

Albia City Council Regular Meeting  
Monday, Feb. 15, 2021  
Minutes

Mayor Richard Clark called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Council members present: Kathy Mobley, Brandon Williams, Scott Kelly, Merle Regenold, Dennis Conley and Leslie Hill (arrived 6:05 p.m.). Officials present: Buck Fry-Sanitation Commissioner, Brad Evinger-Chief of Police, Linda Heller-City Clerk, Bob Breckenridge-City Attorney (telephonically) and Jeff Stephens-Street Commissioner.

Conley moved Mobley seconded to approve minutes from the regular meeting held Feb. 1, 2021 and carried 5-0. Regenold moved and Kelly seconded to approve claims as mailed with no additions and carried 5-0.

Kelly moved, Williams seconded to open public hearing to receive comments on max levy. Motion carried 5-0. Receiving no comments and City Clerk receiving no written or oral comments before meeting, Conley moved and Kelly seconded to close public hearing and carried 5-0. Regenold moved and Conley seconded to approve max levy resolution and carried with Mobley, Conley, Hill, Regenold, Kelly, Williams voting aye and none opposed.

Discussion was held regarding options to collect sewer rental on homes not serviced by the local water. After consideration, Conley moved and Williams seconded to approve sewer rental for homes not served by Albia Water be charges according to water usage and carried 6-0.

Council member Hill has an anonymous donor wanting to fund the demolition of dilapidated sheds with applications collected by City of Albia. No funds would be dispersed through the City. Will be advertised on social media and local paper.

Council member Williams presented a plan for a 10 year tax abatement for new home construction to be added to the current urban revitalization abatement.

Council reviewed a section in Chapter 85 regarding adequate shelter for animals. Williams feels that Iowa Code recommendations for shelter and bedding should be added for more clarity of adequate shelter. City Attorney will draft an amendment for the next meeting.

Mayor discussed a request from Albia Schools regarding using city right of way for parking. The School has had an offer to purchase a lot near the bus barn, drivers currently park personal vehicles on this lot. The School would sell the lot if the City would allow use of right of way to park personal vehicles. Council consensus was to allow the School to use the area for drivers to park personal vehicles.

Williams moved and Kelly seconded to approve reappointment of Aaron Conley and Brad Evinger to Planning & Zoning Commission and carried 5-1 with Conley abstaining due to family relationship with an appointee.

Regenold moved and Mobley seconded to approve renewal of beer & liquor permits for Dollar General Store and Jim & Charlies Affiliated Foods and carried 6-0.

Supervisors Report-City Attorney is looking into options to obtain ownership of the hotel lot and to recover some expenses to the City.

City Clerk next meeting budget workshop to be held after meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Heller, City Clerk