

CITY OF ALBANY
CITY COUNCIL
Council Chambers
Wednesday, January 26, 2011
7:15 p.m.

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Mayor Konopa led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

ROLL CALL

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

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

APWA Presentation.

Dwayne Kalynchuk, Director of Public Works, from Victoria BC, Past President of the American Public Works Association, explained that accreditation is the mark of professionalism that indicates an agency has made a commitment to continuous improvement in the delivery of public works operations and services. The agency's policies and practices have been evaluated against nationally recognized standards. It demonstrates the agency is well managed, able to demonstrate compliance with recommended practices, and dedicated to continued improvement of public works facilities and services. Albany formally applied in 2007 and had a successful visit from an evaluation team in 2010. Full Accreditation happened in October 2010. There are 62 agencies across the Americas with accreditation and Albany is the third one in Oregon. In 2014 Albany is invited to apply for reaccreditation. He mentioned that accreditation may provide insurance savings. He provided a plaque to the Mayor.

Assistant Public Works Director/Operations Manager Mike Wolski said it was a long process. They have been working on it for four years. He mentioned that Program Management Supervisor Angie Sousa was the lead employee on the project.

SCHEDULED BUSINESS

Business from the Public

No one wished to speak.

Adoption of Resolutions

Authorizing a farm lease of South Albany Community Park to Ehrlich Farms, LLC.

MOTION: Councilor Reid moved to adopt the resolution authorizing a farm lease of South Albany Community Park to Ehrlich Farms, LLC. Councilor Coburn seconded the motion and it passed 6-0, and was designated Resolution No. 5974.

Authorizing a farm lease for a portion of Bryant Park to James Jordan.

MOTION: Reid moved to adopt the resolution authorizing a farm lease for a portion of Bryant Park to James Jordan. Councilor Johnson seconded the motion and it passed 6-0, and was designated Resolution No. 5975.

Adoption of Paratransit Plan (from work session)

MOTION: Johnson moved to adopt the resolution calling for an approval and adoption of the updated 2011 Paratransit Plan. Councilor Collins seconded the motion and it passed 6-0, and was designated Resolution No. 5976.

Adoption of Consent Calendar

- 1) Adopting the City of Albany Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan dated January 2011. RES. NO. 5977
- 2) Approving a liquor license for SGB, LLC, D/B/A Wine Depot & Deli, 300 Second Avenue SW.

MOTION: Coburn moved to adopt the Consent Calendar as presented. Reid seconded the motion and it passed 6-0.

Change Orders

WC-10-03, Columbus Street Bank Repair.

MOTION: Collins moved to approve the construction contract increase to Mid-Pacific Enterprises in the amount of \$57,013.57 for the Columbus Street Bank Repair. Reid seconded the motion and it passed 6-0.

WL-10-03, Baker Street Water Line.

MOTION: Collins moved to approve the construction contract increase to Pacific Excavation in the amount of \$40,200 for the Baker Street Water Line. Reid seconded the motion.

Collins said this project was dealing with a lot of unknowns and the old Pacific Power & Light water system was in disrepair.

VOTE: A vote was taken on the motion and it passed 6-0.

Appointments

Traffic Safety Commission.

MOTION: Reid moved to approve the appointment of Cynthia Greene to the Traffic Safety Commission. Johnson seconded the motion and it passed 6-0.

Council Audit Committee.

MOTION: Collins moved to reappoint Councilors Christman and Reid to the Audit Committee. Johnson seconded the motion and it passed 6-0.

Hospital Facility Authority.

MOTION: Johnson moved to reappoint Wendy Kirbey and newly appoint Dick Conolly to the Hospital Facility Authority. Coburn seconded the motion and it passed 6-0.

Reports

2009-2010 Audit Report and Management Letter.

Councilor Christman explained the Audit Committee was created in 2006 and includes Sharon Konopa, Ralph Reid, Jr., Sue Folden, and himself. Generally the Audit Report appears on the Consent Calendar, but the Committee preferred it to be a report for transparency.

Hare provided some history of the Audit Committee and why it was created.

Finance Director Stewart Taylor said members of the Finance Department staff do a good job on the report, in particular Senior Accountants Mike Murzynsky and Anne Baker. He commented that the management letter is a good opportunity for the City to have a third party look at some of the City's procedures and internal controls. He added that the City is pleased with the current auditors as they do a very thorough job in working with staff and improving internal controls. Taylor mentioned that the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) is on the City website.

MOTION: Christman moved to accept the Audit Report and Management Letter for the audit of the City's financial statements and procedures for fiscal year ending June 30, 2010. Reid seconded the motion and it passed 6-0.

Receiving Code Enforcement Team Second Quarter Report for Fiscal Year 2010-2011.

Management Assistant/Public Information Officer Marilyn Smith added to the report by saying that the two-and-half story home on the corner of 6th Avenue and Railroad Street, which was converted to apartments, has a court judgment against it saying that it is not safe to occupy. She reminded the Council and the audience that May 21 is community pick-up day and any neighborhood can ask for the help.

BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL

Coburn was confused as to how CARA funding is reported on property tax statements, particularly for property outside of the CARA boundary. Johnson suggested that the Council ask the County Assessor to come to a meeting and explain it.

Councilor Olsen asked about street sweeping as his street seems to get missed regularly. Wolski will check the sweeping schedule and talk to the drivers, and report back to Olsen.

Reid commented on the memo (in the agenda file) the Council received from City Forester Craig Carnagey regarding City Hall courtyard tree replacement. Parks Director Ed Hodney said there are two dead trees currently in the courtyard and others in various stages of decline. They need to be replaced.

Collins said he will be absent February 9.

Konopa reminded the Council that there is a Work Session on Monday, January 31 and Wednesday, February 2.

Konopa reported that the City received a design award from the Albany Downtown Association (in agenda file) for the completion of the Broadalbin Promenade test block.

Hare reported receiving word from Lowe's that they are prepared to sign and execute their end of the infrastructure funding agreement. There is still one step; the completion of the purchase of the Perlenfein property that is necessary for the punch through. The project seems to be on track, design work is going forward, and the project will get completed.

Johnson said that the Perlenfein asked for as much time as possible before turning their property over to the City.

City Attorney Jim Delapoer said Lowes does want the City to go forward and be ready for them next fall. Invariably, one party of the private sector will be in conflict with the other party and the Perlenfein may be feeling that.

Hare said he would be out of the country in March. He is going to Wales to attend an ICMA conference.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next scheduled meeting of the Council is a Work Session on Monday, January 31, 2011, at 4:00 p.m., in the Municipal Court Room. The next scheduled Regular Session of the City Council is on Wednesday, February 9, 2011, at 7:15 p.m., in the City Council Chambers, at City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Reviewed by,

Betty Langwell, MMC
City Clerk

Stewart Taylor
Finance Director