

CITY OF ALBANY
CITY COUNCIL
Council Chambers
Wednesday, August 12, 2015
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.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Police Department Lifesaving Award.

Police Chief Mario Lattanzio presented a Lifesaving Merit Award to Police Officer Jason Camillo. On May 17, 2015, Camillo performed the Heimlich maneuver on Police Clerk Toni Steward. Steward was choking on a piece of meat. Camillo saved her life.

Lattanzio presented Camillo with a plaque, a certificate, and a medal.

Seeking Council's endorsement for the American Legion Post 10 to pursue a Flag City designation for the City of Albany.

Post 10 Commander Steve Adams, 2131 Three Lakes Drive, handed out a document titled "Proposal to make Albany, Oregon a Flag City USA" (see agenda file). Adams said that according to the County veterans office, there are 1,676 vets in Linn County. According to the census, Linn County has 116,000 residents. The city of Albany makes up 40-42% of county residents. The Congressional Record of July 27, 1999, states that Redmond is a Flag City. Redmond's claim is that they have 697 flags that have flown over the nation's capitol. Adams proposes Albany as a Flag City, based on encouraging businesses, citizens, and organizations to fly the flag on all 10 flag holidays.

Adams said he is in the process of contacting senators and representatives, as well as County Commissioner Will Tucker, to ask for flags that have been flown over the nations' capitol. He will also contact veteran's organizations and civic organizations for support. He has talked to Randy Martinak, the director of the Linn County Veterans Memorial Association, and he supports the effort. Adams' goal is 5,000 flags flying in the city of Albany. The cost to the city is zero. The Legion Post has said they will donate time, material and manpower to veterans or older people who cannot physically put up the means to fly a flag. Adams will contact the Chamber of Commerce to expand their program also. It will take time, and must be a community effort. He is asking for the Council's endorsement.

Konopa said the downtown flags are placed by the Boy Scouts, through the Downtown Association, not the Chamber.

The City Council agreed to ask staff to prepare a resolution supporting the endorsement and bring it back to the next Council meeting.

SCHEDULED BUSINESS

Business from the Public

There was none.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Authorizing the City Manager to sign a property lease agreement with Greater Albany Public Schools for the use of the South Albany High School Community Pool through June 2019.

There was a revised resolution available on the dais (see agenda file).

Councilor Rich Kellum asked how money spent on the Pool compared to revenues. Parks & Recreation Director Ed Hodney said the aquatics program recovers about 50% of costs, which is typical.

Kellum said that according to the agreement, the City is responsible for problems with sidewalks and parking. Hodney clarified that the City is only responsible for seven parking spaces.

MOTION: Councilor Ray Kopczynski moved to adopt the resolution on the dais. Councilor Bessie Johnson seconded the motion, which passed 6-0 and was designated Resolution No. 6447.

Authorizing the City of Albany Parks and Recreation Department to accept a Boating Facility Grant from the Oregon State Marine Board for the replacement of the Bowman Park rest room building and delegating authorizing to the Parks and Recreation Director to sign related documents.

There was a revised resolution available on the dais (see agenda file).

MOTION: Kellum moved to adopt the resolution on the dais. Councilor Floyd Collins seconded the motion, which passed 6-0 and was designated Resolution No. 6448.

ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR

1) Approval of Minutes

- a) June 24, 2015, Regular Session minutes.
- b) July 6, 2015, Work Session minutes.

2) Extending workers' compensation coverage provided by CityCounty Insurance Services (CIS) to City of Albany volunteers. RES. NO. 6449

MOTION: Kopczynski moved to adopt the Consent Calendar with item 2) removed for discussion. Kellum seconded the motion, which passed 6-0.

Olsen noted that the only public safety people mentioned are police cadets and police volunteers. Firefighters and others were not. City Manager Wes Hare said this policy covers only volunteers, and all of the City's volunteers are covered under it.

MOTION: Olsen moved to adopt item 2) of the Consent Calendar. Councilor Bill Coburn seconded the motion, which passed 6-0.

Appointment

Reappointing Mario Lattanzio to the Linn County Local Public Safety Coordinating Council.

MOTION: Kopczynski moved to approve the requested action. Coburn seconded the motion and it passed 6-0.

Report

Recommending approval of expenditure of up to \$150,000 in Water Economic Development funds to facilitate fire line backflow device compliance.

Assistant Public Works Director/Operations Manager Chris Bailey said the money requested is to facilitate replacement or upgrade of backflow prevention on private fire lines discovered during an audit. At a Work Session, the Council asked Public Works to bring the item back for specific approval by the Council. The money will come from Water Economic Development funds. There is about \$500,000 available.

MOTION: Councilor Floyd Collins moved to approve the expenditure of up to \$150,000 in Water Economic Development funds to facilitate fire line backflow device compliance. Kopczynski seconded the motion.

Olsen said he noticed a complaint about this in the newspaper. He asked if he understood correctly that the City will pay for the backflow devices. Bailey said yes. Hare said the letter-writer was actually complaining about a fee normally charged for a fire line. As part of work done in the last year or so to identify all of the private fire systems in Albany, Public Works found that a number of fire lines did not have backflow prevention devices. The City is covering the cost of the devices.

Collins asked if the backflow prevention devices require annual inspection. Bailey said yes; the inspections are at the cost of property owners.

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

Olsen asked how much the inspections cost. Bailey said inspections are done by a private company and cost about \$25 to \$45 for a residential system. Kellum said he has heard complaints about the charge. Hare said it isn't popular; most people don't know they have a backflow device and they don't like having to pay for an inspection every year. Collins said the requirement for backflow devices is a state law, in the state plumbing code. All cities are required to

have a backflow prevention program. Hare said it isn't new; the City of Oakridge had a backflow prevention program 27 years ago, when Hare started as City Manager there.

BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL

Councilor Bessie Johnson said she will not be attending the League of Oregon Cities conference. She offered her spot to the other Councilors.

Collins said paving on North Albany Road will start Monday. The contractor is moving quickly and should finish on time. Bailey praised Civil Engineer III Chris Cerklewski and Engineering Technician III Lindsey Austin, who managed the project.

Kopczynski asked for an update on landscaping regarding the roundabout on Main Street. Bailey said landscaping will be installed in September.

Olsen noticed that Transient Lodging Tax receipts are up since June. He asked if hotel rates went up or if they had more business. Konopa said they are not sure the reason. Discussion followed about events in Albany that draw visitors.

Staff noted that there will be a joint meeting with the Benton County Commissioners on August 18, 2015, at Benton County.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Work Session: August 17, 2015, and August 24, 2015
 Regular Session: August 26, 2015

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed by,

Mary A. Dibble, MMC
City Clerk

Wes Hare
City Manager