

**ALBION CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES JANUARY 11, 2022.**

CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Albion Civic Center by Mayor Isaac Loveland.

OPENING CEREMONIES – The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilperson Wayne Winder.

ROLL CALL – Present: Mayor Isaac Loveland, Council President Kevin Lloyd, Councilpersons Dallan Doc Carlson, Wayne Winder and Brad Woodrow, Deputy Clerk Deric Bell and City Attorney Kerry McMurrary.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE – Tony Prescott, Tyler Pratt and Resident Deputy Levi Smith

SWEARING IN ELECTED OFFICIALS – Deputy Clerk Bell swore in Wayne Winder and Kevin Lloyd as Councilpersons for the City of Albion

SELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT – After some discussion, the Council decided to keep Kevin Lloyd as Council President. This was done with a nomination by Woodrow, a second by Winder and the following vote: Carlson-aye, Lloyd-aye, Winder-aye and Woodrow-aye.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Upon motion made by Carlson, seconded by Lloyd, and unanimously carried, with the following vote: Carlson-aye, Lloyd-aye, Winder-aye, and Woodrow-aye, the Council moved to approve the Minutes of the December 7, 2021 Council Meeting as presented.

APPROVAL OF BILLS – Upon motion made by Carlson, seconded by Lloyd, and unanimously carried, with the following vote: Carlson-aye, Lloyd-aye, Winder-aye, and Woodrow-aye, the Council moved to approve payment of the Bills as presented.

LAW ENFORCEMENT REPORT - Resident Deputy Levi Smith was at the meeting and reported that there had been: one (1) 48 Hour Tow, two (2) Vacation Checks, four (4) Traffic Stops, six (6) 911 Hang Up/Open Line, one (1) House Check, one (1) Dog Barking and one (1) VIN Inspection. Deputy Smith brought to the Council's attention that it appears that there is a person living in a travel trailer behind the Post Office. The Council said that they would monitor the situation. The Council asked about dog complaints and what the process was to getting the Deputy involved. Deputy Smith stated that all they had to do was to get him the complaint and he would go serve notice to dog owner.

ANIMAL CONTROL REPORT – No report was given.

CITIZENS ISSUES

The Mayor stated that Troy and Heather Mortensen have dropped the Variance Request. The Mayor stated that there is some potential to improve the chart to make it easier to read. City Attorney McMurry is going to look into the update.

AGENDA BUSINESS ITEMS

WATER STUDY REPORT

Tyler Pratt, from Keller and Associates, was there to present their Water Study Report. Pratt went through a presentation that provided a broad overview of our strengths and weaknesses. The presentation gave 3 options to update our water system. Going forward, Keller and Assoc. will send out this study for technical approval. The City must also have a public comment session and then it can be submitted to DEQ. Then we will be able to move forward. Keller's stated that they can start on the procedures to finalize the study. Councilperson Winder stated that when it came time to have a public comment section, that we utilized online ways of reaching out to people. Keller's recommended that we fix well 1 while this study is being completed.

OATS FAMILY CENTER

The Council decided to revisit this funding request for OATS. Lloyd was concerned about how much anyone from our community would benefit. It was also brought up that it was not fair for the City to spend community members funds for a non-city need.

EQUIPMENT PURCHASE

Mayor Loveland brought forward some information about updating some of our equipment. The big snow plow truck is too big and the pickup snow plow is too small. Our backhoe is also almost 35 years old. Rather than replace the backhoe, Loveland had quotes on lease/purchase of an excavator and a skid loader. This would take a lot of pressure off of the backhoe. The excavator would enable maintenance to take care of many of the jobs that have to be hired out. With the growth in the city, the Council feels that money could be saved by doing things in-house. Loveland was also going to look into a quote for a truck as well. The Council was interested in approving money for an excavator and liked the lease option. Attorney McMurray brought up that a lease could be an encumbrance of debt to future government. It was agreed that McMurray would look at how other cities handle leases. The Mayor would also look into a more current quote and would present for the next meeting.

SNOW PLOW BACK-UP OPERATORS

The City needs to update their list of snow plow operators, adding Riken Schulthies. Attorney McMurray recommended that we get a copy of all snow-plow operators. There was discussion of presenting volunteers with a gift card to say thank you. It was

recommended by our attorney that the City get written approval from the accountants that this would be ok in the bookkeeping end of things. McMurray stated that it might be better to have them on as seasonal workers. The Mayor feels that recent volunteers needed to be compensated for their help. There was a discussion of volunteers vs. employees. It was also brought up that even though ICRMP cover's volunteers, Workman's Comp might have certain steps to take to make sure we are covered with them.

DUMPSTERS IN RIGHT-OF-WAY

Mayor Loveland brought up dumpsters that were in the right-of-way. He had counted 22 dumpsters in city limits, many of which are in the public right-of-way. Attorney McMurray said that it might be good to look at Meridian's policy for an example. Councilperson Winder suggested that the City draft a letter to the dumpster vendors to remind them of the right-of-way.

INFORMATION FROM CITY OFFICIALS

Attorney McMurray reported that the appraisal of the Rose Garden had not been completed yet. It has been scheduled with Pat Merrigan and it should be completed sometime in February 2022.

PRESENTATION OF BILLS

Mayor and Council Salaries *	1700.00
Salaries – Clerk *	3024.00
Deric Bell – Deputy Clerk *	1137.79
Colt Giles – Maintenance Department *	5070.00
PERSI – Employer Remittance (12/16-12/31/21) *	1310.57
DL Evans Bank – EFTPS 941 Employer Remittance (Dec. 21) *	2255.88
PERSI – Employer Remittance (12/16-12/31/21) *	926.41
Raft River Electric – Water Tank-45.13/Service Work-890.43 *	930.19
SelectHealth – Insurance (Feb. 22) *	2374.00
State Tax Commission - W/H*	466.00
US Post Office – (Roll of Stamps for Billing)*	58.00
A.M.I. Supply Inc. – Rubber Casters/Cable	84.57
Ace Hardware – Maintenance Supplies	93.82
ATC Communications – Phone, Internet, Lift Station, & Wells	496.43
Bonneville Power Administration – Power Purchases	18946.00
Creekside – Fuel	380.95
ETS – Email Setup/Monthly Fee	978.50
Keller Associates – Engineering Retainer/Projects	5565.00
Kelly's – Angle Iron	154.40
Kerry McMurray – Legal Services (Jan. 22)	1088.00

Lamont Young – Back-Up Operator Fee	200.00
Magic Valley Labs – Water Test	20.00
Times-News – Publishing Fees	103.28
UAMPS – General A&G Expenses	50.63
United States Post Office - Postage	348.00
Western Wase Services – Shop Dumpster	73.62
TOTAL	47836.04

COUNCIL ADJOURNS

There being no further business brought before the Council, motion to adjourn was made by Lloyd, seconded by Woodrow, and unanimously carried, with the following vote: Carlson-aye, Lloyd-aye, Winder-aye and Woodrow-aye. Adjournment was at 9:31 p.m.

Isaac Loveland, Mayor

Deric Bell, Deputy Clerk