



MINUTES

Wednesday, February 23, 2022

Meeting
VIRTUAL

Approved: March 23, 2022

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Alex Johnson II called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Councilor Ray Kopczynski 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.

Special presentation

6:02 p.m.

Bird e-scooters

City Manager Peter Troedsson said Albany's population growth means more people in the transportation system. For those who use transit, getting to and from transit access points can be difficult. Micro mobility aligns well with city values and goals.

Mike Butler of Bird gave a PowerPoint presentation* about the possible placement of e-scooters in Albany.

Councilor Matilda Novak asked if the City would be liable for injuries related to e-scooter use. Butler said the proposed memorandum of understanding between the City and Bird includes an indemnification clause.

Councilor Marilyn Smith asked if the scooter service would cost the City. Butler said no. Bird is a private business.

Councilor Stacey Bartholomew asked if equipment would be permanently installed during the proposed temporary trial. Butler said there is no physical infrastructure associated with the program, other than the vehicles.

Councilor Ray Kopczynski asked if there is a limit on the distance the scooters can travel. Butler said no, but their battery life is 25 to 30 miles.

Councilor Bessie Johnson asked how Bird keeps the scooters from being stolen. Butler said they are equipped with complex anti-theft tech.

Councilor Dick Olsen asked if users can make one-way trips. Butler said yes. A local manager constantly rebalances the fleet of scooters to where they are needed.

The council asked further questions about details of the program. Johnson II asked Troedsson to contact the city manager of Monmouth, where a fleet is placed, for information.

Business from the Public

6:37 p.m.

Carol Davies of the Creating Housing Coalition gave updates on the situations of several people she mentioned when she spoke to the council on January 26, 2022.

She said InterCommunity Health Network Coordinated Care Organization has committed to funding part of a services integration team coordinator.

Award of Contract

6:42 p.m.

- a. Cox Creek Interceptor improvements, SS-17-01

Civil Engineer III Chris Cerklewski said staff recommends awarding the contract to Emery & Sons in the amount of \$4,748,905. The engineer's estimate was \$4,000,000.

Novak asked if the difference between the estimate and the lowest bid was due to inflation. Cerklewski said construction costs have risen significantly in the last year.

Olsen said the project funding comes from American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds and asked why the City isn't using the money to help citizens who have financial problems due to COVID. Public Works Director Chris Bailey said ARPA was specific about what the funds can be used for, and this type of project is specifically approved. Using ARPA money for this project will allow us to invest in infrastructure without using ratepayer money.

MOTION: Kopczynski moved to approve the contract as outlined in the staff report. Smith seconded the motion, and it passed 5-1, with Olsen voting against.

- b. Public defender services

MOTION: Smith moved to adopt the resolution. Kopczynski seconded the motion, which passed 6-0 and was designated Resolution No. 7079.

- c. Ultrafiltration membrane modules

6:55 p.m.

Utility Superintendent – Water Scott LaRoque said that in December 2021, the council approved \$500,000 in ARPA funds to replace membranes at the water plant. Public works received two responsive bids. DuPont's bid was the highest scoring and the lowest cost.

MOTION: Kopczynski moved to adopt the resolution. Smith seconded the motion, which passed 6-0 and was designated Resolution No. 7080.

Approval of agreements

7:02 p.m.

- a. IGA with Linn County Sheriff's Office, radio improvement

Fire Chief Shane Wooton summarized the history of the partnership and the funding. The IGA has no cost to the City. There will be costs later for rental sites, but those costs will be spread among the group of mid-valley agencies.

MOTION: Smith moved to adopt the resolution. Kopczynski seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0 and was designated Resolution No. 7081.

- b. Special procurement, Polco

7:11 p.m.

Communications and Engagement Officer Matt Harrington summarized the staff memo. He said Polco is the platform used for the 2020 community survey. The City has several projects coming up that we want to use it for.

Smith said she is experienced with bids for survey tools, and this is a very good product for the price.

MOTION: Johnson moved to adopt the resolution. Kopczynski seconded the motion, which passed 6-0 and was designated Resolution No. 7082.

Adoption of Consent Agenda

- 1) Appointing Sonia Neperud to the Human Relations Commission
- a. Approval of minutes
 - 1) January 12, 2022, city council meeting
 - 2) January 15, 2022, city council special session
 - 3) January 26, 2022, city council meeting
- b. Recommendation to OLCC
 - 1) Approve full on-premises commercial liquor license application for Citadel Oasis, LLC, 425 West First Avenue
- c. Adoption of resolution
 - 1) Modification of downtown parking restrictions

RES NO. 7083

Novak said that statements she made in the meeting on January 26, 2022, were not in the minutes for the meeting. City Clerk Allison Liesse explained that the minutes are a summary of the actions taken in a meeting.

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

Staff Report

7:28 p.m.

Salary grade adjustment for Community Engagement Program Coordinator

Police Chief Marcia Harnden said the police department and human resources did a workload analysis of the position and found that it was not at the proper salary range. The impact to the current budget is about \$2,500.

MOTION: Smith moved to approve the salary grade adjustment. Kopczynski seconded the motion, which passed 6-0.

Business from the Council

7:30 p.m.

Johnson said it would save staff time to send citizen advisory group applications from all wards to the councilors, rather than just the applications from their own ward. The council agreed. Staff will send all applications in the future.

Novak said Davies mentioned that a mental health crisis worker is needed, and additional funding to cover the cost. Novak asked what the cost will be. Davies said she will find out for the council.

Johnson II asked when the council will get information from the 2020 census.

City Manager Report

Troedsson noted Johnson II's request for census information.

Next Meeting Dates

Monday, March 7, 2022; 4:00 p.m. work session

Wednesday, March 9, 2022; 6:00 p.m. regular meeting

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:38 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.*