

Albia City Council Regular Meeting
Monday, November 16, 2020
Minutes

Mayor Richard Clark called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Council members present were Brandon Williams, Scott Kelly, Dennis Conley, Kathy Mobley and Merle Regenold. Absent was Leslie Hill. Other officials present were Bill Murphy-Sanitation Commissioner, James Fry, Brad Evinger-. Chief of Police, Renee Powers, Jeff Stephens-St. Commissioner and Bob Breckenridge-City Attorney.

Mayor jumped to Public Comment on Parking Ordinance. Larry Anderson presented a petition to the Council with approx. 80 Signatures that were against the passing of the ordinance. He stated that he had talked to many more that were also against it that didn't want to sign it. Thought we should let the Code Enforcement Officer do her job for a couple of years to see if problem was better. Debbie Judge- Doesn't believe the ordinance is necessary – Let Code Enforcement do her job. Gordon Larson – Let Common Sense prevail – Not everyone can afford rock. Go after the habitual people. Sarah Fabor – believes there are more important problems in this city other than cars parking in yards. Enforce ordinances that we already have. Wants minutes of meeting published somewhere on the web for people that don't subscribe to paper. Jim Stern – Believes that Council is overstepping their bounds of authority. Believes ordinance is too broad and too extreme. Darwin Thomas – believes ordinance is too extreme – he parks in yard due to mobility issues – don't want to rock yard. Also asked about campers and people that will be burdened if we take away that right

Mayor stated that Councilwoman Hill had asked that this be tabled until she was present. Councilman Williams said that the citizens that had attended tonight has the right to hear the discussion. Discussion held: Regenold agrees that this ordinance is going to be a hardship for some people. Dennis moved and Williams seconded to table ordinance and revisit later, carried 5-0

Regenold moved and Mobley seconded to approve minutes from the meeting held November 2, 2020 and carried 5-0. Conley moved, Williams seconded to approve claims as mailed. Carried 5-0.

Regenold moved and Conley seconded to 2nd reading of Ordinance #891 to Closes, Vacate and Dispose of Alley. Carried 5/0

Public Hearing date was set as December 7, 2020 for Disposal of Alley. No Vote Needed.

Kelly moved and Regenold seconded to set a Public Hearing Date of December 7, 2020 for Comprehensive Plan. Carried 5/0

Regenold discussed the Hiring Committees finding for Sanitation Commissioner, Two applicants were interviewed and Committee decided to hire James Fry for the position as

Sanitation Commissioner. Regenold made motion to hire James Fry. Died for lack of 2nd. Conley wants a discussion on next agenda reference the Job Description and the wages for the new Commissioner. Was brought back to a vote during Supervisors report . Motion was made by Regenold seconded by Williams to hire James Fry at current wage until Wage Negotiations were held for the Supervisors. Job Description will be discussed at next council mtg.

Supervisors Report- City Attorney Breckenridge reported that wage negotiations were proceeding, Police Department was 100% done and Street/Sanitation was 90% done. Will be doing Supervisors 1st part of December. Chief Brad Evinger reported that candidate testing was done on the 7th and all applicants failed the testing so starting at square 1 again with testing on December 4th. Sanitation Murphy expressed his displeasure at the Councils decision to table the hiring of James Fry. After Discussion was decided to revisit hiring James Fry and was passed with Fry remaining at current wage until supervisor wage negotiations and a tentative job offer depending on Wages and Job Description. Fry agreed. The position of Wastewater Operator needs to be advertised. Hydro-Clean should be done by end of week. Street Stephens – Nothing to report. Mayor Clark – Scott Kelly has resigned from Cemetery Board effective 11/13/2020..this leaves 2 positions open.

Meeting adjourned 7:20 p.m.

ATTEST:

Linda Heller, City Clerk

Richard P. Clark, Mayor