

CITY OF ALBANY
CITY COUNCIL
Council Chambers
Wednesday, October 28, 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: Mayor Sharon Konopa and Councilors Rich Kellum, Bill Coburn, Bessie Johnson, Ray Kopczynski, and Dick Olsen.

Councilors absent: Councilor Floyd Collins was excused.

PROCLAMATION

Extra Mile Day.

Konopa read the proclamation. She said she feels this is very timely for November, because of the Veterans Day Parade. People go the extra mile for the wonderful parade.

SCHEDULED BUSINESS

Business from the Public

There was none.

Second Reading of Ordinance

Amending Albany Municipal Code Chapter 2.27, Community Development Commission.

City Attorney Jim Delapoer read the ordinance for the second time in title only: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ALBANY MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 2.27, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION.

MOTION: Councilor Bill Coburn moved to adopt the ordinance and Councilor Ray Kopczynski seconded the motion.

Councilor Rich Kellum restated his earlier objection. He thinks it is in the best interest of every commission that appointments are made by a broad base of the Council.

VOTE: A vote was taken on the motion and it failed 3-2, with Kellum and Councilor Bessie Johnson voting no. It takes four votes of the Council to decide any question. This item will come back to the November 4, 2015, Council meeting.

First Reading of Ordinance

Levying assessments against property specially benefited by sewer connections and the assessment of sewer and transportation system development charges for property described as Tax Lot 01010, Parcel 11S03W18B, and site address 353 29th Avenue SW.

Delapoer read the ordinance for the first time in title only: AN ORDINANCE TO LEVY ASSESSMENTS AGAINST PROPERTY SPECIALLY BENEFITED BY SEWER CONNECTIONS AND THE ASSESSMENT OF SEWER AND TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT CHARGES FOR PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS TAX LOT 01010, OF PARCEL 11S 03W 18B, AND SITE ADDRESS 353 SW 29th AVE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

MOTION: Coburn moved to have the ordinance read for a second time in title only. Kopczynski seconded it and it passed 5-0.

Delapoer read the ordinance for the second time in title only.

MOTION: Coburn moved to adopt the ordinance and Kopczynski seconded it.

Konopa pointed out that the Owner of Record on Exhibit A should be “ARRT,” not “AART.” The Exhibit will be revised (see agenda file). Inclusion of the revised Exhibit was acceptable to the motion maker and the seconder.

VOTE: A vote was taken on the motion to approve the ordinance with the revised Exhibit A and it passed 5-0, and was designated Ord. No. 5860.

Adoption of Resolutions

Approving an exemption from the competitive bidding process and authorizing the purchase of Zoll Defibrillators through National Purchasing Partners.

Fire Chief John Bradner said the Fire Department is requesting the exemption to purchase Zoll heart monitor/defibrillators. The Fire Department has used these for approximately the last 14 years. The crews are familiar with the brand, and the Department gets interoperability with their current system.

Johnson asked if the old defibrillators can be refurbished. Bradner said the monitors currently in use on ambulances will go to the engines. Those on the engines, which are now 14 years old, are not serviceable any more. They will be traded in for \$1,500 per monitor.

MOTION: Kopczynski moved to adopt the resolution and Coburn seconded it. The motion passed 5-0 and was designated Resolution No. 6456.

Appropriating funds for the purchase of a replacement Type 6 Fire Engine.

Bradner read from the staff report. The Fire Department is asking to appropriate \$118,200 from the General Fund for a Type 6 engine. The Type 6 is a smaller engine with four-wheel drive and a water tank. It can go off road to access portions of North Albany or Knox Butte that a city-use engine can't get to. This summer's wildfire issues highlighted the need for this equipment. Fortunately there were no major incidents in Albany, but the Fire Department responded to Scio, Brownsville, Lebanon, and other districts on mutual aid. This engine is needed to replace one that went out of service a few years ago.

Coburn asked who the Department will buy the engine from. Bradner said they will buy the chassis from Roberson Ford.

Kopczynski remembered that some time ago, the City purchased a repurposed EMT vehicle with the same box on a different frame. He asked if we can do that in this case. Bradner said no, because brush engines are overweight. Their current vehicles are from the early 1990s on F350 chassis, and subject to mechanical failure. This summer, the Fire Department had to choose between maintaining a brush engine with a full water tank, or partly draining the tank so they could use it to tow the boat. They need a brush engine with a larger chassis.

MOTION: Kopczynski moved to adopt the resolution and Coburn seconded it. The motion passed 5-0 and was designated Resolution No. 6457.

Approving an Extended Property Tax Abatement Agreement with SnoTemp Cold Storage.

MOTION: Kopczynski moved to adopt the resolution. Coburn seconded the motion.

Kellum asked if this had been through the City's Planning process. John Pascone, of the Albany Millersburg Economic Development Corporation (AMEDC), said SnoTemp has to apply before they start construction. They've been planning this project for about a year, and have been through the land use channels already. They can start site work as long as they don't put footings in before the application comes in.

VOTE: A vote was taken on the motion and it passed 5-0, and was designated Resolution No. 6458.

Adoption of Consent Calendar

- 1) Approval of Minutes
 - a) August 18, 2015, Joint Albany City Council and Benton County Board of Commissioners minutes.
 - b) August 24, 2015, Work Session minutes.
 - c) September 21, 2015, Work Session minutes.
- 2) Readopting an Investment Policy and repealing Resolution No. 6374. RES. NO. 6459
- 3) Readopting the Risk Management Policy and repealing Resolution No. 6375. RES. NO. 6460
- 4) Readopting Financial Policies and repealing Resolution No. 6376. RES. NO. 6461
- 5) Declaration and disposal of surplus personal property.

MOTION: Johnson moved to adopt the Consent Calendar as presented. Kopczynski seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL

Johnson asked if the City has set business hours for marijuana dispensaries. City Manager Wes Hare said no. Johnson said one dispensary is putting signs in the right-of-way.

Kellum referred to discussion of a parking structure downtown. He thinks Water Avenue might not be the best place for one. He suggests considering the parking lot at Two Rivers market instead. Konopa said that site has been part of the discussion for years. She said she recently talked to someone who loved the changes in downtown. They suggested blocking off First and Second Avenues and Broadalbin Street, to make them pedestrian malls.

Konopa reminded the Councilors that they would be riding on the trolley in the Veteran's Day parade.

Hare said he met with some South Koreans at Portland State University last week, and they will be touring the area tomorrow. Today the City had visitors from China to look at the wastewater treatment plant. Hare said there are also members of the Fellows program visiting from Cambodia and the Philippines.

Public Works Engineering and Community Development Director Jeff Blaine gave an update on the Crocker Lane street project. The City will be required to get wetland permits from both the Department of State Lands and the Army Corps of Engineers. Getting the permits is a long process, so construction will probably start in the summer of 2017. The issue is connectivity between drainage ditches and regulated wetlands. Four criteria trigger the need for permits, and the project met three of the four.

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

The Regular Session recessed to the Executive Session at 7:39 p.m.

RECONVENE

The Regular Session reconvened at 7:46 p.m.

MOTION: Kellum moved to authorize the City Manager to conclude the sale of the City of Albany Police Station and the Albany National Guard Armory properties in the appropriate manner. Kopczynski seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

Councilor Dick Olsen asked if the armory building was considered in the City's earthquake plans. Hare said Linn County has a more direct link to the armory, but the City would be looking at all public resources in that event.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Work Session: November 2, 2015, and Regular Session: November 4, 2015.

Konopa said the 4:00 p.m. Work Session on November 2 won't take long, and the second meeting is at 7:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed by,

Mary A. Dibble, MMC
City Clerk

Wes Hare
City Manager