

MINUTES
ALBION CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2013, 7:30 p.m.

A Special Meeting of the Albion City Council of the City of Albion, Nebraska was convened in open and public session at 7:30 p.m., on August 20, 2013 in the Council Chambers. Present were Mayor James C. Jarecki, Councilmembers Don Rutten, James Riedmiller, and Walt Hoefer. Absent was Councilmember Marcus Johnson. Also present were City Administrator Devine, and Terry Galloway with AMGL. Notice of this meeting along with the agenda was simultaneously given in advance to all members of the Board. Notice of this meeting was given in advance by posting, a designated method for giving notice; a copy of proof of posting is attached to these minutes. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

2. DISCUSS CERTIFIED VALUATION OBTAINED FROM COUNTY ASSESSOR

Clerk Devine stated the amount of taxable value is \$86,899,170.00. This amount is lower than estimated by over \$9,000,000.00; the main reason is due to the Ethanol plant still being on a depreciation schedule for personal property while expected personal property additions in the form of equipment replacements do not appear to be reflected.

3. DISCUSS DRAFT OF BUDGET AND FINAL PREPERATION BY ACCOUNTANT

Terry Galloway with AMGL was present to review the budget with Councilmembers. Galloway stated that we are around \$27,000.00 under budget. Galloway stated we have had and still have good cash reserves; therefore it would not be an issue to decrease cash reserves in the next budget year. Over the last few years, Galloway stated, we have increased our cash reserves in our enterprise funds, which will be great if repairs and replacements in utilities are ever needed. Galloway stated if we keep our property tax asking at \$309,000 for operations, we would have a levy of \$.35, down from \$.39, which is still better than the state wide average. The overall debt service levy will be going up to \$.15, from \$.08. Councilman Rutten asked if we would be increasing the budget from last year. Devine stated we are declining our department revenues to operate from \$352,959.00 last year to \$309,765.00. Our total tax asking is going up by \$84,945.00 due to increased bond payments for the voter approved swimming pool bonds. Councilmembers discussed tax obligations for the upcoming year. Councilmembers agreed to proceed with the 2013/2014 budget as presented.

4. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF NEW MEMBERS TO THE ALBION VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Councilman Rutten made a motion to Approve Clay Thompson and Shane Reikofski to the Albion Volunteer Fire Department, seconded by Hoefer. **Vote: Yeas; Hoefer, Rutten, Riedmiller. Nays; None. Absent; Johnson.**

5. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING AGENDA

- September 10,2013 @7:30 pm
- Budget Adoption Hearing

6. ADJOURN

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At 8:13 pm Councilman Hoefer made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Riedmiller.
Vote: Yeas; Hoefer, Rutten, Riedmiller. Nays; None. Absent; Johnson.

I the undersigned Clerk hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of proceedings had and done by the Mayor and Council; that all subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the Agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and available for inspection at the office of the Clerk; that such subjects were contained in said Agenda for at least 24 hours prior to said meeting; that at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for the examination and copying of the public; that said minutes were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that all next media requesting notification of meetings of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and subjects to be discussed at said meeting.

Jim Jarecki, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tonya Huismann, Deputy Clerk