



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING - TIME: IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING BUDGET HEARING

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 09, 2025

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 7:38 p.m. immediately following the Budget Hearing on September 9, 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 Jason Tisthammer, Jon Porter, and Jack Dailey. Absent was Marcus Johnson.

City staff present were City Administrator Andrew Devine, City Attorney Darren Wright, Deputy Clerk Sharon Ketteler, Water Commissioner/Nuisance Officer Warren Myers, and Street Supervisor Ron Morearty.

Councilman Porter made a motion to excuse the absence of Marcus Johnson, seconded by Tisthammer. Voting Yea: Tisthammer, Dailey, Porter. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Jarecki announced that Friday, September 12th will be Warren Myers' last day of employment with the City of Albion. The mayor thanked Mr. Myers for his years of service and wished him good luck in his future endeavors.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 26, 2025 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Councilman Dailey made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 26, 2025 City Council Meeting, seconded by Porter. Voting Yea: Porter, Tisthammer, Dailey. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Johnson. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

2. None

NEW BUSINESS

3. CONSIDER "PARK ON CLARK" PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS SOLICITATION FOR APPROVAL AND PUBLICATION

Clerk Devine stated that the city is not required to do a formal bidding process for the "Park on Clark" Playground Project since playground equipment is pre-engineered. We will be able to negotiate a contract through Source Well or a State bid contract process. Currently our maximum budget is \$350,000.

Councilman Porter made a motion to approve the "Park on Clark" Playground Equipment Request for Proposals Solicitation for publication, seconded by Tisthammer. Voting Yea: Porter, Tisthammer, Dailey. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Johnson. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

4. INTRODUCE AND CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL RESOLUTION 110 (25) APPROVING THE REVISED 2024-2025 CITY OF ALBION BUDGET

Clerk Devine had reviewed the amended 2024-2025 Budget with the council during the budget hearing prior to the regular city council meeting. The main amendment is the additional monetary requirements for Park Improvements and Bond Refunding.

Councilman Porter made a motion to introduce and approve Resolution 110(25) Revising the 2024-2025 City of Albion Budget, seconded by Tisthammer. Voting Yea: Porter, Dailey, Tisthammer. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Johnson. Motion carried.

5. CONSIDER RESOLUTION 111(25), APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE 2025-2026 BUDGET STATEMENT, AND SETTING THE 2025-26 PROPERTY TAX REQUEST

Clerk Devine reviewed the budget documents that were also reviewed at the Budget Workshop on August 26, 2025. Full copies of budget and key provision reports were also available for council review, as well as the Accountant's Compilation Report. Devine reviewed the resolution with the council, which includes all the required information that the State needs.

Councilman Porter made a motion to introduce and approve Resolution 111(25) Approving and adopting the 2025-2026 Budget Statement, and setting the 2025-2026 Property Tax Request; seconded by Tisthammer. Voting Yea: Tisthammer, Dailey, Porter. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Johnson. Motion carried.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF 2025-2026 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Clerk Devine reported that the planning commission met on September 8, 2025 and recommended approval of the Capital Improvement Plan. The city council had reviewed it previously at the Budget Workshop on August 26, 2025. The main projects include Clark Park, extending the recreational trail, the Cardinal Cage at the Sports Complex, and replacing a siren.

Councilman Porter made a motion to approve the 2025-2026 Capital Improvement Plan, seconded by Tisthammer. Voting Yea: Porter, Dailey, Tisthammer. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Johnson. Motion carried.

6. CONSIDER RESOLUTION SERIES 112(25) DECLARING NUISANCES

Council members reviewed the nuisance report and photos provided by Nuisance Officer, Warren Myers.

Councilman Porter made a motion to introduce and approve Resolution 112(25) Declaring nuisance, seconded by Dailey. Voting Yea: Tisthammer, Dailey, Porter. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Johnson. Motion carried.

7. CONSIDER RESOLUTION SERIES 113(25) ADOPTING THE CITY OF ALBION SCHEDULE OF FEES

Clerk Devine stated that after changing the camping fee schedule at the August 12, 2025 city council meeting, he received a request from seasonal campers to revive the discounted monthly camping fee. Devine explained that the main reason the discounted fees had been eliminated was to discourage people from living in the campgrounds year-round. Mayor Jarecki suggested having a seasonal discount rate from April 1st – September 30th. There was discussion on what the discounted rate should be. Porter suggested using the same discounted percentage we currently give and apply that percentage to the new rate that will become effective October 1, 2025. Since the new daily rate will be \$25, the monthly discounted rate will be \$465 and the weekly discounted rate will be \$125. Porter also recommended revising the water tapping minimum rate, stating that with the increasing price of materials, \$350 does not cover the cost. After discussion it was decided to increase the minimum rate to \$450 for water tapping.

Councilman Porter made a motion to introduce and approve Resolution 113(25) Amending the City of Albion Schedule of Fees – Camping Fees and Water Tapping Minimum Fee, seconded by Tisthammer. Voting Yea: Dailey, Tisthammer, Porter. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Johnson. Motion carried.

ORDINANCES

8. NONE

REPORTS

9. 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 that a new candidate has accepted the Public Works Operator position and will start September 29th. Devine also reported that we have been awarded a Walter Scott Foundation Grant in the amount of \$200,000 for Phase II of the Cardinal Cage Project.

10. CONSIDER BILLS FOR APPROVAL

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

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

Councilman Dailey made a motion to approve bills from Speed Services for payment, seconded by Tisthammer. Voting Yea: Dailey, Tisthammer. Abstaining: Porter. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Johnson. Motion carried.

11. CONSIDER EMPLOYEE EVALUATION FOR APPROVAL

Councilman Porter made a motion to approve employee evaluation of Ron Morearty, seconded by Tisthammer. Voting Yea: Porter, Tisthammer, Dailey. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Johnson. Motion carried.

ITEMS TO BE PUT ON NEXT MEETING AGENDA

12. Special Meeting: September 30, 2025 - 7:30 a.m. to pay End-of-Fiscal Year bills.

13. Next Regular Meeting: October 14, 2025 - 7:30 p.m.

14. Public Comment for Future Consideration

Warren Myers thanked the City of Albion for the opportunity to work with us over the past years.

ADJOURN

Councilman Dailey made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 p.m., seconded by Tisthammer. Voting Yea: Porter, Dailey, Tisthammer. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Johnson. 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