



MINUTES

Wednesday, January 26, 2022
Meeting
VIRTUAL

Approved: February 23, 2022

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 Dick Olsen, Matilda Novak, Stacey Bartholomew, Ray Kopczynski, Bessie Johnson, and Marilyn Smith

Councilors absent: None

Proclamation

Four Chaplains Day, February 3
The mayor read the proclamation.

Special presentation

6:05 p.m.

Fire Chief Shane Wooton presented Civilian Lifesaving awards and challenge coins to Jeremy Hales and Myquea Sederlin, who saved the life of a Home Depot customer who went into cardiac arrest.

Business from the Public

6:10 p.m.

Carol Davies of Albany spoke about the Creating Housing network and her work to connect local resource agencies to each other. She challenged the council to look into ways to house the homeless.

Second reading of ordinance

6:23 p.m.

Amend Albany Municipal Code Title 18, Building Board of Appeals

The proposed ordinance received its first reading at the city council meeting of January 12, 2022.

City Attorney Sean Kidd read the ordinance for a second time in title only: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 5877, WHICH AMENDED ALBANY MUNICIPAL CODE (AMC) TITLE 18, BUILDING CODE ADMINISTRATION AND PROPERTY MAINTENANCE; RELATING TO THE BUILDING BOARD OF APPEALS AND THE APPEALS PROCESS FOR TITLE 18 MATTERS.

MOTION: Councilor Bessie Johnson moved to adopt the ordinance. Councilor Marilyn Smith seconded the motion, which passed 6-0 and was designated Ordinance No. 5969.

Declare surplus property

~~205 Madison Street NE – Anne Catlin [Pages 8-10] MOTION~~

This item was pulled from the agenda by a supplemental agenda published January 25, 2022.

Adoption of Resolutions

6:26 p.m.

a. Authorize sole source procurement of Truepoint Solutions

MOTION: Smith moved to adopt the resolution. Councilor Ray Kopczynski seconded the motion, which passed 6-0 and was designated Resolution No. 7074.

b. Authorize Parks & Recreation department to apply for a CDBG grant

6:28 p.m.

Parks & Recreation Director Kim Lyddane said the department already applied for the grant but missed getting the resolution to the council at the time.

Johnson asked how much it will cost to maintain the equipment. Lyddane said it is designed for urban environments and has very few maintenance requirements.

MOTION: Kopczynski moved to adopt the resolution. Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0 and was designated Resolution No. 7075.

c. Apply for FY 2021 SAFER grant

6:39 p.m.

Wooton described the grant, which the City has received in the past. He explained the risks if grant-funded firefighters had to be laid off. He said that if the City were to receive the grant, it would not be obligated to continue to support the positions once the grant expires.

MOTION: Smith moved to adopt the resolution. Kopczynski seconded the motion, which passed 6-0 and was designated Resolution No. 7076.

Adoption of consent agenda

6:45 p.m.

- a. Appointments
 - 1) Accept appointments to citizen advisory groups
- b. Approval of minutes
 - 1) November 29, 2021, work session
 - 2) December 15, 2021, meeting

The appointment of Courtney Stubbs to the Community Development Commission was added by a supplemental agenda issued January 25, 2022.

MOTION: Johnson moved to adopt the consent agenda as presented. Councilor Matilda Novak seconded the motion, and it passed 6-0.

Business from the Council

6:52 p.m.

Smith asked for information on funding for the therapeutic spa at the community pool. Lyddane reported the grass-roots effort has raised over 20,000 so far.

Kopczynski said the Gibson Hill project is very close to being completed and turned over to the City of Albany.

Johnson asked about marijuana taxes: how much money does the City receive and where does it go?

Councilor Dick Olsen asked if a dumpster could be put in Talking Water Gardens for the homeless who camp near there. Lyddane said there are safety and security issues. Staff can look into the issue and bring it back to the council.

City Manager Report

7:19 p.m.

Finance Director Jeanna Yeager said the City of Albany has been receiving about \$73,000 in marijuana taxes per quarter. Measure 110, however, has reduced that amount to about \$80,000 per year.

Troedsson said the League of Oregon Cities is asking city councils to advocate to allow cities to charge up to 10% tax on marijuana businesses.

Next Meeting Dates

- Monday, February 7, 2022; 4:00 p.m. work session
- Wednesday, February 9, 2022; 6:00 p.m. meeting

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed by,

Allison Liesse
City Clerk

Peter Troedsson
City Manager