

**ALBION CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES MAY 3, 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 Dallan Carlson.

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

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE – John Davis, Adam Spencer, Cheyanne Spencer, Tony Prescott and Gisele Prescott.

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 March 1, 2022 and April 5, 2022 Council Meetings as presented.

APPROVAL OF BILLS – Upon motion made by Lloyd, seconded by Carlson, 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 – No Law Enforcement Report was given.

ANIMAL CONTROL REPORT – No official report was given.

**CITIZENS ISSUES**

County Assessor candidate Darby Hawkes was present to introduce himself to the community. Hawkes gave his bio and then took questions about his candidacy. There were some questions from the Council members, which Hawkes answered. He thanked the Council for allowing him time in the meeting.

**AGENDA BUSINESS ITEMS**

**ROSE GARDEN SALE**

Mayor Loveland noted that the public auction for the Rose Garden sale had ended with no bids. The Council consulted City Attorney McMurray as to what could be done going forward. The Council could choose to list the property with a realtor or could entertain offers for the property. It was noted that consideration of what is in the best interest of the community should guide acceptance of an offer. It was proposed that the Council set a date for which all offers should be received. Attorney McMurray suggested that

offers should be submitted to the City Office. Councilperson Winder suggested that the any offer should be open for anyone to view so that there would be transparency in the process. There was then some discussion as to the merits of having an open bid process versus having a sealed bid. After some discussion, the Council decided that a sealed bid was the best way forward. The Council would choose the date that all bids should be received at the City Office by 5pm and then have a meeting to open any bids received. The Council set a date of May 10, 2022 to have a special meeting for opening any bids received.

## RAFT RIVER ELECTRIC CONTRACT

Councilperson Woodrow reviewed some of the conversation regarding the proposed contract from Raft River Electric. One item of discussion was the extra fees, such as the monthly retainer fee. Mayor Loveland suggested that possibly the way forward is to pay for what work is done for the cost that it takes to do it. It was suggested that anything that is done should be as transparent as possible. Councilperson Winder and Council President Lloyd suggested that we look at outside sources for our needs. The Mayor suggested that if we can make it work with Raft River Electric, it would be best, however, there should be checks and balances. He reiterated the idea that we should pay actual costs of what work is done. The Council suggested that it might be in the City's best interest to compare costs of jobs done with other companies in the area to make sure we are getting a fair price on the jobs. The Mayor reported that the contract is currently being reviewed by Raft River and would be presented to the Council when it becomes available.

## WATER STUDY

Mayor Loveland noted that currently the Water Study has been submitted to DEQ. He would like to have Keller and Associates come back and discuss options for going forward. The Mayor noted that if the entire amount of the project was financed that there could be a water rate increase of between \$46 to \$135, also noting that this was not a possibility for customers. One options could be to do part now and part in years later. It was noted that prices could be even higher ten to twenty years later. There are other options available to the City such as a block grant that could possibly fund 40% or USDA funding that could cover 30%. The Council felt that it could be in our best interest to pay someone to help us with grants and funding options. The Mayor would work with Keller and Associates for more options and clarification. In order to have a bond election, it must be submitted by August, so we need to figure out how to proceed. Mayor Loveland also stated that the reimbursement for the fees associated with the water study would be paid after a couple of forms were finished, which were scheduled to be completed in the next few days.

## BARK FOR PLAYGROUND

The Mayor noted that the playground in the park was in need of bark. The Council agreed that there was a need and supported the Mayor in going ahead and ordering the bark.

## 2022-2023 BUDGET

The question was asked if we had added something in last year's budget to be able to pay someone to help with grants. The Council said that they had budgeted \$10,000 for help with grants.

## **INFORMATION FROM CITY OFFICIALS**

Maintenance Director David Hageman stated that he had almost finished with the pot hole repairs. He has also had some issues with the city mower. Going into the summer months, he is prioritizing the different projects.

Attorney Kerry McMurray presented a follow-up on our ARPA funds. The City took the standard allowance. There are still some questions as to the best way to use the funds. It is possible that we could use it for roads and water for sure. He stated that it is best that we use the funds on sure fire projects. One example would be to use the funds on a generator for a water well. This would free up some money in the budget which could then be used for park projects. Mayor Loveland and Maintenance Director Hageman would look options for upgrading the city park restrooms. The Council seemed interested adding two heated bathrooms that could be open year-round. Attorney McMurray brought to the Council's attention that insurance with ICRMP does not cover overhead transmission lines around one mile from City buildings. There is the possibility of purchasing additional coverage.

Deputy Clerk Bell brought to the Mayor and Council's attention that there is some interest lately in new installation of solar energy.

Councilperson Woodrow brought up the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration and fireworks. It was too late this year to do much, but it would be something we could work on for next year.

Council President Lloyd discussed the possible improvements in the city parks could use community involvement. He will work on putting together a committee.

Mayor Loveland let the Council know that funding for the Whitman St. improvements was approved. He suggested that we have the project engineered due to surface water that is piped under the street.

## PRESENTATION OF BILLS

Mayor & Council Salaries *	1700.00
Salaries – Clerk *	3024.00

Deric Bell – Deputy Clerk *	1042.34
David Hageman – Maintenance Director *	3696.00
PERSI – Employer Remittance (04/16-04/30/22) *	981.89
DL Evans Bank – EFTPS 941 Employer Remittance (Apr. 22) *	1688.98
PERSI – Employer Remittance (05/01-05/15/22) *	715.55
Raft River Electric – Water Tank-45.09/Service Work-3866.85 *	3911.94
SelectHealth – Insurance (June 22) *	2289.00
Creekside Store – Maintenance Fuel (Apr. 22) *	154.62
KD Company – Lawn Mowing (Park) *	260.00
Norco, Inc. – Cylinder Rental *	12.60
Southern Idaho Tourism – City’s Contribution *	100.00
UAMPS – Actual Amount Due (Mar. 22) *	62.91
Water One Way – Backflow Test (City Office/Library) *	75.00
Postmaster – Stamps for Billings *	116.00
A.M.I. Supply Inc. – Maintenance Supplies	500.73
Ace Hardware – Maintenance Supplies	377.05
ATC Communications – Phone, Internet, Lift Station, & Wells	493.28
Bonneville Power Administration – Power/Transmission (Apr.22)	22291.00
Catmull Plumbing – Faucet Aerator (Civic Center)	130.28
Creekside Store – Maintenance Fuel (May 22)	245.10
David & Beverly Bennett – Credit Balance Due	11.00
David Hageman – Reimburse Shop Equipment	257.56
ETS – Email Licenses	28.50
Haun’s Hardware – Flagpole Repair	58.26
Idaho Rural Water Assoc. – 2022-2023 Dues	380.00
KD Company – Lawn Mowing (Park/Office/Fire Station)	610.00
Keller Associates – Monthly Fee	240.00
Kerry McMurray – Legal Services (May 22)	1003.00
Lamont Young – Back-Up Operator Fee (May. 22)	300.00
Magic Valley Labs – Water Test	22.00
Norco Inc. – Cylinder Rental	13.02
Postmaster – Annual Box Rent	84.00
Postmaster – Stamps for Office Use	348.00
Raft River Electric – Water Tank=45.18/Service Work-459.94	505.12
Standard Plumbing Supply Co. – Maintenance Supplies	192.18
UAMPS – General A&G Expenses (Apr. 22)	50.63
Visa - #0210 D. Hageman May 22 Stmt. (Supplies/Fuel)	987.37
Water District 140 – Corrected Assessment Difference	7.86
Western Waste Services – Shop Dumpster	<u>53.97</u>

TOTAL \$49,020.74

**COUNCIL ADJOURNS**

There being no further business brought before the Council, motion to adjourn was made by Winder, seconded by Carlson, and unanimously carried, with the following

vote: Lloyd-aye, Carlson-aye, Winder-aye and Woodrow-aye. Adjournment was at 8:13 p.m.

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Isaac Loveland, Mayor

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Deric Bell, Deputy Clerk