



ALBANY CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

Wednesday, March 13, 2024

Meeting

Approved: March 27, 2024

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Alex Johnson II called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The mayor led the pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call

Councilors present: Mayor Alex Johnson II and Councilors Matilda Novak, Ray Kopczynski, Jackie Montague, Marilyn Smith, and Ramycia McGhee

Councilors absent: Councilor Steph Newton was excused

Special Presentations

a. Albany Fire Department Life Saving Awards

Fire Chief Shane Wooton presented life-saving awards to Linda and Mark Phillips and to Firefighter/EMT Davis Blackmon, Lieutenant Shane Castle, and Firefighter/EMT Chris McNeese. He also presented awards to Randy Usinger and Jason Rowell of AA Towing for their help rescuing a person whose car went into the canal.

b. Linn County Veterans Day Parade

6:12 p.m.

Christine Ferguson said the Veterans Day parade received an Oregon Ovation Award for Community Impact last year. The organization is solvent but looking for sponsors. They have added a list of veteran-owned local businesses to their web site.

c. Ram's Horn Ministries

This presentation was cancelled.

Business from the Public

6:16 p.m.

Alex Rice, of Albany, asked the council to consider reopening the pedestrian/bicycle path between Westwood Place and 36th Ave.

Lise Grato, executive director of the Albany Downtown Association, gave an update on activities downtown.

2. Award of Contract

6:21 p.m.

North Albany Lift Station improvements (WWTP-24-01-CC)

City Engineer Staci Belcastro said Public Works went through a formal request for proposal process. She described the project. Funding is available in the sewer capital projects fund.

MOTION: Councilor Jackie Montague moved to award the contract as outlined in the staff report. Councilor Marilyn Smith seconded the motion, and it passed 5-0.

Adoption of Consent Agenda

6:28 p.m.

- a. Appointments
 - 1) Appointing Ryan McAlister to the Building Board of Appeals
 - 2) Appointing Joyce Thompson Graham to the Parks, Recreation, and Tree Commission
- b. Approval of minutes
 - 1) February 12, 2024, city council special session with Linn County
 - 2) February 28, 2024, city council meeting
- c. Recommendations to OLCC
 - 1) Approve change of ownership, full on-premises, commercial liquor license application for AJLL LLC dba Vito's Trattoria
- d. Adoption of resolutions
 - 1) Appropriation of Scharpf Foundation Grant and Endowment for Parks and Recreation Department
RES NO. 7307
 - 2) Apply for Local Government Grant Program to aid in rehabilitation of Deerfield Park
RES NO. 7308
- e. Approval of agreements
 - 1) Intergovernmental Agreement with Oregon Youth Authority
RES NO. 7309

MOTION: Councilor Ramycia McGhee moved to adopt the consent agenda as presented. Montague seconded the motion, and it passed 5-0.

3. Staff Report

6:29 p.m.

Salary grade adjustment for building official manager classification

Director of Community Development Matthew Ruetters said the council approved a grade adjustment for this position in 2022 but didn't implement the salary increase in the 2023-2025 budget. The change proposed in 2022 is still accurate.

MOTION: Smith moved to approve the salary grade adjustment. Councilor Ray Kopczynski seconded the motion, and it passed 5-0.

Business from the Council

Several councilors agreed that the bicycle/pedestrian path closure may no longer be needed. City Manager Peter Troedsson said staff will talk to Transportation System Analyst Ron Irish and Public Works Director Chris Bailey and bring information back to the council.

Councilor Matilda Novak reminded the council of the speaker at the last council meeting who expressed concern about Greater Albany Public Schools' Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) team. Novak said the team is staffed and active.

City Manager Report

6:41 p.m.

Troedsson said the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) will begin work on the Ellsworth Street bridge March 24. The bridge will be closed weeknights through August.

Next Meeting Dates

~~Monday, March 25, 2024; 4:00 p.m. work session~~

Wednesday, March 27, 2024; 6:00 p.m. meeting

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed by,

Allison Liesse
City Clerk

Peter Troedsson
City Manager

**Documents discussed at the meeting that are not in the agenda packet are archived in the record. Documents from staff are posted to the website after the meeting. Documents submitted by the public are available by emailing cityclerk@albanyoregon.org.*