



AGENDA MEMO

MEETING NAME: Albion City Council

DATE: July 29, 2025

ITEM NAME: **CONSIDER INTRODUCTION AND PASSAGE OF ORDINANCE 343 (25) AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALBION, NEBRASKA, SETTING UTILITY RATES EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025**

PRESENTER(S):

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The annual CPI (Consumer Price Index) for June 2025 (Published July 15th) is 3.0% - see attached. Based on our auditor’s report on all utilities as well as a year of lower water revenues due to less consumption it is recommended to increase both water and sewer rates as presented in the attached resolution. The increase to the average water and sewer bills based upon the rates as presented in the proposed resolution is estimated to be 3%. Our Solid Waste rate revenues were strong this past year and we are realizing significant savings with a new compost/grass hauling arrangement. I do not recommend increasing Solid Waste rates this at this time, even though we have a structured increase to our Contract with Bud’s in December 2025. See the full schedule attached.

Also attached are water and sewer rate comparisons from other communities demonstrating that the Albion remains lower than the average among our peer group for water rates and slightly above average rates for sewer. This data was obtained in 2024.

DISCUSSION:

MOTION: To introduce Ordinance 343 (25).

BY: _____ **2ND:** _____

ROLL CALL: Johnson _____ Porter _____ Tisthammer _____ Dailey _____

MAYOR INSTRUCTS CLERK TO READ ORDINANCE BY TITLE

MOTION: To approve the first reading of Ordinance 343 (25) and to suspend the statutory rules requiring reading at three separate meetings.

BY: _____ **2ND:** _____

ROLL CALL:

Dailey _____ Porter _____ Tisthammer _____ Johnson _____

Mayor instructs Clerk Devine to read Ordinance for 2nd and 3rd time.

Motion: For final passage and adoption of Ordinance 343(25)

QUESTION CALLED BY: _____

MAYOR DECLARES:

ROLL CALL: Dailey _____ Porter _____ Tisthammer _____ Johnson _____