



2023.09.05 - SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING - BUDGET HEARING

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 05, 2023 at 7:30 AM

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

MINUTES

A Special Meeting of the Albion City Council of the City of Albion, Nebraska was convened in open and public session at 7:30 a.m. on September 5, 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 on the billboard of the Council Chambers.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Jason Tisthammer
Jack Dailey
Marcus Johnson
Jon Porter

City staff present were: City Administrator Andrew Devine, Deputy Clerk Sharon Ketteler, and Water Commissioner/Building Inspector Warren Myers.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 8, 2023 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The minutes of the August 8, 2023 meeting was distributed to the Mayor and Council in the agenda packets.

Motion made by Porter, Seconded by Johnson.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

2. PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2023-2024 CITY OF ALBION BUDGET

PRESENTATION OUTLINING THE KEY PROVISIONS OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET INCLUDING A COMPARISON WITH THE PRIOR YEAR'S BUDGET

OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET

Mayor Jarecki opened the public hearing at 7:32 a.m. Treasurer Devine reviewed the Key Provisions Report with the council. All operations are estimated to perform better than budgeted for this fiscal year. Governmental Funds are to perform \$387,458 better than budgeted due to Capital Projects and Street Microsurfacing that weren't completed. Utilities are expected to perform under budget by \$2,400. Accountant Michael Hoback and Treasurer Devine reviewed the budget following last month's meeting when the council sought to reduce tax asking. Mr. Hoback felt we could use up another \$24,000 of cash reserves. This decreased our property tax asking by that much as well, bringing our tax asking to 7.72% more than last year instead of 11.74% that was shown on last month's proposed budget. This puts the cash reserves at \$600,000. If we spend down 100% of our budget we most likely won't be able to supplement with cash reserves in the following years. The decrease in tax asking brought the tax levy down to 0.3229 per 100. We will probably have to increase our levy in future years. The Certified Valuation from the Assessor came in at \$201,000,000 which was significantly higher than estimated, which also helped bring down the levy. The higher valuation is greatly due to newly annexed properties. The total budget to run our city this year is \$7,500,000.00. Only \$650,000 is covered by property tax. The rest comes from Highway Allocation Funds from the State, Sales Tax, Utility Franchise, Utility revenues, and other city receipts. A large amount of the budget increase is for future utility development. Mayor Jarecki sought comment from the public. Hearing none, the Mayor closed the public hearing at 7:52 a.m. Mayor Jarecki sought further comment from the council. No further comment given. No action taken.

DATE AND TIME OF BUDGET ADOPTION

Treasurer Devine stated the Budget Adoption will be held at the next regular meeting on September 12, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.

ITEMS TO BE PUT ON NEXT MEETING AGENDA

3. Next Regular Meeting: September 12, 2023 - 7:30 p.m.

Budget Adoption

4. Public Comment for Future Consideration

None.

ADJOURN

Motion: To adjourn the meeting.

Time meeting adjourned: 7:54 a.m.

Motion made by Dailey, Seconded by Johnson.

Voting Yea: Tisthammer, Dailey, Johnson, 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