



6/11/2024 - CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2024 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 June 11, 2024 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, Marcus Johnson, and Jack Dailey.

City staff present were: City Administrator Andrew Devine, City Attorney Darren Wright, Deputy Clerk Sharon Ketteler, Water Commissioner/Nuisance Officer Warren Myers, Economic Development and Housing Director Shelby Wetovick, and Police Chief Brent Lipker.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Jarecki gave condolences to Amber Wynn's family on the passing of her father.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE May 14, 2024 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Councilman Porter made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2024 City Council Meeting, seconded by Johnson. Voting Yea: Tisthammer, Johnson, Porter, Dailey. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

2. NONE

NEW BUSINESS

3. CONFIRM THE APPROVED ALBION VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT ROSTER FOR INSURANCE BENEFITS

Council members reviewed the Albion Volunteer Fire Department Roster for insurance benefits. Councilman Johnson made a motion to confirm the approved Albion Volunteer Fire Department roster as presented, seconded by Porter. Voting Yea: Porter, Tisthammer, Dailey, Johnson. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

4. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH BOONE CENTRAL SCHOOLS FOR USE OF THE ALBION SPORTS COMPLEX FOR SOFTBALL

Council members reviewed the Interlocal Agreement with Boone Central Schools for use of the Albion Sports Complex. Clerk Devine stated there were no changes to the annual agreement.

Councilman Porter made a motion to approve the agreement, and approve the Mayor to sign the same; seconded by Johnson. Voting Yea: Dailey, Porter, Johnson, Tisthammer. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

5. CONSIDER PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR WATER AND SEWER EXTENTION AND UPGRADE PROJECTS FOR APPROVAL AND AUTHORIZE THE ADVERTISEMENT AND SOLICITATION OF BIDS

Council members reviewed and discussed the detailed project plans provided by Dale Bohac of JEO Consulting Group. These Water and Sewer projects had also been discussed at the May 14, 2024 City Council meeting. An extension of Water and Sewer lines will be added to existing developed properties that were annexed back in February, 2023. Specific water mains will be upgraded from 4" to 6" to increase water volume to the Fire Station. There will be an extension of Water main to create a redundant looped entrance point from the well/water tower site into the water distribution system. And an extension of Sewer main to the south addition of the campgrounds. Devine noted that the plans and specs for the additional extensions from 8th Street to the old Well site and south additional campgrounds had been previously reviewed and approved back when Dana Andersen began development of that area. Clerk Devine also distributed the Engineer's cost estimates, which the council reviewed. Councilman Johnson made a motion to approve plans and specification for water and sewer extension and upgrade projects and to authorize the advertisement and solicitation of bids, seconded by Porter. Voting Yea: Johnson, Tisthammer, Dailey, Porter. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

6. CONSIDER RESOLUTION SERIES 111(24) 1-4 DECLARING NUISANCES

Council members reviewed the four nuisance reports provided by Warren Myers. Councilman Porter made a motion to introduce and approve Resolution Series 111(24) 1-4 Declaring Nuisances, seconded by Johnson. Voting Yea: Johnson, Tisthammer, Dailey, Porter. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

ORDINANCES

7. CONSIDER SECOND AND/OR THIRD READING AND FINAL PASSAGE OF ORDINANCE 334(24) AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALBION, NEBRASKA, AMENDING ARTICLE III – SIDEWALKS OF CHAPTER V, STREETS AND SIDEWALKS, OF THE ALBION CITY CODE

The first reading of Ordinance 334(24) was passed at the May 14, 2024 City Council meeting after review and discussion and removing language regarding sidewalks abutting the City Recreational Trail. Mayor Jarecki instructed Clerk Devine to read the ordinance for the second time. Councilman Porter made a motion to approve the second reading and that the statutory rules requiring readings at three separate meetings be suspended, seconded by Tisthammer. Voting Yea: Tisthammer, Dailey, Johnson, Porter. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried. Mayor Jarecki instructed Clerk Devine to read the ordinance for the third time. Councilman Porter made a motion to approve the third reading and to move for final passage and adoption, seconded by Dailey. Councilman Johnson called the question. Mayor Jarecki sought further comment. With no further comment Mayor Jarecki declared Ordinance 334(24) having been read by title three different times, the rules have been suspended, the question is, "Shall Ordinance 334(24) finally pass?" Voting Yea: Dailey, Porter, Tisthammer, Johnson. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

REPORTS

8. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE ANNUAL DELINQUENT UTILITY ACCOUNT REPORT

Council members reviewed the Annual Delinquent Account Report. No action taken.

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 added that the City of Albion and AEDC have written a letter of intent to apply for a grant up to a million dollars through the Rural Recovery Program. This grant provides opportunities to improve vacant properties. The City of Albion's intent is to improve the Clark Street Park by potentially expanding it; and also to extend the recreational trail from existing developed neighborhoods to and through neighborhoods with vacant properties, and possibly extend it to the Sports Complex. No action taken.

10. CONSIDER BILLS FOR APPROVAL

***REVIEW MONTHLY BILLS REPORT AND CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL AND PAYMENT**

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

11. CONSIDER EMPLOYEE EVALUATION FOR APPROVAL

Councilman Porter made a motion to approve the employee evaluation of Warren Myers, including a step raise according to the City of Albion pay plan; seconded by Tisthammer. Voting Yea: Johnson, Tisthammer, Porter, Dailey. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

ITEMS TO BE PUT ON NEXT MEETING AGENDA

12. Next Regular Meeting: July 16, 2024 - 7:30 p.m.

*Bid opening for Water and Sewer Extension and Upgrade Projects

Councilman Dailey commented that he will be out of town on July 16, 2024 so will not be available for the City Council meeting.

13. Public Comment for Future Consideration

None.

ADJOURN

At 8:24 p.m. Councilman Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Dailey. Voting Yea: Johnson, Tisthammer, Porter, Dailey. 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