



MINUTES

Wednesday, April 25, 2022
Work Session
Council Chambers, City Hall
Hybrid Format

Approved: May 11, 2022

Call to Order

Mayor Alex Johnson II called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Councilors present: Mayor Alex Johnson II and Councilors Matilda Novak, Stacey Bartholomew, Ray Kopczynski, and Marilyn Smith. Councilors Dick Olsen and Bessie Johnson were present virtually.

Councilors absent: None

Business from the Public

Christine Lahoda said there has been a City easement between her property and a neighbor's property since she bought her property 25 years ago. Thefts and drug deals take place there regularly. The police department advised her to ask the City to vacate the easement.

Councilor Bessie Johnson thanked Lahoda for coming forward. She said these are the kinds of things the council needs to know about.

Councilor Ray Kopczynski suggested moving the issue forward to Wednesday's meeting for action. Public Works Director Chris Bailey said the vacation looks fine, but it will have to come back for a public hearing.

Economic Development Update

Economic Development Manager Seth Sherry distributed several handouts.* He talked about businesses that have recently located in Albany or are considering locating in Albany. He also gave information on several opportunities to market investment in Albany, as well as grants to help develop new businesses.

Sherry said wetlands in the area are a challenge to development. The council asked about creating a wetland bank. Sherry said he is looking into the possibility. He explained how wetland remediation works.

Business from the Council

Smith reported that the disc golf course in Deerfield Park has been installed.

Johnson II expressed his appreciation to Albany first responders, who had a hard weekend, with the death of a young child.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:36 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@cityofalbany.net.*

