

**ALBION CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES JUNE 7, 2022.**

CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. in the Albion Civic Center by Mayor Isaac Loveland.

OPENING CEREMONIES – The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilperson Brad Woodrow.

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 –Earl Warthen, Resident Deputy Tanner Allred, Wylee Douglas, Kylee Douglas, Rob South, Sherrie South, Matt Hill, Tony Prescott and Gisele Prescott.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Upon motion made by Carlson, seconded by Woodrow, 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 May 3, 2022 Council Meeting 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 – The Law Enforcement Report for the previous month was given as follows: eight (8) traffic stops, one (1) accident-injury, one (1) transport/transfer prisoner, two (2) 911 hang up/open line prank, one (1) dog barking, three (3) dog complaint, one (1) public relations, one (1) civil and one (1) VIN inspection. The current report was as follows: one (1) fire – structure, six (6) traffic stops, one (1) city, one (1) cows out and one (1) sex offender registry.

ANIMAL CONTROL REPORT – Discussion was held about the number of dog and cows out complaint. It was noted that the Mayor had spent some time tracking owners down.

CITIZENS ISSUES

Earl Warthen was present to discuss concerns from what he read in the Albion Valley newsletter. His biggest concern was that the City was not fairly considering working with Raft River Electric. Earl went through some of the past history of Raft River Electric in upgrading the power system in years past. It was brought to attention that discussions were in the works for a contract between the City and Raft River Electric. The City was not looking to cut out Raft River Electric, simply trying to get a fair contract. Earl also discussed getting a speed radar trailer to put in town in order to slow

people down. It was noted that the signs were hard to come by but it would be looked into.

Tony Prescott had questions about the recent power outage and when the City knew about it. It was reported that the City was given about one day's notice and did not have time to contact all customers.

AGENDA BUSINESS ITEMS

4th OF JULY CELEBRATION

Rob South was there to represent the 4th of July committee. He discussed what it takes to do fireworks in our community and reported that they would not be happening this year. He stated that fireworks needed to be ordered by October and paid for in December. This would mean that it would be best to collect funds in the fall.

Councilperson Woodrow expressed the desire to have people trained to shoot off the fireworks and have all of the insurance all in line. Rob was also there to ask the City for a donation. It was noted that the previous year \$1,500 was given. The Council decided to raise the amount given to \$2,000. This donation was made by a motion from Lloyd with a second from Carlson and carried with a vote of Lloyd-aye, Carlson-aye, Winder-aye and Woodrow-aye. The check would be available to pick up at the City Office.

WELL #1 PUMP REPLACEMENT

The Council discussed the recent bids for re-doing well 1. It was reported that Pump Service had bid \$12,626 plus \$1,200 in labor. Layne had bid \$13,650 with a higher labor cost. Discussion was held about the prices. Matt from Keller and Associates brought up the fact that the project could cost more if there were other things that needed replaced (i.e. cable or drop pipe). There was also discussion on raising the wellhead up but Matt brought up that the whole well head would need to be overhauled with the new water project. Attorney McMurray was consulted on the best way to approve spending on this project. He advised that the Council approve work up to a certain max amount. The decision was made to have Pump Service do the work and the Council approved spending up to \$15,000 with a motion by Carlson and a second by Lloyd, with the vote carrying with Lloyd-aye, Carlson-aye, Winder-aye and Woodrow-aye.

ROAD PROJECTS

Mayor Loveland stated that there is some money in the budget for road projects. He suggested fixing the S-curve on Lounsbury, the road to below Jason Gutierrez and the road going past the LDS church. It was noted that Whitman Street funding has been approved, however, the work will have to be done next year. The Council decided to wait for more information on the road work.

PARK SPRINKLER SYSTEM

The City is still awaiting bids for the sprinkler system and this item would be revisited when there is more information

PARK BATHROOMS

Mayor Loveland discussed with the Council that we add a kitchenette with bathrooms onto the pavilion at the park. The Council was interested in this and are awaiting some quotes as to what it would cost to do this. It was noted that water and sewer should be very close, possibly bringing down costs.

WATER SYSTEM PROJECT

Matt Hill from Keller and Associates was present to discuss our options going forward after the results of our Water Study. In his presentation he noted that it looks like we qualify for ARPA funds for 44% , or approx.. 2.5 Million in funds. He noted that this could change and these are not guaranteed figures and we could move up or down the list. He noted that DEQ did not approve us for the loan, however, USDA would be willing to help and there would be the possibility of a 30% block grant that we could qualify for. This loan would be a 40 year loan and would be at an interest rate of approx.. 2%. In the figures that they had prepared, this would mean that user rates would need to be increased from \$33 to \$68. This change would have to be put in effect as a condition of the loan. Matt also said that there are other grants that are out there, we would just need to apply once things are decided. It was noted that to qualify for the ARPA funds, we must have applied for the before December 31, 2022. We must also have the approval to incur debt by that time. Council President Lloyd questioned the difference between the bond process and the judicial review. If we go through the bond election, we could request the full amount to complete the project. There was some question if we could get the full amount through judicial review or if that would only cover any emergency needs. It was noted that if we didn't get one of the options done in time, we would lose out on the ARPA money and if that were to happen, with no other grants, water rates would have to be approx.. \$265, which is just not feasible. The Mayor and Council were worried about misinformation if we went the bond route. The Council discussed the pros and cons of a bond election vs. judicial review. In the end, the Council seemed to feel most comfortable going ahead with a bond election. Attorney McMurray was going to contact the bond council and get a meeting set up as soon as he could. The Council could hold a special meeting if needed to get things going. Woodrow asked Keller if they could help design a handout to give to people to help them understand what is happening. Keller said they have all the info and would be happy to help. Keller also noted that they had the footage of the wastewater system and they would be available to help on anything in connection with that.

CITY/HIGHWAY DISTRICT AGREEMENT

The Council was in favor of renewing the agreement between the City and the Highway district. They agreed to give Mayor Loveland the authority to sign the document. This

was done by a motion by Lloyd with a second from Carlson and a vote that carried by Lloyd-aye, Carlson-aye, Winder-aye and Woodrow-aye.

NET METERING

The Mayor stated that we need to move forward with a decision on net metering and brought the issue to the Council. The Council wondered about dropping the program completely. Discussion was held about the pros and cons for the City. It was noted that the City makes the majority of it's revenue from electric and this would take that money away from the budget. There was talk of working with Raft River Electric to see how they are handling this. In the end the Council decided that it would be best to freeze any new applications. This was done with a motion by Carlson and a second by Woodrow and the following vote of Lloyd-aye, Carlson-aye, Winder-aye and Woodrow-aye.

2022-2023 BUDGET

The Council reviewed the budget at decided to increase the Miscellaneous Expenditures from \$1,200 to \$4,000.

INFORMATION FROM CITY OFFICIALS

Maintenance Direct Hageman reported that he is waiting on bids for the sprinkler system on the park and on pavement. He is going to reach out to Steve Baker with Pump Service. He is hoping that the well project will be complete by mid summer.

Dallan inquired as to the use of the current ARPA funds that we have received. He wondered about them being used for improvements on the park. Attorney McMurray said that it could be better to use ARPA funds to purchase a generator and then use the funds freed up to put towards the park projects. More discussion to follow. Dallan also made a request to have a faulty light at the Civic Center fixed. Hageman said he would work on this.

PRESENTATION OF BILLS

Mayor and Council Salaries *	1700.00
Salaries – Clerk *	3024.00
Deric Bell – Deputy Clerk *	1003.73
David Hageman – Maintenance Director *	2706.00
PERSI – Employer Remittance (05/16-05/31/22) *	1034.47
DL Evans Bank – EFTPS 941 Employer Remittance (May 22) *	1806.74
PERSI – Employer Remittance (06/01-06/15/22) *	633.66
Raft River Electric – Water Tank-45.18/Work Order-459.94 *	505.12
SelectHealth – Insurance (July 22) *	2265.00
Ace Hardware – Maintenance Supplies	388.38
Accurate Imprints – City Polo Shirt	26.95

ATC Communications – Phone, Internet, Lift station, & Wells	494.42
Bonneville Power Administration – Transmission/Power (May 22)	11887.00
The Book Store – Office Supplies	186.25
Cassia County Sheriff – Annual Fee F/Y 2021-2022	2500.00
Costco – Annual Membership 2022-2023	60.00
Creekside Store – Maintenance Fuel (June 22)	206.76
ETS – Email Licenses	28.50
Ferguson Waterworks – Maintenance Supplies	365.22
Gem State Dairy – Chlorine/Drum Pump	536.42
Isaac Loveland – Reimbursement (Flags/Web Site/Domain)	696.71
Keller Associates – Seepage Test/WFPS/Monthly Fee/T/M Work	7577.50
Kerry McMurray – Legal Services (June 22)	943.50
Lamont Young – Back-Up Operator Fee (June 22)	300.00
Magic Valley Labs – Water Test	22.00
TruGreen – Lawn Service (Park)	225.00
UAMPS – General A&G Expenses (May 22)	50.68
VISA - #1475 M. Yeaman June 22 Stmt. (QuickBooks 22)	323.14
VISA - # D. Hageman June 22 Stmt. (Maintenance Supplies)	120.23
Western Waste Services – Dumpster	53.97
TOTAL	\$41,617.38

EXECUTIVE SESSION IDAHO CODE 74-206 1A

A motion was made to move to an executive session by Carlson and seconded by Woodrow. This was followed with a roll call vote of Lloyd-aye, Carlson-aye, Winder-aye and Woodrow-aye.

COUNCIL ADJOURNS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:28 the Council voted to adjourn from executive session with a motion from Lloyd and a motion by Carlson followed by a vote of Lloyd-aye, Carlson-aye, Winder-aye and Woodrow-aye.

COUNCIL ADJOURNS

There being no further business brought before the Council, motion to adjourn was made by Woodrow, seconded by Lloyd, and unanimously carried, with the following vote: Lloyd-aye, Carlson-aye, Winder-aye and Woodrow-aye. Adjournment was at 9:30 p.m.

Isaac Loveland, Mayor

Deric Bell, Deputy Clerk