

Albia City Council Regular Meeting  
Monday, Dec. 18, 2023  
Minutes

Mayor Pro Tem Merle Regenold called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. Council roll call: Merle Regenold, Chris Yarkosky, Don Benson, Scott Kelly, Brandon Williams & Kathy Mobley. Officials present: Linda Heller-City Clerk, Scott Reed-Street Superintendent, Jacob Miller-Chief of Police, Eric Miller-Sanitation Commissioner.

Kelly moved and Mobley seconded to approve consent agenda and carried 6-0. After consideration, Yarkosky moved and Regenold seconded to approve moving 1<sup>st</sup> regular meeting in January to January 3, 2024 due to holiday and carried 6-0.

After review, Williams moved and Regenold seconded to approve monthly construction report for the sewer plant project and carried 6-0.

Curt Mick addressed the council to ask if an update from Woodruff Construction had been received by the City regarding their requests as adjacent property owners to the sewer plant project. Nancy Buss, Hall Engineering had received an email from Woodruff Construction, to Kelsey Merical about the requests. Council member Yarkosky requested Buss to set up a meeting with property owners, construction company & city.

Buss went over change order #11, for the generator pad & electrical work needed. Kelly moved and Regenold seconded, carried 5-1 with Benson voting no. Also discussed was the gravel that was put in for road widening, should it be left or removed, certain radiuses are not on city property. Council said to remove the gravel.

Discussion was held on a proposal for disposal of the hotel lot and what expectations would be from the council. Laura Teno, Chamber Main Street, presented an RFP example. Council will request the Mayor to put together a committee.

Discussion was held about requirements for a 10-year tax abatement, different options were discussed and will have resolution for the next meeting.

Councilmember Yarkosky addressed the language in our tree ordinances would like the City Attorney to change the language to allow the removal in an ordinance amendment.

Also reviewed were come changed proposed for the employee policy handbook on pages 6, 12 13, & 28. After review Yarkosky moved and Regenold seconded to approve changes to handbook. Motion carried 6-0.

Yarkosky moved and Kelly seconded to approve resolution to set a date, of Jan 3, 2024, public hearing to change ward requirements. Resolution passed with Williams, Regenold, Kelly, Benson, Mobley and Yarkosky voting aye and none opposed.

Supervisors Reports: Chief: reported street light outages to REC for repair & has opportunity to apply for grant for solar speed signs from IDOT. Street Commissioner-tree removed was a danger all rotted, has found Edwards Street to be deteriorating due to the needed repair of storm sewer, will agenda for next meeting. City Clerk-informed Council of landfill meeting with Chariton.

Council Comments: Regenold thanked Williams for his time on the council. Williams commented he has enjoyed his time on the council and thanked the people of the community. Yarkosky asked about status of officers & academy. Chief responded that Tanner Kellogg has graduated from academy and 2 are on the list to attend.

Meeting adjourned 7:00 p.m.