

Albia City Council Regular Meeting
Monday, November 7, 2022
Minutes

Mayor Richard Clark called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with council member of Brandon Williams, Scott Kelly, Merle Regenold, Dennis Conley, Kathy Mobley, open seat. Officials present were Buck Fry-Sanitation Commissioner, Jeff Stephens-Street Commissioner, Brad Evinger-Chief of Police & Linda Heller-City Clerk.

Kelly moved and Mobley seconded to approve minutes as mailed for the regular meeting, Oct. 17, 2022 and carried 5-0. After discussion, Kelly moved and Conley seconded to approve claims as mailed and carried 5-0.

Potential candidates, John Pabst, Chris Yarkosky, Kim Hamilton and Don Benson, for open council seat presented their reasons for wanting on the council and what they could do for the City. After a show of hands in favor of Chris Yarkosky, Kelly moved and Regenold seconded to approve the appointment of Chris Yarkosky to council member at large and carried with Kelly, Regenold, Mobley, Conley & Williams voting yes.

Chief Evinger introduced new patrol officer, Tanner Kellogg. Kellogg passed all the written, physical & mental tests.

Mayor swore in Chris Yarkosky-council member & Tanner Kellogg-patrol officer.

Discussion was held about hours for the compliance officer, Council left up to Chief and Compliance Officer to set up a schedule.

Council discussed a letter to send out to sewer users explaining the rate increase, sample letter was presented. Conley moved and Williams seconded to approve letter for mailing as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

Regenold moved, Kelly seconded to approve 2nd reading, waive 3rd reading and adopt ordinance 902 to increase sewer rental rates. Motion carried 6-0.

Mobley inquired about changes to the viscous animal section of the code of who can deem an animal viscous and what constitutes a viscous animal. Mobley moved; Conley seconded to table action until next regular meeting for more research. Motion carried 6-0.

Discussion was held regarding security cameras at the city departments. Chief of Police will contact security companies for pricing. Williams moved, Conley seconded to table action for security cameras until the next regular meeting and carried 6-0.

Tax exemption applications for four properties were reviewed. After consideration, Conley moved, Yarkosky seconded to approve applications and carried 6-0.

Council member Conley discussed obtaining requests for proposal on different services the has done. Such as insurance, audit and financial services. This will be considered in calendar year 2023.

Laura Teno, Main Street/Chamber Director, addressed the council with the agreement with the Main Street program with Iowa Economic Development and requested a city member for the board of directors. City Clerk will be on the Main Street board. Teno also updated the council that the IDOT sidewalk project has stopped until spring.

Council Comments: Kelly inquired about the RR crossing progress. Mobley inquired about Day Care funds update and make sure is known that sidewalk project is IDOT, new overlaid streets are great. Yarkosky expressed thanks for the appointment.

Supervisors Reports: City Clerk reported on the Housing Needs Assessment and finding from the survey. Street Commissioner reported that street overlay project is finished. Chief reported that he will set hours with the compliance officer.

Meeting adjourned 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Heller, City Clerk
City of Albia