

**MINUTES
ALBION CITY COUNCIL
EMERGENCY MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2009**

An Emergency Meeting of the Albion City Council of the City of Albion, Nebraska was convened in open and public session at 9:00 a.m., on August 26, 2009 in the Conference Room of the Boone County Health Center. Present were Mayor James Jarecki, Councilmembers Rasmussen, Riedmiller, Warner, absent was Hoefler. City Employees present were City Administrator Devine, Ron Morearty, Joe Luettel, Brent Lipker, and City Attorney Darren Wright. Others present were Vic Lee, Bill Barritt, Josh Probasco, Jon Jackson, Terry Brown. 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 posting, a designated method for giving notice; a certification of posting is attached to these minutes. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

3. CONSIDER FORMAL ACTION REGARDING ISSUES REGARDING THE CITY SEWER AND WATER MAIN IMPROVEMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE HOSPITAL EXPANSION PROJECT.

No formal action taken. Contractor, engineer, council, mayor, and city employees discussed concerns with the infrastructure improvement associated with the hospital construction project.

Results of conversation:

- a. Fox service line: The plumbing contractor believes that elevations will allow for sufficient gravity connection of the fox service line to the existing sewer main that runs North and South on 7th street. Should this become a problem, there will need to be further discussion on how to resolve this issue. Vic said the hospital should not have to pay for this – it is a design issue. Devine mentioned that generally on projects such as this there are amounts in the contract that allow for owner-approved contingencies to cover unknowns and that this may fall under that category. The city does not claim any financial responsibility for this as during the design phase they did notify the engineer that customer owned service lines are not located by the city.
- b. Inspections: City ordinances state that utilities superintendents must inspect work to and connecting to water and sewer mains at two times – upon completion of connection prior to being covered and again after service is completely restored. The sewer commissioner was not notified for final inspection prior to covering up work. Terry Brown of Olsson Associates recommended that we leave as is and TV the lines in 30 days. He believes this should be sufficient. Sewer Commissioner Joe Luettel is not certain that problems with the connection on the service line side will be visible, but agreed to this method in order to keep from having the contractor excavate the entire project.
- c. Backflow prevention: Water Commissioner Ron Morearty is recommending an R.P. type backflow device be required. R.P. devices are designed to be installed outdoors on high-hazard facilities such as hospitals and was required when the last significant plumbing project occurred at the Boone County Health Center. The plumbing engineer had intended on putting a double check valve backflow prevention device as is normally used in commercial applications since the plumbing to this addition is isolated from high-hazard uses in the rest of the hospital and would be used for patient rooms – toilets, faucets, and showers/baths. Ron also recommends putting in a bypass with another backflow prevention device so that service does not need to be interrupted during inspection and maintenance of the main device. If an R.P. device is required – the water installation and designs would need to be altered considerably. As the city ordinance states that the water commissioner may recognize variant degrees of hazard to specific applications, Morearty decided a compromise would be in order. Since it is difficult to know if a double check valve is not working – he would ok the installation if they were checked every six months and that the city be notified in the case that there is a change in use or additional use intended for this particular addition of the hospital in the future.

4. DISCUSS ITEMS TO PLACE ON NEXT MEETING AGENDA

No Items discussed.

9. ADJOURN

At 10:44 a.m. Councilman Warner made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Riedmiller. **Vote: Yeas; Warner, Rasmussen, Riedmiller. Nays; None. Absent; Hoefler**

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

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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