



ALBION CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY, MAY 09, 2023 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 May 9, 2023 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 in the Council Chambers.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Councilmember Jack Dailey
Councilmember Marcus Johnson
Councilmember Jon Porter

ABSENT:

Councilmember Jason Tisthammer

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

City staff present were: City Administrator Andrew Devine, City Attorney Darren Wright, Deputy Clerk Sharon Ketteler, Economic Development and Housing Director Maggie Smith, and Lieutenant Joe Predmore.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Jarecki commented on all the construction going on in our area. He thanked businesses and individuals for investing in our community and county.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE APRIL 11, 2023 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Minutes of the April 11, 2023 meeting were distributed to the Mayor and Council in the agenda packets.

Motion: To approve the minutes of the April 11, 2023 City Council Meeting. Motion made by Councilmember Johnson, Seconded by Councilmember Porter.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Dailey, Councilmember Johnson, Councilmember Porter. Nay: None. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

2. CONSIDER AEDC REQUEST TO RELEASE ALBION HOUSING INITIATIVE FUNDS FOR THE RURAL WORKFORCE HOUSING GRANT MATCH FUND

Jeff Jarecki spoke on behalf of the Albion Economic Development Corporation. Jarecki explained that the requested release of funds is money that was donated specifically for the use of the Albion Housing Initiative Fund. These funds will need to be in AEDC's account in order to get the full match of funds by the State. Maggie Smith noted the correct amount of requested release of funds is \$267,500; as that is the current amount of donations to the Rural Workforce Housing Grant Match Fund. There were a few pledges that did not come in by the deadline, however, they still anticipate receiving those funds. Clerk Devine added that the Citizen's Advisory Committee met on May 8, 2023 and recommended approval to release the funds.

Motion: To approve Albion Housing Initiative Fund release to AEDC in the amount of \$267,500 for the Rural Workforce Housing Grant Match. Motion made by Councilmember Johnson, Seconded by Councilmember Dailey.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Dailey, Councilmember Johnson, Councilmember Porter. Nay: None. Motion carried.

3. CONSIDER AEDC REQUEST TO RELEASE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SALES TAX FUNDS FOR SPECIFIC PROGRAMS AND/OR PURPOSES

Jeff Jarecki explained the requests for release of funds. AEDC has had a request to help with a facade project on a recently purchased property. They are also requesting release of funds for continuing education for Economic Development for Maggie Smith. AEDC would like to reallocate \$20,000 that was previously earmarked for demolition projects, and use those funds to assist with infrastructure and development of projects since there has been very little request for demolition assistance. Clerk Devine noted that the Citizen's Advisory Committee met on May 8, 2023 and recommended approval to release these funds.

Motion: To approve Economic Development Sales Tax Fund release to AEDC in the amounts of \$10,000 for downtown facade projects; and \$2,000 for continuing education for AEDC Director; and, to approve the reallocation of \$20,000 previously released Economic Development Sales Tax Funds for demolition assistance to infrastructure and development projects. Motion made by Councilmember Johnson, Seconded by Councilmember Porter.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Dailey, Councilmember Johnson, Councilmember Porter. Nay: None. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

4. INTRODUCE AND APPROVE RESOLUTION 109(23) DECLARING SURPLUS PROPERTY AND AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF THE SAME

Council members reviewed the resolution. The two items for sale include: 2014 Hustler SuperZ Mower; and Better-Bilt 1100 Honey Wagon.

Motion: To introduce and approve Resolution 109(23) Declaring surplus property and authorizing the sale of the same. Motion made by Councilmember Porter, Seconded by Councilmember Johnson. Voting Yea: Councilmember Dailey, Councilmember Johnson, Councilmember Porter. Nay: None. Motion carried.

5. INTRODUCE AND APPROVE RESOLUTION 110(23) REGARDING THE PLACEMENT OF TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNS IN ORDER TO REGULATE TRUCK TRAFFIC

Council Members reviewed the resolution. Clerk Devine stated that when White Star Oil applied for re-zoning of property to install truck fuel islands, there was concern of truck and heavy vehicle traffic on 7th Street. The applicant assured that trucks would not be traveling on 7th Street to reach the fuel islands. This resolution would allow the City to regulate traffic on 7th Street with traffic control signs.

Motion: To introduce and approve Resolution 110(23) Regarding the placement of traffic control signs in order to regulate traffic. Motion made by Councilmember Johnson, Seconded by Councilmember Porter. Voting Yea: Councilmember Dailey, Councilmember Johnson, Councilmember Porter. Nay: None. Motion carried.

6. INTRODUCE AND APPROVE RESOLUTIONS 111(23)-1 and 111(23)-2 DECLARING NUISANCES

Council Members reviewed the two nuisance reports provided by Chief Lipker.

Motion: To introduce and approve Resolutions 111(23)-1 and 111(23)-2. Motion made by Councilmember Porter, Seconded by Councilmember Dailey. Voting Yea: Councilmember Dailey, Councilmember Johnson, Councilmember Porter. Nay: None. Motion carried.

7. INTRODUCE AND APPROVE RESOLUTION 112(23) REGARDING PLACEMENT OF TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNS IN ORDER TO REGULATE TRAFFIC

Clerk Devine noted that Chief Lipker recommended placing "Yield to Pedestrian" signs near the intersection of 8th and Fairview Streets to protect pedestrians who are going to the pool and park.

Motion: To introduce and approve Resolution 112(23). Motion made by Councilmember Porter, Seconded by Councilmember Johnson. Voting Yea: Councilmember Dailey, Councilmember Johnson, Councilmember Porter. 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 Jeff Steele has begun cleaning and repainting the pool. Also, Corey Zoubek gave tours of the wastewater plant to Boone Central Biology students last week. No action taken.

9. CONSIDER BILLS FOR APPROVAL

*REVIEW MONTHLY BILLS REPORT AND CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL AND PAYMENT

The Bills and Claims report was previously distributed to the Mayor and City Council in their agenda packets.

Motion: To approve bills report for payment and affirm all paid claims as presented. Motion made by Councilmember Johnson, Seconded by Councilmember Porter.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Dailey, Councilmember Johnson, Councilmember Porter. Nay: None. Motion carried.

ITEMS TO BE PUT ON NEXT MEETING AGENDA

10. Next Regular Meeting: June 13, 2023, 7:30pm - City Hall

* Vyve Contract

* Delinquent Utility Report

11. Public Comment for Future Consideration

Mayor Jarecki asked if there was public comment. None given.

ADJOURN

Motion: To adjourn the meeting.

Time meeting adjourned: 7:57 p.m.

Motion made by Councilmember Dailey, Seconded by Councilmember Johnson.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Dailey, Councilmember Johnson, Councilmember Porter. 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