

Albia City Council Regular Meeting
Monday, March 17, 2025
Minutes

Mayor Richard Clark called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll Call: Kathy Mobley, Scott Kelly, Don Benson, Merle Regenold, Chris Yarkosky, Trudy McDowell, all present.
Other officials present: Scott Reed-Street Commissioner, Linda Heller-City Clerk & Brad Evinger-Chief of Police.

Yarkosky moved and Mobley seconded to approve consent agenda with a correction to “Power Plan” payment to read 1082.26. Motion carried 6-0.

Robert Curry addressed the Council regarding a rtc race track that he had built at the City Park. After consideration, Yarkosky moved and Regenold seconded to have the track removed and go through proper procedures if the track was to be installed, motion carried 6-0.

Ed Simpson & Jim Stanley addressed Council regard rental inspections Simpson stated that rental properties have changed and are newer and inspections are not needed as in the past. Standards of landlords have changed. Stanley feels the Council should review the inspection process. Council will contact Iowa Inspections and request attendance at a later meeting.

After review, Regenold moved and Benson seconded to approve tentative agreement between City of Albia and AFSCME Council 61-Albia Police. Motion carried 6-0.

Street Commissioner discussed the proposed engineering contract with Garden & Associates for a FY 26 street project. This contract includes review of potential streets for calculations and bid letting. After further discussion, Yarkosky moved, Mobley seconded to approve engineering contract with Garden & Associates and carried 6-0.

Street Commissioner also discussed the discussions with the railway about repairing the crossings, this has been ongoing for approximately 3 years. Street Commissioner recently received correspondence that financially the railway is not able to repair crossings, but would consider partnering with the city. Council asked to Commissioner to find out what their expectation of a partnership would be.

City Clerk updated the council that current renter of crop ground at the airport is in favor of a one-year lease and rebid in the fall. New one year lease will be implemented.

Supervisors Reports- Chief of Police fines in the dog ordinance need changed. Street Commissioner- Cruzin Park equipment stairs have been repaired & repairs to the top are still progressing.

Council Comments: Regenold requested that citizens consider running for council. Mobley: has received comments that citizens would like to have public comments on agenda. Yarkosky spoke about the rock on sewer plant road. Mayor had asked council members about public comments and majority did want back on agenda.

Meeting adjourned 7:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Linda Heller, City Clerk, City of Albia

