

Albia City Council
Regular Meeting, Tues. Sept. 6, 2022
Minutes

Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Council members present were Dennis Conley, Kathy Mobley, Merle Regenold and Scott Kelly, absent were Leslie Hill and Brandon Williams. Other officials present: Linda Heller-City Clerk, Jeff Stephens-Street Commissioner, Buck Fry-Sanitation Commissioner and Brad Evinger-Chief of Police, Ivonne Cassirubias-Compliance Officer.

Kelly moved, Mobley seconded to approve minutes from the meeting held August 15, 2022 and carried 4-0. Without additional claims, Conley moved for approval, Mobley seconded motion carried 4-0.

Marty Ryan, Albia Housing Director, requested to concrete the right of way in front their units at 121 South 11th Street. This would be at no expense to the city. After consideration, Conley moved and Regenold seconded to permit the surfacing of the right of way at 121 So. 11th Street for a parking area for the property. Motion carried 4-0.

Ed Glenn addressed the Council regarding an abatement served at 241-245 North D St, on behalf of Wilma Kellogg, property owner, at her request, for a dangerous/dilapidated building. After hearing comment from Glenn and Compliance Officer, Council agreed the abatement was in order and would continue.

Compliance Officer presented options to dispose of properties obtained by the City. Compliance Officer showed examples of how other cities handle properties and what would be a good program for city of Albia. Council discussed option and after consideration, Conley moved, Regenold seconded to move ahead with program as suggested by the Compliance Officer. Motion carried 4-0.

Kelly moved; Mobley seconded to approve date of October 3, 2022 for public hearing for west trunk line spot repairs. And carried 4-0.

Conley moved and Regenold seconded to approve hiring of a police officer and carried 4-0.

Chief of Police informed the Council of the need to purchase new taser for the department, current tasers are out of date. New purchase would come with 5yr plan. Regenold moved; Conley moved to purchase tasers for police department. Motion carried 4-0.

Mobley moved and Conley seconded to approve the disposal of unneeded equipment at the sewer plant and carried 4-0.

Mobley moved; Kelly seconded to approve referral to Planning & Zoning Commission for alley closing recommendation. Motion carried 4-0.

Kelly moved; Mobley seconded to approve mowing costs to assessed to two properties for collection as property tax, at 422 South Main & 1203 Benton Ave East, \$300.00 each. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor updated Council on his reappointment of Loren Pence to Albia Housing Board & John Freshwater to Board of Adjustment.

Council discussed the possibility of adding a City Manager position. Further research will be done in the future.

Council comments; Conley asked about rail crossing repairs, Regenold will also contact other cities regarding manager position.

Supervisor's reports; Chief of Police has received three applications for officer and inquired about sign on bonus.

Meeting adjourned 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Heller, City Clerk