

CITY OF ALBANY  
CITY COUNCIL  
Council Chambers  
Wednesday, July 9, 2014  
7:15 p.m.

**MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Konopa led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

ROLL CALL

Councilors present: Councilors Rich Kellum, Bill Coburn, Bessie Johnson, Ray Kopczynski, Dick Olsen, and Floyd Collins.

Councilors absent: None.

SCHEDULED BUSINESS

Business from the Public

Jim Clausen, 1403 15<sup>th</sup>, spoke to the Linn-Benton Community College (LBCC) request for \$3.2 million for education. He shared his experience taking an auto cad class at a community college because he was out of work. He has been a machinist for 40 years and is familiar with lots of software. He said, the teacher knew nothing about auto cad. He described his experience with a class assignment. He said he learned so much more during on-the-job training than in the auto cad class because it wasn't geared to the real world. Clausen said the LBCC instructor asked him if he would attend another class so they could have enough students to meet the minimum required to hold another session.

Clausen said he also took a computerized class on programming and described the software and the machines used. He said where he worked 1.5 years ago there was a kid taking a class at LBCC, which cost a lot of money, who came to the shop and knew nothing about real world machining. Clausen said the kid said the teacher said that out of all of the students, maybe 1-2 would find jobs; that was at LBCC only 1.5 years ago. He said he questions if it is a good idea to give LBCC \$3.2 million if the experience he had is any indication. He said perhaps if what LBCC plans to do is reasonable and adequate it should be supported, but as of 1.5 years ago it wasn't.

Clausen said the Supreme Court recently upheld a decision to allow a City Council to start its meetings with a prayer. He said perhaps the Albany City Council should consider doing that.

Adoption of Resolution

Authorizing the Chief of Police to sign ongoing police vehicle lease contracts between the City of Albany and Wire Works, LLC; Auto Leasing Specialists, LLC; Ford Motor Credit Company; Government Leasing Company; and/or any other legal vendor Wire Works, LLC, utilizes.

MOTION: Councilor Floyd Collins moved to adopt the resolution and Councilor Ray Kopczynski seconded it. The motion passed 6-0 and was designated Resolution No. 6347.

Adoption of Consent Calendar

- 1) Approval of Minutes
  - a) May 14, 2014, City Council Regular Session.
  - b) May 19, 2014, City Council Work Session.
  - c) June 2, 2014, City Council Work Session.
- 2) Supporting an application for the Federal Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Byrne/JAG Wrongful Convictions Demonstration Project. RES. NO. 6348
- 3) Authorizing the Albany Police Department to apply for a Home Depot grant, a State Farm Insurance Safety Grant, and a Walmart grant.
- 4) Approving liquor licenses for:
  - a) Thai House RoiDaw, Inc., located at 2125 Pacific Boulevard SW.
  - b) Southern Oregon Elmers, LLC, d/b/a Yellow Flamingo #3, located at 1123 Santiam Highway SE.
- 5) Approving annual liquor licenses.

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

Award of Bid

SS-14-01, 2014 cured-in-place pipe projects.

Public Works Director and Community Development Director Mark Shepard explained how this trenchless technology works to create a new pipe. It is cost effective but the method can't be used on every pipe; it depends on the defects. Another trenchless technology is pipe bursting.

Shepard said this project is over budget because when they were estimating costs they contacted contractors and were led to believe that they can do a spot repair on the interceptor; however, during the design phase, staff learned that it is not a reliable repair methodology so they will be doing this instead.

Shepard pointed out how far they have come in the last few years. These specific pipe segments were in the Capital Improvement Program and they are actually doing the projects now. They have come a long way towards understanding the system and targeting the resources they have toward the biggest issues.

Kopczynski asked if any companies in the local area can do this type of work. Shepard said Pacific Excavation does have an Albany office. The cure-in-place pipe process is a proprietary system and needs fairly specialized training. The pipe bursting and cure-in-place projects will likely become more common in this area and therefore more contractors will become skilled in it.

Kellum asked Shepard to explain the process. Shepard said a new pipe is dragged behind a hammerhead which bursts the old pipe, and the new pipe is laid right behind it.

Councilor Bill Coburn asked if Shepard is familiar with the firm that made the low bid. Shepard said no. Coburn asked if they have experience in Oregon. Shepard is not sure. Coburn said that legally the City has to award to the low bidder, but he is leary that they are so far away and came in 25% less than others. Kopczynski asked if a performance bond is required. Shepard said yes.

Coburn asked if they will award Schedule A only. Shepard said yes; Schedule B did not include the riverfront interceptor portion. They broke it out into A and B because they weren't sure what the cost would be. When the bids came in, the pricing was such that they can do the whole project, which is what Schedule A calls for. Schedule B was just a portion of the whole project, not additional work.

Konopa asked if they have to meet the specifications for materials. Shepard said, yes; with a competitive bid, we have to award if they say they can do the job. Staff will be watching to make sure they meet all the specifications during the project.

MOTION: Collins moved to award Schedule A in the amount of \$189,190 to Insituform Technologies, Inc. Councilor Bessie Johnson seconded the motion and it passed 6-0.

Konopa noted that on the dais there were three easements that are related to ST-13-04 (see agenda file.) There was also an email from Mike Todd regarding the project (see agenda file.)

Shepard said this item was carried over from the last meeting because Coburn had questions. He explained the map had three different colors to depict the easements: the orange indicates an access easement to give them access across the driveway; the purple shows the easement for an electrical conduit and wires, which feed the third easement for a new sign, as indicated in blue. This was a negotiated agreement with the owner of 7-11; we are closing their driveway on Main Street and in order to allow 7-11 to continue to operate, staff came up with this plan.

Coburn asked who will maintain the driveway. Shepard said the City would since we own the property. He said, in the future we could sell it if someone wanted to develop the small parcel and then maintenance would be their responsibility.

Konopa said, it is good for the City to own it so that we can do enforcement of the parking and see how it will work out for the neighborhood. Shepard said it is not for exclusive use. Konopa said Security Alarm Corporation could be using it too; she recalled that at the neighborhood meeting they were concerned about losing parking, so this will help.

MOTION: Collins moved to adopt all three resolutions for easements related to ST-13-04 and Kellum seconded it. The motion and it passed 6-0 and was designated as follows: the vehicle access easement for 222 Main Street SE was designated Resolution No. 6349; the sign easement for 1032 2<sup>nd</sup> Street was designated Resolution No. 6350; and the underground power line easement for 1032 2<sup>nd</sup> Street was designated Resolution No. 6351.

BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL

Councilor Dick Olsen said he got call from a businessman in the same area complaining about the fence, and he referred him to City staff. Olsen asked Shepard if he had heard about it. Shepard said he had not heard details about the fence complaint, though they did hear issues about signage and they have addressed them. As to the fencing, they will try to

work with the businesses as best they can to minimize the impact as much as possible. Olsen asked when the project would be done. Shepard said mid-September. Olsen said the businessman thinks the project is impacting his business. Shepard said they do have a clause in the contract to finish early, which is an incentive to minimize the window of disruption. Also, if they go past the date they will be assessed fees. The contractor is motivated to get the project done as quickly as possible.

Konopa asked if there was input from neighbors about what to put in the center of the roundabout on Main Street. Civil Engineer III Nolan Nelson said nothing has been brought to staff. Konopa said she had one person request a lighted flag pole there but wonders if it would be a maintenance issue. Konopa said the design should be up to the neighborhood but if they have no preference then it should be the standard design. Nelson said it is a dangerous spot to cross to raise and lower the flag.

Shepard said Engineering Manager Staci Belcastro is working with Economic Development & Urban Renewal Director Kate Porsche on ideas for the center since it is in the Central Albany Revitalization Area. They will bring back ideas.

Collins asked the status of getting the switching yard moved to minimize the train blockage on Queen Avenue. Collins would like to have a target date for when there will be fewer blockages there because he gets several questions each month about it. Shepard will check with staff and report back to the Council.

Shepard said the Bonneville Power Administration will be rebuilding transmission lines between Albany and Salem. One will go through North Albany. They have an environmental assessment document that Shepard just received. They plan to replace all wood poles; most are what they call "H poles." Twelve poles will be replaced with steel mono poles, which will move the poles into the center of the right-of-way (ROW) as much as possible. The final date for environmental assessment comments is August 6 and the final document expected in November. Shepard said there will be an open house at the Fairmont Grange, July 24, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Shepard has not seen the construction schedule.

NEXT MEETING DATE:       Work Session July 21, 2014  
                                  Regular Session July 23, 2014

RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS REAL PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
ORS 192.660 (2)(e)

The Regular Session recessed to Executive Session at 7:44 p.m.

RECONVENE

The Regular Session reconvened at 8:46 p.m.

The Councilors should get questions to staff no later than Friday.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed by,

Mary A. Dibble, MMC  
City Clerk

Stewart Taylor  
Finance Director