

**MINUTES
ALBION CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
AUGUST 18, 2008
7:30 P.M. CITY HALL**

A Special 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 August 18, 2008 at Albion City Hall. Present were: Mayor Jarecki, Councilmembers Riedmiller, Hoefler, Cox, Rasmussen, also present were: City Clerk Devine, Jim Dickerson with Albion News, others present were Terry Galloway with AMGL. 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 August 12, 2008 meeting, seconded by Rasmussen. **Vote: Yeas; Hoefler, Riedmiller, Cox, Rasmussen. Nays; None.**

5. Clerk Devine received the tax valuation statement from the assessor in the amount of \$106,574,682.00. From this amount is approximately \$44 million of taxable personal property of the ethanol plant which is subject to a 5-year recovery (depreciation) schedule. With the depreciation schedule in mind, Mayor Jarecki had Devine prepare three scenarios of the property tax request, leaving all line items other than interfund transfers and property tax required unchanged. Instead of transferring money out of the General fund to support other governmental departments, the money will be pooled in that line item and will be used as cash balance to supplement future years as the taxable ethanol plant property rapidly depreciates. The conservative example would reduce the levy by 7.8% and maintain a cash surplus of \$33,000, the moderate example would reduce the levy by 0.5% and maintain a cash surplus of \$56,000, the aggressive example would increase the levy by 6.9% and maintain a cash surplus of \$86,500. Terry Galloway noted that the levy has been at .4204 for three years. Cox suggested leaving it at the .4204 to maintain things as they are. Other council members and the mayor were in agreement. Terry will present the budget with a levy of .4204 as in previous years. This will maintain a budgeted cash surplus of \$56,970 for the 2008-2009 budget year. Terry presented an amendment to last budget to allow for street and fire hall projects from the sales tax fund. This will be added to next regular meeting.

6. Jim Dickerson suggested that average citizens might question why the levy was not reduced with such a large increase in valuation. It was then discussed that the City should still hold the levy at the .4204 number as long as it can to maintain the city/services and to provide future financial stability to the levy rate as taxable personal property quickly depreciates.

7. Councilman Cox made a motion to table the amendment to the 2007-2008 Budget until the September 9, 2008, seconded by Rasmussen. **Vote: Yeas; Riedmiller, Rasmussen, Hoefler, Cox. Nays; None.**

8. Items for Next Agenda:

- Public Hearing for 2007-2008 Budget Amendment
- Public Hearing for 2008-2009 Budget Adoption

9. At 8:20 pm Councilman Rasmussen made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Cox. **Vote: Yeas; Cox, Hoefler, Rasmussen, Riedmiller. 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 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