



CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2026 at 7:30 PM

COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ALBION CITY HALL, 420 W MARKET ST. ALBION, NE 68620

MINUTES

A Regular Meeting of the Albion City Council of the City of Albion, Nebraska was convened in open and public session at 7:30 p.m. on April 14, 2026 at Albion City Hall, 420 West Market St., Albion, NE. Notice of this meeting along with the agenda was simultaneously given in advance to all members of the Board. Notice of this meeting was given in advance by publication, a designated method for giving notice; a copy of proof of publication is attached to these minutes. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. The meeting was recorded using an audio recording device and such recording is available for inspection at the office of the City Clerk.

CALL TO ORDER

A copy of the open meetings act is posted and is provided for the public on the billboard of the Council Chambers.

ROLL CALL

Present were Mayor James Jarecki and Council Members Jon Porter, Jack Dailey, Marcus Johnson, and Jason Tisthammer.

City staff present were City Administrator Andrew Devine, City Attorney Darren Wright, Deputy Clerk Sharon Ketteler, and Police Officer Dustin Martin.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Jarecki reminded residents to take advantage of City-Wide Clean-Up Days on May 27th and 28th. The Mayor thanked our local law enforcement and the State Patrol for quickly resolving a recent dangerous situation in Albion. Mayor Jarecki also reminded everyone to vote in the upcoming election.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MARCH 10, 2026 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Councilman Porter made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2026 City Council Meeting, seconded by Johnson. Voting Yea: Tisthammer, Dailey, Johnson, Porter. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

2. CONSIDER REQUEST OF ALBION VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT TO CLOSE COLUMBIA STREET FROM 4TH TO 5TH STREETS FOR A MOCK CAR CRASH DRILL ON APRIL 22, 2026

Councilman Porter made a motion to approve the request of the Albion Volunteer Fire Department to close Columbia Street from 4th to 5th Streets for a mock car crash drill on April 22, 2026, seconded by Dailey. Voting Yea: Dailey, Porter, Tisthammer, Johnson. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

3. CONSIDER CARDINAL CAGE LICENSE AND MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT FOR USE OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTY FOR APPROVAL

Clerk Devine provided a draft of the agreement. Attorney Wright asked Clerk Devine if the Albion Baseball and Softball Organizations had provided the entity or person to be named the licensee yet? Devine stated they had not. Councilman Dailey stated he did not feel comfortable approving the license and agreement without a designated entity or person. Clerk Devine stated that if the Albion Baseball and Softball Organization doesn't form a legal entity, one of them would need to personally be designated the licensee. It would most likely be someone who has helped organize the fundraising for the Cardinal Cage. Councilman Porter made a motion to approve the Mayor to sign the agreement using his good judgement on issuance of the agreement, seconded by Johnson. Voting Yea: Johnson, Tisthammer, Porter. Voting Nay: Dailey. Motion carried. Clerk Devine added that the Mayor could contact the councilmen individually to get their approval of the name being used on the agreement before he signs it.

4. CONSIDER RECOMMENDATION TO THE NEBRASKA LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION REGARDING APPLICATION AMENDMENT FOR MANGER CHANGE FOR GIPH RESTAURANTS, LLC / PIZZA HUT UNDER LICENSE NUMBER A-096887

Council members reviewed the amendment application for change of manager. Councilman Porter made a motion to recommend approval of application amendment for manager change by GIPH Restaurants, LLC/Pizza Hut under license number A-096887, seconded by Johnson. Voting Yea: Tisthammer, Dailey, Johnson, Porter. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

5. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF APPLICATIONS OF MEMBERSHIP TO THE ALBION VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT OF TRISTAN SHIVELY AND AARON HAMLING

Council members reviewed the applications. Councilman Johnson made a motion to approve applications of membership to the Albion Volunteer Fire Department of Tristan Shively and Aaron Hamling, seconded by Tisthammer. Voting Yea: Johnson, Dailey, Tisthammer, Porter. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

6. CONSIDER MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS OF DYLAN MARTIN TO THE ALBION PLANNING COMMISSION; DUSTIN MARTIN TO LIEUTENANT; AND, DAVID REDLER TO WATER COMMISSIONER

Dylan Martin has expressed written interest in serving on the Planning Commission board. There is one vacant position.

The promotion to Police Lieutenant would provide more authority to Police Officer Dustin Martin when the Police Chief is not available. The promotion would not change his pay rate.

David Redler has completed his water operator certification, which has earned him a \$0.30/hour wage increase as outlined by the City Pay Plan.

Councilman Johnson made a motion to approve the Mayoral Appointments of Dylan Martin to the Albion Planning Commission; Dustin Martin to Police Lieutenant; and, David Redler to Water Commissioner, seconded by Porter. Voting Yea: Dailey, Porter, Tisthammer, Johnson. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

ORDINANCES

7. CONSIDER SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 346 (26) AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE ANNEXATION OF THE MARILEE 1ST ADDITION TO THE CITY OF ALBION, BOONE COUNTY, NEBRASKA

The first reading of Ordinance 346(26) was read and approved at the March 10, 2026 City Council Meeting. Mayor Jarecki instructed Clerk Devine to read the ordinance for the second time. Councilman Johnson made a motion to approve the second reading, seconded by Porter. Voting Yea: Tisthammer, Dailey, Johnson, Porter. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

8. CONSIDER INTRODUCTION AND PASSAGE OF ORDINANCE 347 (26) AN ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO MUNICIPAL PLANNING; AMENDING ALBION MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 9, SECTION 9-514 FF/FW FLOOD PLAIN DISTRICTS (OVERLAY DISTRICT) ORIGINALLY ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 303 (20); PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ANY ORDINANCE OR PART OF ORDINANCE IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF

Clerk Devine noted that the Nebraska Department of Water, Energy and Environment and FEMA have completed a new Flood Map for our area. This ordinance will update the maps and other provisions. Councilman Porter made a motion to introduce Ordinance 347(26) An ordinance pertaining to municipal planning; amending Albion Municipal Code Chapter 9, Section 9-514 FF/FW Flood Plain Districts (Overlay District) originally adopted as Ordinance No. 303(20); providing for the repeal of any ordinance or part of ordinance in conflict herewith; and providing for the effective date hereof. Mayor Jarecki instructed Clerk Devine to read the ordinance by title for the first time. Councilman Porter made a motion to approve the first reading and to suspend the statutory rules requiring reading of the ordinance at three separate meetings, seconded by Johnson. Voting Yea: Johnson, Tisthammer, Dailey, Porter. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried. Mayor Jarecki instructed Clerk Devine to read Ordinance 347(26) by title for the second and third time. Councilman Porter made a motion to approve the second and third readings and to move for final passage and adoption, seconded by Johnson. Councilman Johnson called the question. Mayor Jarecki sought further comment. With no further comment Mayor Jarecki declared Ordinance 347(26) having been read by title three different times, the rules have been suspended, the question is, "Shall Ordinance 347(26) finally pass?" Voting Yea: Dailey, Porter, Tisthammer, Johnson. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

REPORTS

9. City Administrator Report

City Administrator report to the City Council regarding the status of various city departments, city activities, and city financial reports. Administrator Devine had previously provided a written report for council review. Devine asked the Mayor and Council to let him know of any special areas on streets that are in need of patching/repair.

10. CONSIDER BILLS FOR APPROVAL

*REVIEW MONTHLY BILLS REPORT AND CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL AND PAYMENT

Councilman Porter made a motion to approve bills report for payment and affirm all paid claims as presented, except for bills from Speed Services, seconded by Johnson. Voting Yea: Dailey, Porter, Tisthammer, Johnson. Councilman Johnson made a motion to approve bills from Speed Services for payment, seconded by Tisthammer. Voting Yea: Tisthammer, Dailey, Johnson. Voting Nay: None. Abstaining: Porter. Motion carried.

***CONSIDER CHANGE ORDER #2 OF GEHRING CONSTRUCTION FOR THE CLARK PARK AND TRAIL PROJECT**

Clerk Devine stated that this is the Change Order from last month that would add the infinity trail around the perimeter and through the middle of Clark Park; a full-court basketball court; and concrete for the little tike pedal park, which is to the south of the main play area. Council members reviewed Change Order #2 of Gehring Construction for the Clark Park and Trail Project. Councilman Johnson made a motion to approve the Change Order, seconded by Porter. Voting Yea: Dailey, Johnson, Porter, Tisthammer. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

***CONSIDER PAY APPLICATION #2 OF GEHRING CONSTRUCTION FOR THE CLARK PARK AND TRAIL PROJECT**

Council members reviewed Pay Application #2 of Gehring Construction for the Clark Park and Trail Project. Councilman Porter made a motion to approve the Change Order in the amount of \$263,696.72; seconded by Johnson. Voting Yea: Dailey, Johnson, Porter, Tisthammer. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

11. CONSIDER EMPLOYEE EVALUATIONS FOR APPROVAL

Administrator Devine had previously provided employee evaluations for council review. Councilman Porter made a motion to approve employee evaluations and step raises of David Redler and Michael Lipker, seconded by Dailey. Voting Yea: Johnson, Porter, Tisthammer, Dailey. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

ITEMS TO BE PUT ON NEXT MEETING AGENDA

12. Next Regular Meeting: May 12, 2026 - 7:30 p.m.

- *Third Reading and Final Passage of Ordinance 346(26)
- *Review Annual Audit Report
- *Potential Building Inspection Agreement
- *Cardinal Cage Agreement by Mayor
- *Employee Evaluation

13. Public Comment for Future Consideration

None.

ADJOURN

At 7:58 p.m. Council Member Dailey made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Johnson. Voting Yea: Dailey, Porter, Johnson, Tisthammer. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

I the undersigned Clerk hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of proceedings had and done by the Mayor and Council; that all subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the Agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and available for inspection at the office of the Clerk; that such subjects were contained in said Agenda for at least 24 hours prior to said meeting; that at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for the examination and copying of the public; that said minutes were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that all news media requesting notification of meetings of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and subjects to be discussed at said meeting.

James Jarecki, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sharon Ketteler, Deputy Clerk