

Albia City Council Regular Meeting  
Monday, Aug. 21, 2023  
Minutes

Mayor Richard called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Council members present: Scott Kelly, Merle Regenold, Kathy Mobley, Chris Yarkosky, Brandon Williams, Don Benson, 6:25 p.m. Officials present; Linda Heller-City Clerk, Eric Miller-Sanitation Commissioner, Scott Reed-Street Commissioner & Tyson Irwin-Asst. Chief of Police.

Mayor Clark asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda, Kelly moved and Mobley seconded to approve the consent agenda and carried 5-0.

Council considered applicants for the open council seat, William Day, Don Benson & Brad Evinger. After discussion and questions, Mayor asked for a hand show to support Benson, 4 out of the 5-council present with Mobley abstaining showed support for Benson. Mayor Clark then asked for a vote to appoint Don Benson to city council, Williams moved to appoint Benson with Regenold seconding and motion carried 4-0 with Mobley abstaining due to conflict. Mayor Pro Tem, swore in Benson and he took his seat at council table.

Yarkosky moved and Mobley seconded to approve resolution and loan agreement with JP Morgan for South Clinton Bridge project. Motion carried 6-0 with Yarkosky, Mobley, Williams, Benson, Regenold & Kelly voting aye, none opposed.

City of Albia has ownership of 422 South Main, council discussed disposal of the property and minimum bid. After discussion Williams moved and Mobley seconded to dispose of the property at 422 South Main, with a minimum bid of \$15,000.00 and to advertise to dispose of the property at 422 South Main. Motion carried 6-0.

Williams moved and Yarkosky seconded to set public hearing for disposal of property at 422 South Main Street, September 18, 2023, 6:00 p.m. and carried 6-0.

Sanitation Commissioner discussed with Council the pump replacement for the pool. Pumps are getting to the end of their lifespan and would like to order new replacements before pumps are down. A quote was presented for complete replacement and installation from Acco, \$68,858.00 for 3 pumps. Williams moved and Mobley seconded to approve purchase of pumps at the quote of \$68,858.00 and carried 6-0.

Bids were opened for the jet machine, one bid was received from Steve Kline-\$500.00, bids received for the tractor/mower: Steve Kline-\$700.00, John Freshwater-\$505.00 Chris Sheldon-\$4251.00, Jim Stanley-\$1250.00. Yarkosky moved and Regenold seconded to accept bid from Steve Kline -\$500.00 for the jet machine and bid from Chris Sheldon -\$4251.00 for the tractor/mower, motion carried 6-0.

Laura Teno, Albia Chamber Main Street introduced Hillary Bettis as the new owner of the former Illingworth Jewelry building. Ms. Bettis will be applying for a Challenge Grant through

Chamber Main Street and would like the City's support. Her plans are to rehab the building and create downstairs business area and upper story housing with 3 apartments. After discussion Williams moved and Yarkosky seconded to support with a letter the application to the Challenge Grant of \$100,000.00 and carried 6-0.

Council Comments; Mobley-pool season has ended and all went well. Kelly inquired about alley sale that was referred.

Supervisors Reports; Street Commissioner-parking painting is complete, removed bridge at city park and are rebuilding, also reported that they plan to keep the orange truck due it not bringing very much on sealed bid, deck on the So Clinton Bridge to be poured soon. Street Commissioner also contacted Progressive Rail about the crossing repairs. Street Commissioner has hired Joseph Pistek to fill the open position on the department and will hire for a part time mowing person. City Clerk reported that the next regular meeting will be moved to Tues. Sept 5 due to holiday.

Meeting adjourned 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Heller, City Clerk  
City of Albia