

Albia City Council Regular Meeting  
Monday, Dec. 7, 2020  
Minutes

Mayor Richard Clark called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with all council members present, Brandon Williams, Merle Regenold, Scott Kelly, Dennis Conley, Kathy Mobley and Leslie Hill. Other officials present were Bob Breckenridge-City Attorney, Linda Heller-City Clerk, Jeff Stephens-Street Commissioner, James Fry-Sanitation Commissioner and Brad Evinger-Chief of Police.

After discussion, Conley moved and Kelly seconded to approve minutes from the meeting held November 16, 2020 and carried 6-0. Discussion was held regarding claims as mailed, Regenold moved, Kelly seconded to approve claims and carried 6-0.

Kelly moved, Mobley seconded to open public hearing regarding Comprehensive Plan to the City of Albia and carried 6-0. City Clerk has received no written or oral objections and none were received at the meeting. Kelly moved and Conley seconded to close public hearing and carried 6-0.

After explanations and discussion of Comprehensive Plan with Nichole Moore, Chariton Valley Planning & Development, and Conley moved, Williams seconded to approve 1<sup>st</sup> reading of the Comprehensive Plan and carried 5-1, with Regenold abstaining.

At the Nov 17<sup>th</sup> Planning & Zoning meeting, board members discussed updating of the zoning ordinances. Chariton Valley Planning & Development can also assist with this process. After discussion Conley moved and Hill seconded to refer to Planning & Zoning Commission the update of the zoning ordinances. Motion carried 5-1 with Regenold abstaining.

Recommendation from Planning & Zoning, to not close an alley east of 304 North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, because of a storm drain replacement future project in this alley. After discussion Regenold moved and Kelly seconded to accept Planning & Zoning recommendation not to close, vacate and dispose of alley in Read's Addition to the City of Albia. Motion carried 6-0.

Planning & Zoning recommended not to close, vacate and dispose of a street south of 551 North F Street, due to opposition from neighboring property owner and access to property. Regenold moved to accept Planning & Zoning's recommendation, motion died for lack of 2<sup>nd</sup>. After further discussion Conley moved and Mobley seconded to table action until next meeting to get more information from neighboring property owner. Motion carried 6-0.

Conley moved, Kelly seconded to open public hearing regarding closure, vacation and disposal of an alley in Nobel's Highland Addition, motion carried 6-0. City Clerk received no written or oral objections or comments and none were heard at the public hearing. Conley moved and Mobley seconded to close public hearing and carried 6-0.

Conley moved, Williams seconded to approve 3<sup>rd</sup> reading and adopt ordinance #891 to close, vacate and dispose of an alley. Motion carried 6-0.

Conley moved and Hill seconded to approve acceptance of bid from Jeff Stephens for the purchase of alley in Nobel's Highland Addition in the amount of \$250.00 and approve resolution to close, vacate & dispose of alley in Nobel's Highland Addition. Resolution carried with Conley, Hill, Regenold, Williams, Mobley and Kelly voting aye and none opposed.

City Attorney went through the benefit package for police officers, wage increase of .45 for two years and increase in health insurance cap and other changes in wording. Police department is in agreement. Conley moved and Regenold seconded to approve agreement resolution for Police Department for Jan 2020 to Dec 2022 and carried with Regenold, Conley, Mobley, Hill, Williams and Kelly voting aye and none opposed.

After discussion, Conley moved and Williams seconded to approve pre engineering agreement with BNSF Railroad for the South Clinton bridge project and carried 6-0.

Council directed City Attorney to direct correspondence to the Iowa Southern Railway for repairs to crossings. Street Commissioner will get a list of crossings to Attorney.

Council member Regenold discussed with Council the possibility of going from at ward representation of city council to all at large representation. This would let people from any location run for council seats. After further discussion Hill suggested to put on facebook and web page asking for citizen comments.

Chief Evinger requested the residency requirement for police department be extended to 45 minutes, but keep the current residency requirement in place for Chief and Asst. Chief. Conley moved, Hill seconded to allow the change in residency for the patrol officers to 45 minutes and carried 6-0.

Conley moved and Kelly seconded to approve resolution to apply for CARES funds, for COVID-19 relief and carried with Conley, Kelly, Hill, Regenold, Mobley and Williams voting aye and none opposed.

Conley moved and Williams seconded to approve new beer & liquor permit for Indian Hills Inn, pending their dram shop liability insurance, and carried 6-0.

Supervisors Reports- City Attorney-PD negotiations complete and street & sanitation will be done soon, and will schedule supervisors in the following weeks. Chief of Police-interviews for new officer will be done by Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>. Sanitation Commissioner-lining project is complete.

Meeting adjourned 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Heller, City Clerk, City of Albia

