



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY, APRIL 08, 2025 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 8, 2025 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 Jarecki and Council Members Jason Tisthammer, Jon Porter, Jack Dailey, and Marcus Johnson.

City staff present were City Administrator Andrew Devine, Deputy Clerk Sharon Ketteler, City Attorney Darren Wright, and Police Chief Brent Lipker.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Jarecki congratulated the Speech Team for their accomplishments this year, including taking 4th place at State. The Mayor also commented that Obrist Construction hasn't been consistent in notifying property owners when they are working in their area, which has been causing issues. The City has been documenting these complaints.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MARCH 11, 2025 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Councilman Porter made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2025 City Council Meeting, seconded by Johnson. Voting Yea: Porter, Tisthammer, Dailey, Johnson. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

2. CONSIDER APPROVAL TO SUBMIT APPLICATION FOR THE WALTER SCOTT FAMILY FOUNDATION GRANT AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN ALL GRANT CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

Clerk Devine stated that he has not received a completed grant application yet.

Councilman Porter made a motion to postpone action until the May city council meeting, seconded by Tisthammer. Voting Yea: Porter, Johnson, Dailey, Tisthammer. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

3. CONSIDER RECOMMENDATION TO THE NEBRASKA LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION REGARDING APPLICATION FOR ADDITION TO LICENSED AREA BY WHITE STAR OIL COMPANY, LLC DBA WHITE STAR OIL COMPANY UNDER LICENSE NUMBER D-124386

The Nebraska Liquor Control Commission is requiring a local recommendation for additional 36' X 50' licensed area that White Star Oil Company is requesting. Council members reviewed the application.

Councilman Johnson made a motion to recommend approval of application for addition to licensed area by White Star Oil Company under license number D-124386, seconded by Dailey. Voting Yea: Tisthammer, Dailey, Johnson, Porter. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

4. CONSIDER AEDC REQUEST TO RELEASE of \$142,440.00 IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SALES TAX FUNDS FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM ACTIVITES:

\$18,000 FOR GRADING AT SOUTH PARK SUBDIVISION,

\$118,125 FOR CONCRETE PAVING, CURB, AND GUTTER AT SOUTH PARK SUBDIVISION,

\$3,000 FOR ENGINEERING, SURVEY, AND STAKING AT SOUTH PARK SUBDIVISION,

\$3,315 FOR GEOTECHNICAL TESTING AT SOUTH PARK SUBDIVISION.

Clerk Devine reviewed the written request by Albion Economic Development Corporation for sales tax funds needed for various projects at the South Park Subdivision with the council members. Devine noted that the Citizens Advisory Committee met on April 7, 2025 to review the request; and they recommended approval.

Councilman Porter made a motion to approve economic development sales tax fund release to AEDC in the amount of \$142,440.00 in economic development sales tax funds for economic development program activities as presented, seconded by Johnson. Voting Yea: Johnson, Porter, Tisthammer, Dailey. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

5. CONSIDER CONFIRMATION OF MAYORAL APPOINTMENT OF MICHAEL LIPKER TO THE ALBION POLICE DEPARTMENT

Michael Lipker will begin officer certification training on April 27, 2025.

Councilman Porter made a motion to approve Mayoral appointment of Michael Lipker to the Albion Police Department, seconded by Tisthammer. Voting Yea: Dailey, Tisthammer, Porter, Johnson. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

6. NONE

ORDINANCES

7. **CONSIDER INTRODUCTION AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 340(25) AMENDING SECTION 2-605 OF THE ALBION CITY CODE TO REDUCE THE MAXIMUM HEIGHT FOR WEEDS, GRASS OR WORTHLESS VEGETATION**

City Attorney Wright explained the changes he made to the nuisance code. The maximum height for weeds, grass, or worthless vegetation was changed from 12" to 10" to match State Statute. The other changes updated verbiage to make the code clearer. Wright noted that our nuisance code already allows for processing a nuisance without declaration by the City Council; however, he stated it is still a good idea to bring more complicated nuisances before the council to have them review and declare the nuisance.

Councilman Porter introduced Ordinance 340(25). 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 ordinances be read on three different days, seconded by Johnson. Voting Yea: Dailey, Tisthammer, Porter, Johnson. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Jarecki instructed Clerk Devine to read the ordinance 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 340(25) having been read by title three different times, the rules have been suspended, the question is, "Shall Ordinance 340(25) finally pass?" Voting Yea: Porter, Dailey, Tisthammer, Johnson. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

REPORTS

8. **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 report for council review. Devine added that the proposed date for the dedication and grand opening community event for the Eli Porter Memorial Playground is planned for June 12, 2025. Devine also stated that he is in the process of hiring staff for the pool. The city has been advertising for seasonal help for public works. All documents for the Rural Community Recovery Program Grant have been completed and the city can begin requesting funds for the Clark Street Park and Trail Extension Project. No action taken.

9. 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, seconded by Johnson. Voting Yea: Porter, Dailey, Tisthammer, Johnson. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

ITEMS TO BE PUT ON NEXT MEETING AGENDA

10. Next Regular Meeting: May 13, 2025 - 7:30pm

- **Street Closures**

11. Public Comment for Future Consideration

Ed Knott asked if the Walter Scott Family Foundation Grant was completed and approved? Clerk Devine stated that he has not received the completed application yet, so it was postponed until the May 13th city council meeting.

ADJOURN

At 7:50 p.m. Council Member Dailey made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Johnson. Voting Yea: Johnson, Dailey, Porter, 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