

**MINUTES**  
**ALBION CITY COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2023**

A Regular 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 January 10, 2023 at Albion City Hall, 420 West Market St., Albion, NE. Present were: Mayor James C. Jarecki, Council Members Jack Dailey, Jason Tisthammer, Jon Porter, and Marcus Johnson. City staff present were: City Administrator Andrew Devine, Deputy City Clerk Sharon Ketteler, City Attorney Darren Wright, and Police Chief Lipker. 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. The meeting was recorded using an audio recording device and such recording is available for inspection at the office of the City Clerk.

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

Mayor Jarecki informed the public about the location of the current copy of the Open Meetings Act posted in the Council Chambers. The Mayor reported that on January 5, 2023 he and Administrator Devine had their semi-annual review of city property and assets. The Mayor will hold his semi-annual department head meeting on January 20, 2023 and provide a report at the February city council meeting.

**2. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 13, 2022 CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Councilman Porter made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2022 City Council meeting as presented, second by Johnson. **Vote: Yeas; Porter, Johnson, Dailey, Tisthammer. Nays; None. Motion carried.**

**3. CONSIDER INTRODUCTION AND POTENTIAL ACTION ON RESOLUTION 101(23) REGARDING PLACEMENT OF TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES, SPECIFICALLY SPEED BUMPS AND SOLAR-POWERED RADAR SPEED SIGNS**

Council members reviewed the resolution and maps for suggested areas to place traffic control devices within the city. Areas of concern are 10<sup>th</sup> Street between Church Street and Main Street; east of Church Street coming from Highway 91; Fairview Street coming from the west; and near Boone Central Public School. Clerk Devine stated that he hadn't received feedback from school administration, however, there are non-working electronic LED signs already by the concerned areas. Warren Myers ordered a new cord to replace the missing one and city staff will try to get the signs back in operation. Council members discussed multiple options for speed control in the other areas. Councilman Porter stated the manhole around 10<sup>th</sup> Street and Main Street needs repair. He suggested when repair work is done on the manhole, there could be street work done in that area to create a dip to allow for drainage. This would also slow down traffic. Chief Lipker suggested placing stop signs on each side of the railroad track on Church Street by Albion Locker. Council members discussed placing a stop sign on the south side of 11<sup>th</sup> Street and Fairview Street, with a "Stop Ahead" sign to the west of it. City staff will review and the item will be considered at a future meeting. **No action taken.**

4. **CONSIDER INTRODUCTION AND POTENTIAL ACTION ON RESOLUTION 102(23) REGARDING DESIGNATION OF HANDICAP PARKING, SPECIFICALLY 1 STALL ON THE NORTH SIDE OF CHURCH STREET, WEST OF 4<sup>TH</sup> STREET**

Council members reviewed the entire downtown area for locations to place ADA parking. Administrator Devine will check areas that have existing ramps to avoid cutting curbs and disturbing water flow. The item will be addressed at a future meeting. **No action taken.**

5. **DISCUSS DOWNTOWN PARKING RESTRICTIONS DURING SNOW REMOVAL – AS REQUESTED BY CITIZEN**

Jennifer Leifeld explained her request for time limits on parking in front of her business to help facilitate snow and ice removal, as well as unloading of stock. Mayor Jarecki and Administrator Devine both agreed this seems to be a problem area where vehicle owners don't cooperate in moving their automobiles. Mayor Jarecki stated he has some ideas to alleviate the problem. He will discuss it with Administrator Devine and Chief Lipker. **No action taken.**

6. **CONSIDER INTRODUCTION AND POTENTIAL ACTION ON ORDINANCE 323(23) REPEALING SECTIONS 3-511, 3-512, 3-513, 3-514, 3-515, 3-516, 3-517, 3-518, 3-519, AND 3-601 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE, CHANGING THE NAME OF CHAPTER THREE, ARTICLE FIVE, ADOPTING CHAPTER THREE, ARTICLE SIX OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE ESTABLISHING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE OPERATION OF ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES, UTILITY TYPE VEHICLES AND GOLF CAR VEHICLES WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF ALBION AND ADOPTING CHAPTER THREE, ARTICLE NINE OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE ESTABLISHING PENAL PROVISIONS FOR THE VIOLATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER THREE**

City Attorney Wright explained the changes made to the drafted ordinance per council suggestions at the November city council meeting. In Section 3-607, number (3) the use of a lap belt was added as another means for required safety equipment. The council had also suggested a requirement for the use of children's car seats in these types of vehicles. Attorney Wright stated that would be covered in Section 3-608 which declares that all other motor vehicle laws have to be followed.

Councilman Porter introduced Ordinance 323(23). Mayor Jarecki instructed Clerk Devine to read the ordinance for the first time. Councilman Porter made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 323(23), second by Johnson. **Vote: Yeas; Porter, Johnson, Dailey, Tisthammer. Nays; None. Motion carried.**

7. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL REGARDING THE STATUS OF VARIOUS CITY DEPARTMENTS, CITY ACTIVITIES, AND CITY FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Administrator Devine had previously provided a City Financial Report for council review. Devine added that the recent rain, ice, and snow has presented many challenges; especially to the city streets. **No action taken.**

8. **CONSIDER BILLS FOR APPROVAL**

- **CONSIDER MONTHLY BILLS FOR APPROVAL**

Councilman Johnson made a motion to approve the monthly bills for payment as presented, second by Tisthammer. **Vote: Yeas; Tisthammer, Dailey, Porter, Johnson. Nays; None. Motion carried.**

9. **CONSIDER EMPLOYEE EVALUATION FOR APPROVAL**

Councilman Porter made a motion to approve the annual employee evaluation of Sharon Ketteler, second by Johnson. **Vote: Yeas; Tisthammer, Porter, Johnson, Dailey. Nays; None. Motion carried.**

10. **ITEMS TO BE PUT ON NEXT MEETING AGENDA**

**Next Regular Meeting: February 14, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.**

- \* Resolution 101(23)
- \* Resolution 102(23)
- \* Annual Audit Report
- \* Mayor's Semi-Annual Report

11. **ADJOURN**

At 8:30 p.m. Council Member Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Tisthammer. **Vote: Yeas; Dailey, Tisthammer, Porter, Johnson. Nays; None. Motion carried.**

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 within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that all news 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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James Jarecki, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Sharon Ketteler, Deputy Clerk