



MINUTES

Wednesday, January 12, 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. Stacey Bartholomew 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.

Proclamations

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, January 17, 2022
Mayor Johnson II read the proclamation.

Stalking Awareness Month, January 2022
Councilor Matilda Novak read the proclamation.

Special Presentation

City Manager Peter Troedsson read a letter of appreciation to Jim Lawrence for his work on the Bicycle & Pedestrian Commission.

Business from the Public

6:10 p.m.

Stephen Hodges, 1250 Hill Street SE, said he helped get a lighted crosswalk at Hill Street and 12th Avenue. He asked to be able to work with Transportation Systems Analyst Ron Irish on a speed study and another lighted crosswalk at Hill Street and 13th Avenue.

Lise Grato, executive director of the Albany Downtown Association, spoke about the Oregon Main Street revitalization grant offered through the State Historic Preservation Office.

Kayla Jlassi recently moved to Albany. She recently learned of the budget cuts to library funding for new items. She hopes to see the funding restored. Troedsson said Albany is fortunate to have donations that help fund the library. Staff and the council will keep her comments in mind during next year's budget process.

First Reading of Ordinance

6:20 p.m.

Amend Albany Municipal Code Title 18, Building Board of Appeals

Building Official Manager Johnathan Balkema summarized the council's work session discussion. He said the proposed changes are in response to changes in state requirements.

City Attorney Sean Kidd read the ordinance for the first 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 have the ordinance read a second time in title only. Councilor Marilyn Smith seconded the motion. The motion failed 5-1, with Councilor Dick Olsen voting no. A second reading in title only in the same meeting requires a unanimous vote of the council. This item will come back to the January 26, 2022, council meeting for an automatic second reading.

Adoption of Consent Agenda

6:24 p.m.

- a. Appointments
 - 1) Accepting appointments to Audit Committee and Building Board of Appeals
 - 2) Accepting appointments to citizen advisory groups
 - 3) Accepting appointments to outside agencies
- b. Approval of minutes
 - 1) December 1, 2021, city council meeting
- c. Approval of agreements
 - 1) Contract renewal for Municipal Court Judge Forrest Reid
- d. Adoption of resolutions
 - 1) Accept water and sewer easements, Queen Avenue Apartments RES NO. 7071
 - 2) Accept water easement, Queen Avenue Apartments RES NO. 7072
 - 3) Approving municipal court judges pro tem and repealing Resolution No. 7025 RES NO. 7073
- e. Approving license to occupy right-of-way for the Venetian Theater (*added by supplemental agenda*)

MOTION: Smith moved to adopt the consent agenda with Item 6.a.2 removed. Johnson seconded the motion, and it passed 6-0.

MOTION: Johnson moved to accept the resignation of Kerry McQuillin, and to adopt Item 6.a.2. Smith seconded the motion, and it passed 6-0.

Business from the Council

6:26 p.m.

Smith thanked those who applied for positions on boards and commissions. She also suggested that the request for changes on Hill street be referred to the Traffic Safety Commission.

Olsen asked if the city could broadcast old movies on Channel 28.

Johnson asked for people to apply to the Traffic Safety Commission.

City Manager Report

6:37 p.m.

Troedsson said the cost in staff time is one drawback to maintaining a public access channel. Another major problem is that public access tv channels don't broadcast in high definition (HD), so they can't show files like PowerPoint presentations.

He reported on the status of the vehicle charging station behind the old J C Penney's building.

He reminded the council that they've used work sessions primarily to look into issues in depth, but they can make decisions at work sessions if they want to.

Troedsson also said that the workshop scheduled for Saturday, January 15, will be virtual, due to continuing covid restrictions.

Next Meeting Dates

Saturday, January 15, 2022; 8:30 a.m. strategic planning workshop

Monday, January 24, 2022; 4:00 p.m. work session

Wednesday, January 26, 2022; 6:00 p.m. regular meeting

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed by,

Allison Liesse
City Clerk

Peter Troedsson
City Manager