

## Albia City Council-Regular Meeting

Monday, January 5, 2026

### Minutes

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

Other officials present: Linda Heller- City Clerk, Josh Pettyjohn-Sanitation Commissioner, Scott Reed-Street Commissioner, and Nathan Pritchard- Chief of Police.

Mayor Andrews welcomed new members to the council.

The consent agenda was moved for approval with the following changes by Regenold, seconded by McDowell, to amend the December 15, 2025, minutes, as there was a repeated motion on the minutes. The Baty Electric claim for \$562.50 will be changed to come out of the general fund instead of the fire department's fund. Mobley, Johnson, Yarkosky, Crall, Regenold, and McDowell all voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.

Discuss/Approve Change of Budget Salary Money 7-1-2026 to Iowa LOSAP Program- Motion by Mobley, seconded by McDowell, to approve the Iowa LOSAP Program as of 07-01-2026. Mobley, Johnson, Yarkosky, Crall, Regenold, and McDowell all voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.

Adopt Resolution for Iowa LOSAP Program- Motion by Johnson, seconded by Crall, to approve the Resolution. Mobley, Johnson, Yarkosky, Crall, Regenold, and McDowell all voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.

Discuss/Approve Bid for Rescue Truck Chassis from Albia Ford- (Funds will be from USDA Grant and Albia Fire and Association)- Motion by Johnson, seconded by Yarkosky, to approve the truck chassis. The total cost will be \$230,000.00, with \$50,000.00 coming from the USDA grant and the remainder from the Rescue funds. Mobley, Johnson, Yarkosky, Crall, Regenold, and McDowell all voted aye. Motion carried 6 to 0.

Discuss/Approve Mayor's Appointment of Chief of Police- Motion by Regenold, seconded by McDowell, to approve the appointment of Chief Nathan Pritchard. McDowell-Aye, Regenold-Aye, Mobley-Abstained, Johnson-Abstained, Crall-Abstained, and Yarkosky-Nay. Motion failed.

Discuss/Approve Resolution Appointing Matt Brick, Brick Gentry Law Firm, as City Attorney- Motion by Yarkosky, seconded by Regenold, to appoint Matt Brick as the City Attorney. Mobley, Johnson, Yarkosky, Crall, Regenold, and McDowell all voted aye. Motion carried 6 to 0.

Discuss/Approve Resolution Appointing Linda Heller as the City Clerk/Treasurer- Motion by Regenold, seconded by Mobley, to appoint Linda Heller as the City Clerk and Treasurer. Mobley, Johnson, Yarkosky, Crall, Regenold, and McDowell all voted aye. Motion carried 6 to 0.

Discuss/Approve Appointment of Scott Reed-Street Commissioner- Motion by Regenold, seconded by Yarkosky, to appoint Scott Reed as the Street Commissioner. Mobley, Johnson, Yarkosky, Crall, Regenold, and McDowell all voted aye. Motion carried 6 to 0.

Discuss/Approve Appointment of Josh Pettyjohn- Sanitation Commissioner. Motion by Regenold, seconded by Johnson, to approve Josh Pettyjohn as the Sanitation Commissioner. Mobley, Johnson, Regenold, Crall, and McDowell all voted aye, Yarkosky voted nay. Motion carried 5 to 1.

Discuss/Approve Sewer Line Lining/Repair Project- Motion by Johnson, seconded by Yarkosky, to have Pettyjohn get another quote on the project. Mobley, Johnson, Yarkosky, Crall, Regenold, and McDowell all voted aye. Motion carried 6 to 0.

Discuss/Approve PD Patrol Car- There were council comments, and the motion died due to a lack of motion.

Chamber Main Street Report- Laura Teno gave an updated Chamber report. Teno also thanked the city for its partnership.

Supervisors Reports- Scott Reed-Street Commissioner gave an update on projects that the street department had completed in 2025.

Council Comments- McDowell welcomed the new members of the council. Regenold welcomed the new members to the council and the new mayor. Yarkosky commented that the February 2, 2026, council meeting falls on Caucus Night, so the council may look at changing the meeting date.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Heller, City Clerk