

**MINUTES
ALBION CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 23, 2010**

A Special Meeting of the Albion City Council of the City of Albion, Nebraska was convened in open and public session at 7:00 p.m., on August 23, 2010 in the Council Chambers. Present were Mayor Jarecki, Councilmembers Hoefler, Frey, Rasmussen and Riedmiller by tele-conference call. City employees present were City Administrator Devine; and others present were Jim Dickerson with the Albion News, and 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 AUGUST 10, 2010 REGULAR MEETING

Councilman Rasmussen made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2010 meeting, seconded by Frey. **Vote: Yeas; Frey, Rasmussen, Hoefler, Riedmiller. Nays; None.**

4. BUDGET WORKSHOP WITH TERRY GALLOWAY, CPA

Terry Galloway with AMGL reviewed some budget scenarios. There are three options provided for examples.

Option #1: No additional cash reserves. It would be a break even with a balanced budget. If everything was spent, and everything was received that was talked about, we would ask for \$389,000. The levy would decrease 11%, even though the overall tax asking would go up because of the valuation change.

Option #2: No changes, same as the past 6 years with a levy of \$.4204 per \$100 valuation. This would put in just short of \$49,000 in the general fund cash reserves.

Option #3: Increase levy up to 44 cents per \$100 valuation would put about \$77,000 in additional cash reserves.

Devine said that he presented the three options due to the potential loss of municipal equalization funding in the next fiscal year budget. The \$104 million valuation increase may do to the 2011/2012 fiscal year what the significant valuation increase of 2008 did to the 2009-2010 Municipal Equalization Funding. Terry thinks that the \$50,000 of additional cash reserves would be a good option. Terry also said that regarding the property taxes it shouldn't affect the lower income families due to the homestead exemption. Terry said that on the cash balances the numbers say the city needs \$550,000 of operating cash for the year. Option #1 is chosen, there will be \$553,000 in operating cash. Terry said that any of the options would work out well. Lanny said that he is in favor at leaving the levy where it is. Councilman Rasmussen made a motion to recommend the tax asking for preparation, that resulting in levy of \$0.4204/\$100 valuation, seconded by Councilman Frey. **Vote: Yeas; Riedmiller, Hoefler, Rasmussen, Frey. Nays; None.** Devine said that county has asked for an increase in the amount that the city pay for the City Code Official. This amount is already covered in the consultant's area under general expenditures. This item will be on the September regular meeting.

5. DISCUSS REAL ESTATE STRATEGY CONCERNING WASTE WATER TREATMENT FACILITY

At 7:25 p.m. Councilman Riedmiller made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss Real Estate, seconded by Hoefler. **Vote: Yeas; Frey, Riedmiller, Rasmussen, Hoefler.**

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Nays; None. At 7:34 p.m. Councilman Rasmussen made a motion to exit from executive session, seconded by Hoefler. **Vote: Yeas; Frey, Rasmussen, Hoefler, Riedmiller. Nays; None.**

6. CONSIDER APPLICATIONS OF KYLE LARSON, JUSTIN NIEWOHNER, AND BETSY MORGAN FOR MEMBERSHIP TO THE ALBION VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

This item will be on the September regular meeting agenda.

7. ITEMS TO BE PUT ON NEXT MEETING AGENDA

- Ordinance for the County Zoning Administrator, City Code Official
- Budget Hearing, Property Tax Request, COLA
- Comp Plan Adoption
- Real Estate Strategy
- Fire Dep't Member applications

8. ADJOURN

At 7:40 p.m. Councilman Hoefler made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Frey. **Vote: Yeas; Rasmussen, Riedmiller, Frey, Hoefler. Nays; None.**

Jim Jarecki, Mayor

ATTEST:

Andrew Devine, City Clerk