

MINUTES
ALBION CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING – PUBLIC HEARING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2021

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 November 9, 2021 at Albion City Hall, 420 West Market St., Albion, NE. Present were: Mayor James C. Jarecki, Council Members Jason Tisthammer, Jon Porter, Marcus Johnson, and Jack Dailey. City staff present were: City Administrator Andrew Devine, Deputy City Clerk Sharon Ketteler, Officer Mike Mapel, and City Attorney Darren Wright. 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.

MAYOR’S COMMENTS

Mayor Jarecki informed the public about the location of the current copy of the Open Meetings Act posted in the Council Chambers.

2. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 12, 2021 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Councilman Porter made a motion to approve minutes of the October 12, 2021 City Council meeting; second by Johnson. **Vote: Yeas; Dailey, Porter, Tisthammer, Johnson. Nays; None.**

3. CONSIDER AEDC REQUEST TO RELEASE SALES TAX FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000 TO ASSIST CAR QUEST WITH CONSTRUCTION/FAÇADE COSTS

Clerk Devine stated that the Citizens Advisory Committee met yesterday to discuss Albion Economic Development’s request. Devine provided minutes from that meeting, noting that the CAC recommended approval to release funds. Councilman Porter made a motion to approve AEDC request to release \$50,000 to assist Car Quest with construction/façade costs, second by Johnson. **Vote: Yeas; Porter, Johnson, Dailey, Tisthammer. Nays; None.**

4. CONSIDER ORDINANCE 311(21) ADOPTING OFFICIAL ZONING MAP CHANGES PURSUANT TO APPROVED ZONE CHANGE APPLICATION OF WHITE STAR OIL COMPANY

Clerk Devine noted that following the Zone Change approval at the October City Council Meeting, an ordinance is required to make the change on the official zoning district map. Councilman Johnson made a motion to introduce Ordinance 311(21) Adopting Official Zoning Map Changes Pursuant to Approved Zone Change Application of White Star Oil Company. Mayor Jarecki instructed Clerk Devine to read the ordinance by title for the first time. Councilman Dailey made a motion to approve

the first reading and that the statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended, second by Johnson. **Vote: Yeas; Dailey, Johnson, Porter, Tisthammer. Nays; None.** Mayor Jarecki instructed Clerk Devine to read Ordinance 311(21) by title for the second and third time. Councilman Johnson made a motion to approve all readings and for final passage and adoption of Ordinance 311(21), second by Tisthammer. Councilman Johnson called the question. Mayor Jarecki declared Ordinance 311(21) having been read by title three different times, the rules have been suspended, the question is “Shall Ordinance 311(21) finally pass?” **Vote: Yeas; Porter, Dailey, Johnson, Tisthammer. Nays; None.**

5. **CONSIDER BILLS FOR APPROVAL**

- **CONSIDER MONTHLY BILLS FOR APPROVAL**

Councilman Dailey made a motion to approve the monthly bills for payment, except for Speed Services bill; second by Porter. **Vote: Yeas; Dailey, Tisthammer, Porter, Johnson. Nays; None.**

Councilman Johnson made a motion to approve bill from Speed Services, second by Dailey. **Vote: Yeas; Dailey, Johnson, Tisthammer. Abstain; Porter. Nays; None.**

6. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE 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 he and Bruce Benne attended the Lower Loup Hazard Mitigation Planning Session #2. Lower Loup NRD has a Hazard Mitigation Plan which cities need to submit to FEMA every 5 years to qualify for grant funding. Mr. Devine and Mr. Benne will follow up with completing the Community Profile and Mitigation Projects by December 23, 2021. The City of Albion will hold a public hearing around February, 2022 for public and council review. The current plan expires July, 2022.

Administrator Devine recapped the Vacant Property Registration Ordinance that was implemented last fall. Devine explained that initial inspections were done this summer, and 58 properties qualified for vacant property registration at that time. If after 6 months the property remains “vacant” by the standard of the ordinance, courtesy notices will be sent to property owners to either provide proof of exemption, or they will be required to register the vacant property. A recent curb-side follow-up found that the number of qualifying vacant properties are still in the mid to upper 40’s.

The City received Security Grant Funds from DHHS for Water security. Solar motion sensor lights were installed today along the trail between the two Wells.

Councilman Porter asked if work is complete on the Dam project. Administrator Devine stated it was started, but not completed. Paul Groteke is doing the work and had to stop temporarily because of harvest. After work is complete the engineer will need to sign off on the project. The City has requested an extension from the State.

No action taken.

7. **CONSIDER RESOLUTION 118(21) AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE 2021 YEAR-END CERTIFICATION OF CITY STREET SUPERINTENDENT FORM**

Council members reviewed the resolution. Councilman Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution 118(21) Authorizing the Mayor to sign the 2021 Year-End Certification of City Street Superintendent form, second by Porter. **Vote: Yeas; Johnson, Dailey, Tisthammer, Porter. Nays; None.**

8. **ITEMS TO BE PUT ON NEXT MEETING AGENDA**

Next Regular Meeting – December 14, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.

- Highway Maintenance Agreement
- Mayoral Appointments
- Interlocal Agreement with Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District

9. **ADJOURN**

At 7:45 p.m. Council Member Dailey made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Porter. **Vote: Yeas; Dailey, Porter, Tisthammer, Johnson. Nays; None.**

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