

CITY OF ALBANY
CITY COUNCIL
Council Chambers
Wednesday, July 9, 2008
7:15 p.m.

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bedore called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Mayor Bedore led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

ROLL CALL

Councilors present: Sharon Konopa, Ralph Reid, Jr., Floyd Collins, Dick Olsen, Bessie Johnson, and Jeff Christman

SCHEDULED BUSINESS

Business from the Public

Bill Root, 2634 Valley View Drive NW, explained that the North Albany Neighborhood Association (NANA) is one year old and he invited the Council to a potluck picnic on July 26, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., at North Albany Park, to celebrate.

Mark Azevedo, 1210 Skyline Drive NW, said it was a thoughtful and interesting process regarding the Fairview school parking lot at the Planning Commission meeting. Everybody was trying to do the right thing for the school but not at the expense of old growth trees. He was pleased with the process. He mentioned reading about the Willamette Development Services lawsuit issues and the legal problems with those investors. He was thankful that Councilor Konopa stepped up to inform the City and Council regarding their money issues before the City loaned them money for development. City Manager Wes Hare added that the City does exercise quite a bit of diligence on the loans, like background checks, etc. before presenting them to the Council for consideration.

Marylou Ludlow, a North Albany resident, commented that she felt that downtown merchants were being treated unfairly, in particular the renter of the old Sears building. She also mentioned that she thought the person renovating that building wasn't adhering to historical architecture. Bedore responded that the City is overseeing the historical area with the participation of the Landmarks Advisory Commission.

Adoption of Resolution

Authorizing special procurement of landscape architecture and engineering services for Kinder Park improvements.

Parks & Recreation Director Ed Hodney said this method of procurement of consultant services will be best for the City in order to move the park as quickly as possible into construction.

Councilor Christman asked if the services would include major features. Hodney said that it would be mostly surface construction.

Councilor Reid asked if it would leave Oak Street an unimproved street. Hodney said that staff recognizes that there needs to be development in the area. They would like Oak Street improved some time soon. In the mean time, they need to do the park. The Public Works department is committed to providing an overlay of the street until a decision has been made for improvements.

MOTION: Councilor Collins moved to adopt the resolution authorizing special procurement of landscape architecture and engineering services for Kinder Park improvements. Christman seconded the motion and it passed 6-0, and was designated Resolution No. 5633.

Adoption of Consent Calendar

- 1) Approval of Minutes
 - a) May 28, 2008, City Council Meeting
- 2) Approving a liquor license for Burton's Catering, LLC, 3700 Knox Butte Road NE.
- 3) Accepting a Linn County Victim Impact Panel grant. RES. NO. 5634
- 4) Authorizing the Police Department to apply for and accept the Oregon Department of Transportation Electronic Field Data Collection Grant (E-ticketing). RES. NO. 5635

Councilor Johnson asked that items 1) and 4) be removed for discussion.

MOTION: Konopa moved to adopt the Consent Calendar with items 1a) and 4) removed for discussion. Reid seconded the motion and it passed 6-0.

Johnson said, regarding item 1), that on page 14, where it said she provided a map, she had also mentioned that when the City gets a developer wanting to build or divide, it would be nice if the Council got maps like the one she provided that day. They are more detailed with information the Council can use when making a decision.

Regarding item 4), Johnson asked for more information regarding the Electronic Field Data Collection. Police Chief Ed Boyd explained that Advanced Public Safety is the vendor providing all the hardware, software, project management, maintenance, and training. The eight Intermec handheld devices and four printers will supplement the current equipment. The equipment populates traffic information on a handheld device at the scene. They can then access the information later for reports, surveys, etc. There is a maintenance clause with normal upgrades.

MOTION: Johnson moved to adopt items 1) and 4) of the Consent Calendar. Reid seconded the motion and it passed 6-0.

Award of Bid

BR-09-01, Third Avenue Bridge (Bryant Park).

Assistant Public Works Director/City Engineer Mark Shepard said the Bryant Park Bridge links Third Avenue to Bryant Drive and Bryant Park over the Calapooia River. It is rotting and structurally in bad shape. Bids came in higher than expected, but the work needs to be done.

MOTION: Collins moved to award the BR-09001, Third Avenue Bridge (Bryant Park) in the amount of \$163,976 to the low bidder, Pacific Land Construction, of Lebanon, Oregon. Johnson seconded the motion and it passed 6-0.

BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL

Konopa received a call complaining about tall grass. Whatever process the City is currently working under is not working. There are still multiple tall grass issues in the City. The city of Corvallis has an ordinance. Would the Council be interested in passing an ordinance? Hare said staff recently had a meeting regarding this subject and concluded to have a Council work session to inform the Council on what is in place and what can be done. Responsibility usually gets kicked around from department to department. Public Information Officer/Management Assistant Marilyn Smith suggested it be added to the agenda of an upcoming work session. Collins suggested staff include how to do deal with transition lands and recognize that the City owns several large parcels around town that probably need mowing.

Councilor Olsen said he has had complaints of the high speed of traffic on Waverly Drive. He has been told that the state sets speed limits and Waverly Drive is currently set at 45. Bedore said the caller needs to call the state. Olsen said the caller said the state told him to call Olsen. Bedore said the City could ask the state to evaluate the speeds on Waverly Drive, but they will set the speed limit at 80 percent of the average speed along the roadway. The chance we take is that it could be set higher than it is right now. Olsen said, then it probably needs to be enforced. He has found that the trailer that is set out on the roadway that tells people how fast they are driving usually works. Shepard said that staff has been working with the neighbors in the area. He said they can ask the state to evaluate, but the City would be taking the risk that speed limits could be increased.

Hare said he attended the Oregon City Managers Association conference and went to a session on Council relationships. Having heard about terrible infighting from several other cities, he is proud of our Council's ability to disagree but still get together to do the business of the City.

RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS CURRENT LITIGATION OR LITIGATION LIKELY TO BE FILED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ORS 192.660 (2)(h)

The Regular Session was recessed into an Executive Session at 7:51 p.m.

RECONVENE

The Regular Session was reconvened at 9:11 p.m.

Hare informed the Council of the status of the condemnation of Dover Lane and locating heirs.

Albany City Council Regular Session
Wednesday, June 9, 2008

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next Work Session of the City Council is scheduled for July 21, 2008, at 4:00 p.m., in the Municipal Court Room, at City Hall, and the next Regular Session is scheduled for July 23, 2008, at 7:15 p.m., in the Council Chambers, at City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Reviewed by,

Betty Langwell, CMC
City Clerk

Stewart Taylor
Finance Director