



## CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2026 at 7:30 PM

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

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# MINUTES

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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 February 10, 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 Marcus Johnson, Jason Tisthammer, and Jon Porter. Absent was Jack Dailey.

City staff present were City Administrator Andrew Devine, City Attorney Darren Wright, Deputy Clerk Sharon Ketteler, Police Officer Dustin Martin, and Economic Development and Housing Director Shelby Kelley.

Councilman Johnson made a motion to excuse the absence of Councilman Dailey, seconded by Porter. Voting Yea: Johnson, Tisthammer, Porter. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

### MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Jarecki announced that he and Administrator Devine will be inspecting city property and assets this week and will have a report ready at the March city council meeting.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#### 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 13, 2026 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Councilman Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2026 City Council Meeting, seconded by Porter. Voting Yea: Johnson, Porter, Tisthammer. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Dailey. Motion carried.

### OLD BUSINESS

#### 2. NONE

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- 3. The City Council will accept public testimony regarding the application prior to making their formal recommendation to the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission.**

Mayor Jarecki opened the public hearing at 7:31 p.m. and sought public input. None at this time. The Mayor again sought public comment. Hearing none, he closed the public hearing at 7:32 p.m.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- 4. CONSIDER RECOMMENDATION OF APPLICATION # 144738 OF THE MANCHESTER DRINKERY, LLC TO THE NEBRASKA LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION**

Council members reviewed the application of Michael Meysenburg for a class M Bottle Club liquor license for business at 112 S. 4th Street. This type of license cannot sell alcohol but allows members to bring in their own purchases of alcoholic liquor to consume. Councilman Porter made a motion to recommend approval of application # 144738 of The Manchester Drinkery, LLC to the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission, seconded by Johnson. Voting Yea: Porter, Johnson, Tisthammer. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Dailey. Motion carried.

- 5. CONSIDER AEDC REQUEST TO RELEASE of \$81,500.00 IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SALES TAX FUNDS FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM ACTIVITIES:**
  - \$45,000 FOR SITE PREPARATION EXPENSES AT 508 S 9<sup>TH</sup> STREET, ALBION, NE,**
  - \$21,500 FOR 2026 OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE ORGANIZATIONS**
  - \$15,000 FOR A MATCHING CONTRIBUTION TOWARD A NEBRASKA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION YOUTH GRANT FOR THE CLARK PARK RENOVATION AND TRAIL EXPANSION PROJECT.**

The funds request and treasurer's report from AEDC were previously provided to the Mayor and council for review, along with the minutes from the Albion Citizens Advisory Committee meeting held January 26, 2026 where they recommended approval to release the requested funds. Clerk Devine noted there is currently \$118,041.97 in the Sales Tax Fund that is available for release. Councilman Johnson made a motion to approve Economic Development Sales Tax Fund release to AEDC in the amount of \$81,500.00 in Economic Development Sales Tax Funds for Economic Development Program Activities as presented; seconded by Porter. Voting Yea: Porter, Johnson, Tisthammer. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Dailey. Motion carried.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

- 6. NONE**

## **ORDINANCES**

- 7. CONSIDER INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE 345(26) AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO A LEVY OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FOR THE UNPAID UTILITY BILL OF LEETCH PROPERTIES, LLC, 805 WEST MARKET STREET, ALBION, NEBRASKA.**

Councilman Porter motioned to introduce Ordinance 345(26) An ordinance relating to a levy of special assessment for the unpaid utility bill of Leetch Properties, LLC, 805 West Market Street, Albion, Nebraska. 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, seconded by Johnson. Voting Yea: Porter, Tisthammer, Johnson. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Dailey. 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 the city financial reports, including monthly sales tax allocation and profit and loss balance sheets for council review. Devine added that he will begin advertising soon for seasonal pool help. Devine also reported that he will be working to see if our budget could support hiring a building inspector. 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, except for bills from Speed Services; seconded by Johnson. Voting Yea: Porter, Tisthammer, Johnson. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Dailey. Motion carried.

Councilman Johnson made a motion to approve bills from Speed Services for payment, seconded by Tisthammer. Voting Yea: Tisthammer, Johnson. Voting Nay: None. Abstaining: Porter. Absent: Dailey. Motion carried.

## ITEMS TO BE PUT ON NEXT MEETING AGENDA

### 10. Next Regular Meeting: March 10, 2026

**Final Plat Application - Blessings Subdivision**

**Potential Introduction of Annexation Ordinance for Marilee's 1st Addition**

**Interlocal Agreement with Sheriff Department – 1-Mile Jurisdiction Area**

### 11. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

Councilman Tisthammer asked, on behalf of a resident, what type of signage would be put in for the trail extension by 11th and State Streets? Administrator Devine stated there will be a lighted crossing at the highway with a push button for pedestrians to stop traffic. Tisthammer also stated that the resident wondered if we could move the 35 mile per hour speed limit further out to slow traffic sooner? Devine stated that we can petition the State to do that when we apply for the crossing permit.

Also during the public comment session, a resident who lives on 10th Street asked if the city could please flush out the fire hydrant near that area as his household water has a terrible odor to it.

## ADJOURN

At 7:44 p.m. Council Member Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Tisthammer. Voting Yea: Porter, Johnson, Tisthammer. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Dailey. 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.

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James Jarecki, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Sharon Ketteler, Deputy Clerk