



MINUTES

Wednesday, February 26, 2020
Regular Session
Council Chambers, City Hall
Approved: April 9, 2020

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Sharon Konopa called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. The mayor led the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Councilors present: Mayor Sharon Konopa and Councilors Rich Kellum, Bessie Johnson, Alex Johnson II, Dick Olsen, and Mike Sykes

Councilors absent: Councilor Bill Coburn was excused.

Konopa moved the agenda items to accommodate staff and the audience.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

- a. Applying for Community Oriented Policing Services grant.

MOTION: Councilor Rich Kellum moved to approve the resolution and Councilor Alex Johnson II seconded.

Councilor Bessie Johnson asked how the city would pay after the grant runs out. Police Chief Marcia Harnden said in the future there may be some flexibility to move people and funds around to meet the requirements of the grant, such as with retirements.

VOTE: The motion passed 5-0 and was designated Resolution No. 6857.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. Increasing FireMed membership fees.

Open: Konopa opened the public hearing at 7:18 p.m.

A signup sheet was available for the public (see agenda file). No one wished to speak. Fire Chief Shane Wooton said staff is requesting the fee be raised by \$5.00.

Close: Konopa closed the public hearing at 7:20 p.m.

MOTION: Councilor Mike Sykes moved to adopt the resolution and Johnson II seconded. The motion passed 5-0 and was designated Resolution No. 6858.

REPORTS

7:20 p.m.

- a. Oregon RAIN.

Carole Cummings and Corey Wright, representing Oregon RAIN, gave a PowerPoint presentation. The city has a contract with RAIN for \$10,000 a year for a two-year period, to help boost entrepreneurialism in Albany. They distributed an annual report (see agenda file) and a brochure titled "Entrepreneurial ecosystem impact report for 2019" (see agenda file).

Wright said it takes a community to raise an entrepreneurial and it is a team sport. He highlighted the other partners involved and the value the city receives. He spoke about Nerds Abroad, an Albany business.

Wright described the ecosystem scorecard and talked about engagement. Several events are planned for the next six months. The key to this kind of work is to take a long-term approach. RAIN started in 2014 and has been invited into 20 communities. There is an event on April 30 to bring together rural entrepreneurs and elected officials.

Cumming spoke about how RAIN has expanded.

BUSINESS FROM THE PUBLIC

7:32 p.m.

Ray Kopczynski, 1303 Tamarack Court, read a letter to the council (see agenda file). He spoke about a book by Charles L Marohn Jr., titled *Strong Towns: A Bottom-Up Revolution to Rebuild American Prosperity*. Kopczynski asked the council to read the book and be willing to have conversations about the author's conclusions and ideas. It will please and offend both liberals and conservatives. There is forensic financial analysis that proves the author's theories that small, incremental steps over time will change the whole value system in a community.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE

7:35 p.m.

- a. Increasing sewer and water in-lieu-of franchise fees from five to seven percent.

City Attorney Sean Kidd read the ordinance for the first time in title only: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ALBANY MUNICIPAL CODE SECTIONS 10.01.070(5) AND 11.01.051 TO INCREASE THE SEWER AND WATER SYSTEM IN-LIEU-OF FRANCHISE FEES FROM FIVE TO SEVEN PERCENT.

MOTION: Johnson moved to read the ordinance a second time in title only and Kellum seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

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

MOTION: Johnson moved to adopt the ordinance and Kellum seconded. The motion passed 5-0 and was designated Ordinance No. 5937.

AWARD OF CONTRACTS

7:37 p.m.

- a. Awarding contract for water treatment chemicals.

MOTION: Kellum moved to adopt the resolution and Sykes seconded. The motion passed 5-0 and was designated Resolution No. 6859.

ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR

- a. Accepting Mitch Langjahr's resignation from the TLT advisory committee.
- b. Appointments to citizen advisory groups.
- c. Approval of minutes
 - 1) January 6, 2020, work session.
 - 2) February 12, 2020, regular session.
- d. Adoption of Resolutions
 - 1) Calling for election for public safety operating levy. RES NO. 6860
 - 2) Accepting Fiscal Year 2019-20 State Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness grant. RES NO. 6861
 - 3) Applying for Fiscal Year 2020-21 State Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness grant RES NO. 6862
 - 4) Granting easement to Grand Prairie Water Control District RES NO. 6863
 - 5) Certifying properties exempt from property taxation
 - (i) Songbird Village. RES. NO. 6864
 - (ii) Periwinkle Place. RES. NO. 6865
 - (iii) ParkRose Properties. RES. NO. 6866
 - (iv) 1680-1682 Oak Street SE. RES. NO. 6867
 - (v) 515 Geary Street SE. RES. NO. 6868

MOTION: Kellum moved to adopt the consent calendar. Sykes seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

REPORTS

- a. 1000 Friends of Oregon – Sean Kidd and Jeff Blaine
This item will come back to the next council meeting.

BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL

7:39 p.m.

City Manager Peter Troedsson said that on September 9, 2019, the council heard about potential annexations and hearing dates on June 10 and 24. Some property owners have annexation agreements, and some of the properties are islands. Most are in east Albany.

Troedsson said that Greg Hamann, President of Linn Benton Community College, is thankful for the funding from the city. Hamann had provided a letter for Troedsson to read into the record (see agenda file).

NEXT MEETING DATES

Monday, March 9, 2020; 4 p.m. work session

Wednesday, March 11, 2020; 7:15 p.m. regular meeting

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed by,

Mary Dibble
City Clerk

Peter Troedsson
City Manager