

**MINUTES  
ALBION CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING  
TUESDAY, JULY 28, 2009**

A Special 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 28, 2009 in the Council Chambers. Present were Mayor James Jarecki; Council members: Hoefler, Rasmussen, Riedmiller, Warner. City Employees present were: Water Commissioner Morearty, Utility Billing Clerk Knust; Street Foreman Bader, Sewer Commissioner Luettel, Police Chief Lipker. Others present were: News Media Jim Dickerson with the Albion News, Terry Galloway with AMGL. 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.

**3. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE JULY 7, 2009 MEETING**

Councilman Riedmiller made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 7, 2009 meeting, seconded by Rasmussen. **Vote: Yeas; Rasmussen, Riedmiller, Warner, Hoefler. Nays; None.**

**6. 2009-2010 BUDGET WORKSHOP WITH TERRY GALLOWAY**

Terry Galloway reviewed the budget. Since the property tax valuation increased, municipal equalization gets reduced because there is opportunity to tax the local taxpayers. This will result in \$87,000 in revenues that the City will not be receiving. Highway allocation revenues will also be reduced by about \$10,000. The City has good cash reserves, much better than in past years. In order to have a true balanced budget there would need to be about \$135,000 cut from the general fund, which could be taken from the cash reserves. \$97,000 of the \$135,000 is from basically from the decreases in revenues from the municipal equalization & highway allocation from the state, which takes the cut down to about \$40,000 from the general fund. Devine said that when Valero purchased the ethanol plant they paid accelerated 2009 taxes at that time. This means that the revenues that are budgeted for this next year have already been received. This amount is \$127,669.00, which will need to be added to the \$135,000 amount for a total of about \$262,000.00 which would need to be cut out for a true balanced budget without taking any monies out of the cash reserve. The money can either be cut out of the budget or, the City can ask for more property taxes. Terry Galloway recommends a target amount of \$850,000 in cash reserve in the general fund, there is about \$877,000 in there now. Devine had Zwingman received a cost estimate from B-D Construction for remodeling the old fire hall into city hall. That estimate came back at around \$330,000-which is double of what Devine was expecting. Devine was planning of a cost of around \$150,000 to \$200,000 which some would come from debt service, \$30,000/year from general administration, \$10,000 each from Police, Water, Sewer and Solid Waste. Terry Galloway estimates that it will be a three year time period before the City will begin receiving some municipal equalization funds again. Some options that were discussed at the meeting were: the pool doesn't need to be sandblasted this year-that will be \$25,000 of avoided expenditure, the street department can wait on purchasing a new street sweeper-this would be about \$18,000 reduction in expenditure, possibly pulling money out of cash reserve, review levy amounts, and to put off purchasing a new police car. The council discussed having Devine review the budget with each department head to discuss where more expenditure cuts can be made.

**5. DISCUSS WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLAN OPTIONS**

Mayor Jarecki asked for a motion to enter into executive session to discuss strategy concerning real estate purchases related to placement of the new Wastewater Treatment Facility. He requested Terry Galloway, Larry Bird and Joe Luettel to stay. At 9:30 p.m. Councilman Riedmiller made a motion to go into executive session to discuss strategy with respect to possible real estate property acquisition related to the possible placement of the new Wastewater Treatment Facility, seconded by Rasmussen. **Vote: Yeas; Warner, Rasmussen, Hoefler, Riedmiller. Nays; None.** At 10:15 p.m. Councilman Warner made a motion to exit from executive session, seconded by Riedmiller. **Vote: Yeas; Riedmiller, Hoefler, Warner, Rasmussen. Nays; None.** Discussion was held in executive session but no formal action was required.

**7. DISCUSS ITEMS TO PLACE ON NEXT MEETING AGENDA**

- The next meeting will be on August 11, 2009.
- City Code Official report
- Water Quality Report
- Review WWTF Plan
- Hanna:Keelan will be here with Comp Plan update Reports
- Street Superintendent Report-Darrell Thorin
- NENEDD will have updates on the Rehab Grant
- David Bell will be here to observe meeting.
- Budget will be discussed

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**9. ADJOURN**

At 10:17 p.m. Councilman Riedmiller made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Warner. **Vote: Yeas; Warner, Hoefler, Riedmiller, Rasmussen. 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.

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Jim Jarecki, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Andrew Devine, City Clerk