



Minutes of the Albion City Council Special Meeting Held January 23, 2025

CALL TO ORDER—Council President Kevin Lloyd called the meeting to order at 6:14 p.m. in the Albion Civic Center.

ROLL CALL – Roll call by Linda Hutchison Clerk-Treasurer. Present: Mayor Isaac Loveland, Council President Kevin Lloyd, Councilpersons: Dallan Doc Carlson, Wayne Winder, and Tyson Tolman; City Clerk-Treasurer Linda Hutchison and City Attorney Kerry McMurray. Maintenance Director Brad Woodrow was excused

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE – Matthew Hill (by phone), Pat Asher, Fern Kimber, Kayleen Mahoney, Troy Mortensen and John Davis

AGENDA ITEMS

1 – Discuss/Approve Expenditures on Experimentation Well on Water Improvement Project

Mayor Loveland began by explaining that there have been some recent concerns regarding drilling a test well at the current water tank site on 800 South. He explained that in working with Matthew Hill, of Keller Associates, the original hydrology reports indicated a strong likelihood of hitting good water at that location, but recent information from Bill Kelley indicates differently. A couple of test wells dug in the 1960s and 1970s were unsuccessful in locating water. Matthew told the Mayor that he had a hydrology expert that he wanted to talk to further about the test well location if we were interested in going that route. Loveland explained that the alternate location for the new well would be behind the City Maintenance Shop and asked the Council what they felt was the best route to take- drill a test well at the existing tank location, drill a test well only at the City Maintenance Shop location, or drill two (2) test wells. Carlson asked about the costs to drill a test well and was answered that it is approx. \$60,000 per test well. There was also discussion about concerns about sand or other contamination at the Maintenance Shop location as well as other potential well locations that could be explored. One location that had been considered was near Rob South's property on S. Main St, however, due to an existing agricultural well, it may not be feasible to put a public wellhead there. The ultimate decision is where and how many test wells to drill. Troy Mortensen mentioned that he might have a location to place a wellhead and was open to discussing options if needed. After discussion of several other locations, Loveland pointed out that to change well head locations entirely, we would have to go back to the beginning of the planning stages, and we did not really have the time or money to do this. After some discussion, it was decided that the Council would wait until they had the additional information from the hydrologist before making the final decision on the test well location but overall felt that the shop was not a suitable test well location. [Tolman was excused from the meeting at 6:55pm] It was agreed to table the item until more information was available. It was noted that a clerical error had listed the time of the meeting as 7pm on the public signs, so on the advice of legal counsel, it was agreed to keep the meeting open until after 7pm to allow people to show up. There were several that came just after 7pm and the Mayor explained the purpose of the meeting and fielded several questions noting that there was no formal decision being made at this time.

COUNCIL ADJOURNS

There being no further business at this time, the motion was made by Lloyd to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Carlson, with a vote of: Lloyd-aye, Carlson-aye, and Winder-aye, the meeting was officially adjourned at 7:11 pm.


Isaac Loveland / Mayor
Deric Bell / Deputy Clerk