



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY, JULY 08, 2025 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 July 8, 2025 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 were Mayor James Jarecki and Council Members Jack Dailey, Marcus Johnson, Jason Tisthammer, and Jon Porter.

City staff present were City Administrator Andrew Devine, Deputy Clerk Sharon Ketteler, City Attorney Darren Wright, Utility Clerk Amber Wynn, and Police Chief Brent Lipker.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Jarecki noted several projects the city needs to consider in the future including a new well south of the current wells; a water line completed up to the newest well so there would be a second main line coming into town; a street completed from the Fairgrounds entry road to South Street road past the pool and to the new street recently put in on the Economic Development Lot. Also new lights at the ball fields, and an improved system for our sludge application.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 10, 2025 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Councilman Porter made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2025 City Council meeting; seconded by Johnson. Voting Yea: Porter, Tisthammer, Dailey, Johnson. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

3. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH BOONE CENTRAL SCHOOLS FOR USE OF THE ALBION SPORTS COMPLEX FOR SOFTBALL

Clerk Devine noted this is an annual agreement and the only changes are the dates. Councilman Porter made a motion to approve the interlocal agreement with Boone Central Schools for use of the Albion Sports Complex for Softball and approve the Mayor to sign the same; seconded by Tisthammer. Voting Yea: Dailey, Porter, Johnson, Tisthammer. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

4. CONSIDER REQUEST OF RAY BARNES TO ADD OUTDOOR SEATING AREA WITH ALCOHOL SERVICE ON PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY/SIDEWALK ALONG NORTH 4TH STREET FOR THE NEST

Council members reviewed the request and map provided by Ray Barnes for permission to place outdoor seating on the sidewalk of the east side of The Nest. If he receives approval from the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission, he will also serve alcohol in this seating area. Marcos Flores was present to explain that he has a food truck on the east side of The Nest's building and seating would provide a nice service to his customers. Clerk Devine stated that it is permissible to have temporary seating on the sidewalk for their customers even if Ray Barnes' request didn't get approved. Porter suggested moving the seating area approximately 15' further north in case a handicap parking spot would be placed on the southeast corner in the future. He would like to discuss this with Mr. Barnes before taking action on this item. Porter made a motion to postpone the request of Ray Barnes to add outdoor seating area with alcohol service on public right of way/sidewalk along north 4th Street until the July 29th special city council meeting, seconded by Dailey. Voting Yea: Johnson, Porter, Tisthammer, Dailey. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

5. NONE

ORDINANCES

6. CONSIDER INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE 342 (25) AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO A LEVY OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FOR THE UNPAID UTILITY BILL OF JOANNE STAUB, 539 S 1st STREET and 539 ½ S 1st STREET, ALBION, NEBRASKA.

Councilman Porter made a motion to introduce Ordinance 342(25) an ordinance relating to a levy of special assessment for the unpaid utility bill of JoAnne Staub, 539 S. 1st Street and 539 1/2 S. 1st Street, Albion, Nebraska; seconded by Dailey. Mayor Jarecki instructed Clerk Devine to read the ordinance for the first time. Councilman Porter made a motion to approve the first reading, seconded by Johnson. Voting Yea: Johnson, Porter, Tisthammer, Dailey. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

REPORTS

7. 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 written report for council review. Devine announced in local community news that his daughter is competing in Parliamentary Procedure at National FCCLA in Orlando, FL. Both the Junior and Senior Parliamentary Procedure Teams from Boone Central finished in the top 10. Devine added that the Mansfield Foundation recently donated \$70,000 for the Housing

Fund, which is intended to help support the full-time position for the economic development housing director. They also donated \$10,000 to the Cardinal Cage Project. Devine mentioned that besides the special meeting on July 29th to review the preliminary budget, it will also be necessary to have a special meeting in August for our accountant to review a draft of the 2025-2026 budget; as Mr. Hoback has a previous appointment and cannot attend our regular meeting on August 12th.

8. CONSIDER BILLS FOR APPROVAL

***REVIEW MONTHLY BILLS REPORT AND CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL AND PAYMENT**

Councilman Porter made a motion to approve bills report for payment and affirm all paid claims as presented, seconded by Johnson. Voting Yea: Dailey, Porter, Johnson, Tisthammer. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

ITEMS TO BE PUT ON NEXT MEETING AGENDA

9. Special Meeting: July 29, 2025 - 7:30 p.m.

* Preliminary Budget Review

* Utility Rate Review

10. Next Regular Meeting: August 12, 2025 - 7:30 p.m.

11. Public Comment for Future Consideration

None.

ADJOURN

Councilman Porter made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m., seconded by Dailey. Voting Yea: Johnson, Dailey, Tisthammer, Porter. Voting 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