

Albia City Council Regular Meeting
Wed. February 8, 2023
Minutes

Mayor Richard Clark called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Council members present: Scott Kelly, Merle Regenold, Brandon Williams, Kathy Mobley & Dennis Conley. Absent was Chris Yarkosky. Other officials present: Linda Heller-City Clerk, Jeff Stephens-Street Commissioner, Brad Evinger-Chief of Police and Matt Brick-City Attorney.

Kelly moved and Williams seconded to approve minutes from the meeting held January 16, 2023, motion carried 5-0. Williams moved, Regenold seconded to approve claims as mailed with no additions and carried 5-0.

Dona Smith addressed the Council asking to change city code to allow chickens. Ms. Smith presented a list of cities that allowed chickens with regulations and permitting process. After discussion with other citizens present, council will review Ms. Smith's request.

Kelly moved and Mobley seconded to approve 28E Agreement with Monroe County to use their personnel for inspection services on the South Clinton Bridge project. Motion carried 5-0. After review of a change order to install a fence at the south end of the South Clinton bridge while under construction, for safety reasons, Kelly moved and Williams seconded to approve change order and carried 5-0.

Bids were received for removal of 30 trees & stumps ground, on the Albia square and one block off. Bidders were Parker Tree Service-\$4752.00, Birchmier Tree Service-\$4800.00, Skyline Tree Experts-\$5010.00, K&J Premier-\$5500.00, Johnston Tree & Stump Removal-\$5700.00, Milo's Tree Service-\$6110.83, Smead Tree Care-\$6450.00, Southern Iowa Tree Toppers-\$8500.00. After discussion, Regenold moved and Mobley seconded to accept and approve bid from Birchmier Tree Service in the amount of \$4800.00 and carried 5-0.

Council reviewed applications for the purchase of property at 511 D Ave West and questioned persons that were present submitting bids. Council may have more questions for applicants. Williams moved and Regenold seconded to set public hearing for disposal of real property, February 20, 2023 and carried 5-0.

Reviewed proposed ordinance 905 to amend Chapter 88, property maintenance code. Comments were heard from public present and discussion was between council members. Conley moved and Williams seconded to approve 1st reading of proposed ordinance 905 amending Chapter 88 property maintenance code. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor received a request from a citizen asking if the council would consider treating the Reservoir water to prevent algae & moss growth around the edge. Also discussed was to even out the entrances to the docks to have better access.

Dennis moved and Mobley seconded to approve new beer & liquor permit for MiTierra Mexican Grill Two and renewals for Dollar General, Bogies and Top Notch Baith and Tackle. Motion carried 5-0.

After review, Conley moved and Mobley seconded to approve tax exemption applications, one new home and three business additions, and forward to Monroe County Assessor and carried 5-0.

Conley moved; Mobley seconded to set February 20, 2023 public hearing for max levy budget. Motion carried 5-0.

Council comments: Williams has not met with playground representative regarding Reservoir location. Williams also thanked website administrator for the good information on website. Kelly commented on waiving readings of ordinances.

Supervisor's reports: City Clerk presented the draft of the new zoning map. City Attorney announced the resignation of James (Buck) Fry.

Meeting adjourned 7:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Heller, City Clerk
City of Albia