

**MINUTES
ALBION CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 8, 2008
7:30 P.M. CITY HALL**

A Regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Albion, Nebraska was convened in open and public session at 7:30 P.M., on April 8, 2008 at Albion City Hall. Present were: Mayor Jarecki, Councilmembers Rasmussen, Cox, Hoefler, absent was Riedmiller, also present were: City Clerk Devine, Attorney Bird, News Media-Jim Dickerson with the Albion News; city employees present were: Lipker, Predmore, Knust, Morearty, Luettel, others present were Ralph Schmadeke, Carola Reigle. Notice of this meeting was simultaneously given to the Mayor and all members of the Council and a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of the notice is attached to these minutes. Availability of the agenda of this meeting was communicated in advance notice to the Mayor and Council. Notice of this meeting was given in advance by publication, a designated method for giving notice, a copy of publication being attached to these minutes. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

4. Councilman Cox made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2008 meeting. Seconded by Hoefler. **Vote: Yeas; Cox, Hoefler, Riedmiller, Rasmussen. Nays; None. Absent; Riedmiller.**

5. Chief Lipker said that Denny Johnson will be graduating from the Police Academy will be on April 10, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. in Grand Island. Devine and Lipker will be attending.

6. Ralph Schmadeke presented a safety dividend check from EMC Insurance for \$4,735.39.

7. The Chamber of Commerce is requesting to have the following streets on May 31, 2008 from 9:00-11:00 a.m.:

- 3rd Street from Church to Main
- 4th Street from State to Market
- Market Street from 4th to 5th
- 5th Street from Church to Market

This is for the old Street Rods. Councilman Cox made a motion to approve the Chamber of Commerce's request to close the streets as requested, seconded by Rasmussen. **Vote: Yeas; Rasmussen, Hoefler, Cox. Nays; None. Absent; Riedmiller.**

8. Councilman Rasmussen made a motion to approve Plumber's License for Larry Swerczek, seconded by Cox. **Vote: Yeas; Hoefler, Rasmussen, Cox. Nays; None. Absent; Riedmiller.**

9. Councilman Cox made a motion to approve Plumber's License for Kenneth Henn, seconded by Hoefler. **Vote: Yeas; Rasmussen, Hoefler, Cox. Nays; None. Absent; Riedmiller.**

10. The Albion Recycling Program Steering Committee will consist of Lanny Rasmussen, Andrew Devine, Ann Knust, Abby Johnson. They will work with Bud's Sanitary on the formation of regional recycling program. Bud's Sanitation plans on having a meeting on May 12, 2008 that will include all the communities involved. Councilman Cox made a motion to approve the formation of the Albion Recycling Program Steering Committee, seconded by Hoefler. **Vote: Yeas; Rasmussen, Hoefler, Cox. Nays; None. Absent; Riedmiller.**

11. Councilman Hoefler made a motion to approve Mayoral appointments of Lanny Rasmussen, Andrew Devine, Ann Knust, Abby Johnson to the Albion Recycling Program Steering Committee with their terms ending in December, 2008, and to be appointed annually after such meeting. Seconded by Cox. **Vote: Yeas; Cox, Hoefler, Rasmussen. Nays; None. Absent; Riedmiller.**

12. In order to be eligible for certain grants an ADA Transition Plan needs to be on file. Councilman Cox made a motion to approve Resolution 107(08)-Adopting ADA Transition Plan and Authorizing City Administrator to Cause Accessibility Barriers to be Removed, seconded by Rasmussen. **Vote: Yeas; Cox, Rasmussen, Hoefler. Nays; None. Absent; Riedmiller.**

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13. Councilman Rasmussen made a motion to table consideration of Ordinance 175(08), seconded by Cox.

Vote: Yeas; Cox, Hoefler, Rasmussen. Nays; None. Absent; Riedmiller.

14. Councilman Hoefler made a motion to form a committee of Jim Riedmiller and Mayor Jarecki to meet with Dan Thies with Kirkham Michael to review the street plan and authorizing the advertising of bids, seconded by Cox. **Vote: Yeas; Rasmussen, Cox, Hoefler. Nays; None. Absent; Riedmiller.**

15. John Zwingman discussed some revisions to the sewer expansion project. The lift station will need a 25' easement-John suggested to put it by Alco. The City would have about 65 days to obtain the easement before the bid will be awarded. Councilman Cox made a motion to approve the Plans and Specs as provided for the Firehall Sewer Expansion Project, seconded by Hoefler. **Vote: Yeas; Rasmussen, Hoefler, Cox. Nays; None. Absent; Riedmiller.** Councilman Rasmussen made a motion to authorize the advertising of bids to be let out May 13th, 2008, seconded by Cox. **Vote: Yeas; Hoefler, Rasmussen, Cox. Nays; None. Absent; Riedmiller.**

16. Sewer Commissioner Luettel discussed that two years ago that the sewer line between Ruby Street and Fairview on 11th Street was replaced. A deeper manhole will need to be installed for the Fairgrounds to hook into. Rutjens have placed a bid on this project. Councilman Cox made a motion to approve the manhole project at 11th and Fairview Streets, seconded by Hoefler. **Vote: Yeas; Hoefler, Rasmussen, Cox. Nays; None. Absent; Riedmiller.**

17. Clerk Devine created a flow chart that illustrates the process for dealing nuisances in town in order to clarify steps in enforcement of our nuisance code. Bird said that if someone were to object and appeal a decision that is made in respect to a nuisance situation it would be brought to a different board and that it is not specified in the flow chart. This item was for discussion only.

18. The property owners have started to clean their properties up. No action taken on this item.

19. Attorney Bird said that 117 South 8th Street has been sold, and the new buyer has 30 days to get property cleaned up. There is one other property that is a nuisance concern-818 West Market. It is listed for sale. Brent will walk through house with Carola to determine if nuisance continues to exist.

20. Administrator's Report

Water/Sewer:

- a. A meeting with the Sewer Commissioner, Administrator, engineers and George Edwards, was held on March 16, 2008. Clarifications of the scope of Edwards Environmental's sewer study were made so that the engineers knew what items they should focus on when presenting proposal for services to the city regarding engineering for the WWTF.
- b. Ron Morearty is continuing to work on getting the well development site near the water tower approved.
- c. Devine met with Roger Ternus, Cindy Kurtenbach, and Kristi Weidner and followed up with a phone call to Randy Thompson concerning the sewer expansion project and has reached verbal consensus on agreements regarding a the sewer expansion project. Formal agreements have since been signed.

General:

- a. Nuisance issues – Already discussed on agenda.
- b. Parks and Pool employee interviews have taken place and the following employees have been hired: Jeff Bussey as the Park Foreman; Thomas Wells Pool as Assistant Manager; Amanda Sorell and Alana Carder as Lifeguard/Assistant Managers.
- c. Summer ball organizations have conducted meetings to organize complex improvements which will be funded through a combination of sources: City Parks Improvement Budget, Monetary Donations/Organization Fund-raising, and in-kind Donations. Bleacher Planks on field C have been installed and dirt work has been done to improve drainage on fields A & B. Other Planned improvements this season include: increase height of backstops on fields A & B, a new scoreboard, field conditioner for fields A & B.
- d. Devine has been attending the Boone County Targeted Industry meetings as sponsored by NPPD. These strategy sessions help communities focus on best fit industries to target. Infrastructure is a key component to attracting industry to Albion/Boone County. We must continue to address our Waste Water Treatment needs, as well as our water pumping capacity by developing another well site.

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Budget/Treasurers Report:

- a. See financial statements attached.
- b. Suggested by Auditor to adopt \$1,000 capitalization policy. I'll discuss with auditor and address as agenda item at next month's Council meeting.

Councilman Rasmussen made a motion to approve the City Administrator's Report, seconded by Hoefer. **Vote: Yeas; Cox, Hoefer, Rasmussen. Nays; None. Absent; Riedmiller.**

21. Councilman Rasmussen made a motion to approve employee evaluations and step raises, seconded by Cox. **Vote: Yeas; Cox, Hoefer, Rasmussen. Nays; None. Absent; Riedmiller.**

22. Councilman Cox made a motion to approve the bills, seconded by Rasmussen. **Vote: Yeas; Hoefer, Cox, Rasmussen. Nays; None. Absent; Riedmiller.**

23. No Public Comment

24. Councilman Cox made a motion to authorize the Mayor to enter in Lease Agreement with the Albion Rural Fire Protection District, seconded by Hoefer. **Vote: Yeas; Cox, Hoefer, Rasmussen. Nays; None. Absent; Riedmiller.**

- 25.
- Mini Park Bathrooms-Cox would like to have the bathrooms moved closer to the sidewalks so they are more easily accessible and watched.
 - The sale barn road needs to be graded-Andy will talk to Steve Bygland

2. At 8:40 pm Councilman Cox made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Rasmussen. **Vote: Yeas; Rasmussen, Hoefer, Cox. Nays; None. Absent; Riedmiller.**

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 with in ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that all next 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:

Andrew Devine, City Clerk