

**MINUTES
ALBION CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING – PUBLIC HEARING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2021**

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 7, 2021 in the Council Chambers. Present were Mayor James C. Jarecki, Councilmembers Jason Tisthammer, Jon Porter, Marcus Johnson, and Jack Dailey. City staff present were City Administrator Andrew Devine, Public Works Coordinator Doug Morgan, Water Commissioner Warren Myers, and Deputy Clerk Sharon Ketteler. 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. OPEN PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE 2021/2022 CITY OF ALBION BUDGET

Mayor Jarecki opened the public hearing at 7:30 a.m. City Treasurer Devine reviewed the Key Provision Report with the council which included the Budget Summary of each department, the Property Tax Summary, and the Capital Improvement Plan of each department. In the General Administration Department it was noted that in the previous year auditors advised to spend down \$250,000 of cash reserves. Devine stated that \$190,280 of those cash reserves were transferred to other departments to be used, which provided property tax relief for those operating funds. Devine noted that last year's Street Department budget was considerably higher than the 2021-22 proposed budget due to completing the Fairview Street/ Storm Sewer Project for the hospital's expansion. This year's budget for the Parks Department is significantly higher than last year because of Capital Improvements Projects: new mower, playground equipment, campground expansion, and ballfield lights. These projects will be supported and funded by Capital Improvement Sales Tax Funds. Devine stated that a donor has offered \$14,000 to replace lily pads, which would bring the Pool Department budget lower than the initial proposed \$92,050. The down payment of a new pumper truck had been in last year's Fire Department budget but was not used. Full payment of the pumper truck is in this year's budget. Devine stated that the Rural Fire Department reimburses 50% of all operations. The Library Department didn't spend as much on maintenance costs as budgeted last year; but are planning for more renovations in the coming year. A large amount of last year's unused budget for Sewer System Maintenance and Improvements has been outlined for this year's budget to be used for manhole rehab and pipe rehab. In the Solid Waste Department, Devine noted that besides Bud's Sanitary contract costs, other expenditures paid out of this fund include: the grass pile, tree pile, Clean-up Days, and a portion of the Utility Clerk's payroll and benefits. Some of last year's budgeted Solid Waste Funds were transferred out to help support other departments. The proposed budget for the G.O. Bond Fund is \$336,116. Approximately \$78,000 of that will be from Property Tax, and the rest will be transfers from Sales Tax and or Street Fund. The Valuation for 2021 is

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\$164,559,746; an increase of approximately \$9,000,000 from last year. The total Property Tax request is \$595,417; which is \$3,663 less than last year. The Levy rate is 36.2 cents, which is 2 ½ cents less than last year. Devine stated that the City has received \$140,262 in ARPA – Covid Relief Funds for Water and/or Sewer projects. We are waiting to see if we receive the second half and then plan how to use those funds.

Mayor Jarecki sought public comment. Hearing none, the Mayor closed the public hearing at 7:57 a.m. Mayor Jarecki then sought input from the council. No questions or comments from the council. **No action taken.**

3. **NEXT REGULAR MEETING: September 14, 2021 7:30 p.m.**

- BUDGET ADOPTION
- 2021-2022 ALBION 1 AND 6 STREET IMPROVEMENT PLAN
- INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR STREET SUPERINTENDENT SERVICES
- CERTIFICATION OF PROGRAM COMPLIANCE TO THE NEBRASKA BOARD OF PUBLIC ROADS AND CLASSIFICATIONS
- CONSIDER INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH BOONE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR USE OF SOFTBALL FIELD

4. **ADJOURN**

At 7:59 a.m. Councilman Dailey made a motion to adjourn, second by Porter.

Vote: Yeas; Johnson, Dailey, Tisthammer, Porter. 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.

Jim Jarecki, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sharon Ketteler, Deputy Clerk