

Albia City Council-Regular Meeting

Monday, January 19, 2026

Minutes

Mayor Jay Andrews called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. Roll Call: Dan Johnson, Chris Yarkosky, Nick Crall, Merle Regenold, and Trudy McDowell. Kathy Mobley joined telephonically.

Other officials present: Linda Heller- City Clerk, Josh Pettyjohn-Sanitation Commissioner, and Scott Reed-Street Commissioner.

Motion by Regenold, seconded by McDowell, to approve the consent agenda along with the additional claims as presented to the council. Mobley, Johnson, Yarkosky, Crall, Regenold, and McDowell all voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.

Old Business

Motion by Johnson, seconded by McDowell, to enter into closed session in accordance with Chapter 21.5 (c) and Chapter 21.5 (i). Mobley, Johnson, Yarkosky, Crall, Regenold, and McDowell all voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.

Closed session ended and entered into the regular meeting at 7:08 P.M.

Discuss/Approve Mayor's Appointment of Chief of Police- Motion by Regenold, seconded by McDowell, to appoint Nathan Pritchard as the Chief of Police. Mobley, Crall, Regenold, and McDowell all voted aye. Johnson and Yarkosky voted nay. Motion carried 4-2.

Discuss/Approve Sewer Lining and/or Rehab Project: Sanitation Commissioner Josh Pettyjohn presented three quotes for the council's review. Motion by Yarkosky, seconded by Regenold, to approve CIT on both different bids for the projects, and to use the USDA Sewer Improvement funds to pay for the projects. Mobley, Johnson, Yarkosky, Crall, Regenold, and McDowell all voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.

Discuss/Approve Engine Replacement in Police Patrol F150 Truck- Motion by Johnson, seconded by Yarkosky, to approve the quote from Albia Ford to replace the engine. Mobley, Johnson, Yarkosky, Crall, Regenold, and McDowell all voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.

Discuss/Approve Changing Feb. 2, 2026 Meeting Date, Due to Caucus- Motion by Mobley, seconded by Yarkosky, to move the Feb. 2, 2026, meeting to Feb. 3, 2026 at 6:00 P.M. Mobley, Johnson, Yarkosky, Crall, Regenold, and McDowell all voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.

New Business:

Discuss/Approve Placement of Directional Sign for St. Paul Lutheran Church- Jacob Hemann addressed the council regarding the placement of a sign for the St. Paul Lutheran Church on Benton Avenue East. Motion by McDowell, seconded by Yarkosky, to approve the placement of the sign. The Street Commissioner will replace the existing street sign pole with a square pole, to be done in the spring. Mobley, Yarkosky, Crall, Regenold, and McDowell all voted aye. Johnson abstained due to membership in the congregation. Motion carried 5-0.

Discuss/Approve Handicap and or Parallel Parking Space on North Clinton in Front of the Hub- Motion by Johnson, seconded by Yarkosky, to table this until the next meeting. Mobley, Johnson, Yarkosky, Crall, Regenold, and McDowell all voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.

Discuss Nepotism Policy and or Changes to Current Policy (Regenold)- Died due to the lack of motion.

Discuss Changing, Removing, Reappointment Requirement of Supervisors (Regenold)- There was discussion from council members.

Discuss a No-Rehire Policy (Regenold): The council discussed the no-rehire policy.

Discuss/Approve Recommendation for Exemption to Article B Nepotism Policy- Motion by Yarkosky, seconded by Johnson, to approve the exemption to the Article B nepotism policy. Crall and McDowell aye. Mobley, Regenold, Yarkosky, and Johnson nay. Motion failed 2 to 4.

Chamber Main Street Report- Laura Teno invited council members to the Ambassador visit at 1:00 P.M. on Thursday, January 22nd.

Supervisors Report- City Clerk Linda Heller expressed gratitude to the Waterworks employees for changing out the lights at City Hall. Street Commissioner Scott Reed reported that Baty Electric has successfully trenched the wiring to the street lights on the square.

Council Comments- Mobley stated that there will be a Rental meeting at 4:30 P.M. on January 27, 2026. Chris Yarkosky would like the Mayor or City Clerk to review the sidewalk maintenance and enforcement. Once reviewed, propose a plan to the council on moving forward.

The meeting adjourned at 7:39 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Heller, City Clerk