



CITY COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, JUNE 09, 2026 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 June 9, 2026 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 Marcus Johnson, Jason Tisthammer, and Jack Dailey. Absent was Jon Porter.

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

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

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MAY 12, 2026 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Councilman Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2026 City Council Meeting, seconded by Tisthammer. Voting Yea: Johnson, Tisthammer, Dailey. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Porter. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

2. CONSIDER LEASE AGREEMENT WITH 23 TAILS, INC. FOR DOG PARK

This lease agreement was discussed at last month's city council meeting. The Dog Park will be located on City property north of the Grass/Tree piles. Councilman Johnson made a motion to approve the lease agreement with 23 Tails, Inc. in the amount of \$750.00 per year for a Dog Park, seconded by Dailey. Voting Yea: Johnson, Tisthammer, Dailey. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Porter. Motion carried.

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 there are no changes to this annual agreement. Councilman Johnson 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 Dailey. Voting Yea: Dailey, Johnson, Tisthammer. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Porter. Motion carried.

4. CONSIDER BUD'S SANITARY SERVICE, LLC REQUEST FOR FUEL SURCHARGE

Daryl Guthard, owner of Bud's Sanitary Service, was present to explain his request for \$0.75 fuel surcharge per active water meter to help cover the cost of rising fuel prices. Clerk Devine noted that our contract with them allows us to negotiate the rate, not to exceed 20%, in the event of increasing fuel prices. Councilman Dailey made a motion to approve a fuel surcharge of \$0.75 per active water meter, with a price threshold of \$3.80 per gallon with Bud's Sanitary Service, LLC; seconded by Johnson. Voting Yea: Dailey, Tisthammer, Johnson. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Porter. Motion carried.

5. CONFIRM THE APPROVED ALBION VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT ROSTER FOR INSURANCE BENEFITS

Councilman Johnson made a motion to confirm the approved Albion Volunteer Fire Department roster as presented, seconded by Tisthammer. Voting Yea: Tisthammer, Johnson, Dailey. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Porter. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

6. CONSIDER RESOLUTION SERIES 106(26) DECLARING NUISANCE

Council members reviewed the nuisance report presented by Police Officer Michael Lipker. Councilman Johnson made a motion to introduce and approve Resolution 106(26) Declaring nuisance, seconded by Dailey. Voting Yea: Johnson, Tisthammer, Dailey. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Porter. Motion carried.

ORDINANCES

7. CONSIDER INTRODUCTION AND PASSAGE OF ORDINANCE 348 (26) AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALBION, NEBRASKA AMENDING ALBION MUNICIPAL CODE, CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE XII – PARKS AND SWIMMING POOL; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith; AND PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF

A preliminary draft of the ordinance was reviewed and discussed at last month's city council meeting. The final draft was presented for council review. Clerk Devine noted a correction was needed to change the effective date from June 1, 2026 to July 1, 2026. Councilman Johnson introduced Ordinance 348(26), with the amended effective date. Mayor Jarecki instructed Clerk Devine to read the ordinance for the first time. Councilman Dailey made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 348(26) and to suspend the statutory rules requiring reading of the ordinance at three separate meetings, seconded by Johnson. Voting Yea: Johnson, Tisthammer, Dailey. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Porter. Motion carried. Mayor Jarecki instructed Clerk Devine to read Ordinance 348(26) for the second and third time. Councilman Johnson made a motion to approve the second and third readings, seconded by Dailey. Councilman Johnson called the question. Mayor Jarecki sought further comment. With no further comment Mayor Jarecki declared Ordinance 348(26) having been read by title three different times, the rules have been suspended, the question is, "Shall Ordinance 348(26) finally pass?" Voting Yea: Dailey, Tisthammer, Johnson. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Porter. Motion carried.

REPORTS

8. 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 added that the fire hydrant in the northwest part of town was flushed last week. The pool opened May 30th and the chemical balance has been going well. No action taken.

9. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE ANNUAL DELINQUENT UTILITY ACCOUNT REPORT

Council members reviewed the Annual Delinquent Utility Account Report provided by Utility Clerk Amber Wynn. No action taken.

10. CONSIDER BILLS FOR APPROVAL

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

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

***Consider Pay Application #4 of Gehring Construction for the Clark Park and Trail Project**

Councilman Johnson made a motion to approve Pay Application #4 of Gehring Construction for the Clark Park and Trail Project in the amount of \$80,270.72; seconded by Dailey. Voting Yea: Dailey, Johnson, Tisthammer. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Porter. Motion carried.

11. CONSIDER APPROVAL EMPLOYEE EVALUATIONS AND STEP-RAISES FOR APPROVAL

Councilman Johnson made a motion to approve the employee evaluation and step raise of Shelby Kelley, seconded by Tisthammer. Voting Yea: Johnson, Tisthammer, Dailey. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Porter. Motion carried.

ITEMS TO BE PUT ON NEXT MEETING AGENDA

12. Next Regular Meeting: July 21, 2026 7:30 p.m. (Third Tuesday of the Month due to the Fair.)

13. Public Comment for Future Consideration

None.

ADJOURN

At 8:02 p.m. Councilman Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Dailey. Voting Yea: Johnson, Dailey, Tisthammer. 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