager | Oliver Turner |
| Clerk/Treasurer | Kimberly Keesler |
| Police Chief | Pat Nael |

Guests Present:

- 'Chicky' – Owner, Chicky's Saloon
- Jack Ziemba – Owner & CEO, Aristo-Cast
- Melissa Garner – Gear Master
- Patricia Lucas – Lapeer Development Corp.

COMMUNICATIONS

None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilmember Dyke moved, Councilmember Tobias seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the agenda, including an addition to discuss Aristo-Cast's request to dig a well.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Councilmember Dyke moved, Councilmember Tobias seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the following consent agenda items:

1. Regular Meeting Minutes, April 2, 2013
2. Warrant #13-04-B Checks #31409 – 31464
3. Detroit Water Report, March 2013
4. DPW Report, March 2013
5. WWTP Report, March 2013
6. Police Report, March 2013
7. Payroll Report, April 4, 2013

PUBLIC COMMENT

None



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REGULAR AGENDA

1. Aristo-Cast Well Request

Discussion was held as to Aristo-Cast's request to dig a well for irrigation purposes.

It was the consensus of Council to postpone consideration of the item until Village Manager Turner could investigate the reasoning behind the current ordinance and could receive a legal opinion as to whether it would be discriminatory to allow wells for only industrial parcels.

2. Chicky's Paradise Saloon – Alley Closings

Councilmember Lauer moved, Councilmember Umphenour seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the closing of the alley behind Chicky's Paradise Saloon on May 5, June 1, and September 15, 2013, at Chicky's discretion.

Chicky also requested the alley be closed for a cage fighting event scheduled on August 3rd.

Councilmember Lauer moved, Councilmember Umphenour seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to express no objections to the events.

Councilmember Lauer moved, Councilmember Umphenour seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the alley closing on August 3, 2013.

3. Public Hearing – Gear Master, Inc. Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate Application

The public hearing was opened at 8:47 p.m.

Patricia Lucas presented information about the application filed by GearMaster, Inc. requesting an industrial facilities tax exemption certificate for new personal property. Council held discussion.

The public hearing was closed at 8:52 p.m.

4. Resolution No. 13-04-01 – Gear Master, Inc. Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate Application

Councilmember Lauer moved, Councilmember Dyke seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to adopt Resolution No. 13-04-01, approving the application submitted by Gear Master, Inc. for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate and to approve the Tax Abatement Agreement.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Umphenour, Dyke, Lauer, Love, Tobias, Schneider

Nays: None

Absent: Peltier



5. Air Advantage Fiber Optic Utilization Agreement

Councilmember Lauer moved, Councilmember Tobias seconded, **PASSED**, with Love dissenting, to approve the agreement with Air Advantage, with the proposed changes as presented.

6. Resolution No. 13-04-02 – A Resolution Supporting a Grant Request to the Lapeer County Community Foundation

Councilmember Lauer moved, Councilmember Dyke seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to adopt Resolution No. 13-04-02, a resolution supporting the submission of a grant request to the Lapeer County Community Foundation in the amount of \$1,000 to support the 'Music in the Park' series.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Dyke, Lauer, Love, Tobias, Umphenour, Schneider

Nays: None

Absent: Peltier

7. Grounds Maintenance – WWTP and Lift Stations

Councilmember Dyke moved, Councilmember Tobias seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to authorize the Almont DPW to maintain the waste water plant and lift station grounds.

8. Almont Township Police Vehicle Purchase – Dodge Charger

Councilmember Dyke moved, Councilmember Tobias seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the purchase of the Dodge Charger in an amount not to exceed \$29,000.

Councilmember Dyke moved, Councilmember Love seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve Chief Nael and Manager Turner to act as signers on the loan financing this purchase.

9. Quarterly Budget Amendments

Manager Turner presented the budget amendments and requested an additional amendment for the 'Full-Time Salaries' line item in the public safety budget category to be increased to \$392,000 to facilitate Sergeant Morse's early retirement agreement.

Councilmember Dyke moved, Councilmember Love seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the budget amendments as presented.

10. Closed Session

Councilmember Dyke moved, Councilmember Lauer seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to go into closed session pursuant to Section 8 (c) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act, being Public Act 267 of 1976, to hold a strategy session connected to the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement.

ROLL CALL:



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Ayes: Lauer, Love, Tobias, Umphenour, Dyke, Schneider
Nays: None
Absent: Peltier

Council entered Closed Session at 9:23 p.m.

Council left Closed Session at 10:06 p.m.

OPEN DISCUSSION

1. Introduction to Transportation Asset Management

2. Financial Position Report

COUNCIL/MANAGER COMMENT:

A moment of silence was held for the victims of the Boston Marathon bombing.

Councilmember Tobias mentioned that branches were not picked up at 401 N. Main and asked if the branch pick-up schedule was on the website. Manager Turner confirmed it was.

Manager Turner requested that Council approve him being reimbursed for a hotel room used during the MML conference. It was the consensus of Council to approve the request.

Manager Turner also requested that the office staff be allowed to go to the McCrea sentencing on Monday, April 22nd. It was the consensus of Council to approve the request and to not charge personal or vacation time for the employees to go.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 10:22 p.m.

Kimberly J. Keesler
Clerk/Treasurer

Steve Schneider
President

Approved Date: May 7, 2013

