

Albia City Council Regular Meeting
Monday, June 19, 2023
Minutes

Mayor Richard Clark called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll Call: Brandon Williams, Merle Regenold, Scott Kelly, Kathy Mobley, Chris Yarkosky (via Zoom), Dennis Conley. None absent. Officials present: Jeff Stephens-Street Commissioner, Asst. Chief-Tyson Irwin, Matt Brick-City Attorney, Linda Heller-City Clerk.

Mayor asked for a motion to approve consent agenda with an additional claim to Adams Auto Body, Williams moved, Mobley seconded, motion carried 6-0.

Williams moved open public hearing regarding zoning updates, Mobley seconded, motion carried 6-0. Questions were heard from the public present regarding 1st floor living spaces in the B-1 business district & upper living. Receiving no other comments in person or in writing, Williams moved, Mobley seconded to close public hearing, motion carried 6-0. Yarkosky moved with Kelly seconding to approve 1st reading of ordinance to approve updates to zoning code, motion carried 5-1 with Conley voting no.

John and Jana Simmons addressed the council about the proposed employee handbook, asking the council to reconsider some items in the proposal.

Williams moved and Kelly seconded to approve employee handbook resolution as presented with no changes and carried 5 with Williams, Conley, Kelly, Yarkosky, Mobley voting aye-& Regenold voting no.

Nancy Buss, Hall Engineering presented the monthly monitoring report for the sewer project. Williams moved, Mobley seconded to approve monitoring report and carried 6-0. Buss also presented change order #8, water pit installation for the sewer project and after consideration, Conley moved to approve change order #8, with Regenold seconding, motion carried 6-0.

Austin Zwicky-McGee Rentals, requested a mowing abatement assessment be removed from the taxes. After discussion, Mayor asked for a motion to remove assessment and died for lack of motion. Maggie Popson requested sewer tax be relieved for excess water used due to a leak from a spigot, Mayor asked for a motion to relieve, died for lack of motion.

Assistant Chief Irwin, presented a scheduling option for officers, 12 hours on duty with 12 hours on call duty, until staffing is available. Williams moved and Mobley seconded to approve shift changes until staffing is regained and carried 6-0.

Mayor Clark requested that city Clerk also receive a 2.00 per hour increase along with other supervisors, felt Clerk should be equal to other supervisors. Williams moved, Yarkosky seconded to approve a \$2.00 per hour increase in the Clerk wages, motion carried 4-2 with Regenold & Kelly voting no.

Council discussed increasing part-time mowing wages be increased to 17.00 per hour from 13.00 beginning July 1, 2023, Williams moved and Mobley seconded to approve increase for part time mowing to 17.00 per hour and carried 5-1 with Kelly voting no.

Employee bonus language and requirement were discussed for clarification. Williams moved and Kelly seconded to defer action until next meeting. Motion carried 6-0.

Williams moved, Mobley seconded to approve certified officer sign bonus of \$10,000.00 to be paid out in 5 years, with the first payment of \$2000.00 after 6 months of employment, then remainder in consecutive years of \$2000.00 and carried 6-0.

Williams moved and Kelly seconded to defer action on Covid funds for Cemetery until next meeting and carried 6-0.

Williams moved and Mobley seconded to approve resolution stating wages for full time employees, in effect July 1, 2023. Resolution passed with Mobley, Williams,

Centerville PD has requested to purchase the K-9 vehicle from the City of Albia