



MINUTES

Wednesday, May 12, 2021
Regular Session
REMOTE

Approved: June 23, 2021

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Alex Johnson II called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The mayor led the pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call

Councilors present: Mayor Alex Johnson II and Councilors Dick Olsen, Matilda Novak, Stacey Bartholomew, Ray Kopczynski, Bessie Johnson, and Marilyn Smith

Councilors absent: None

Proclamation

- a. Police Week, May 9-15
Johnson II read the proclamation.
- b. Public Works Week, May 16-22
Councilor Novak read the proclamation.
- c. Military Appreciation Month, May
Councilor Kopczynski read the proclamation.
- d. Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month, May
Johnson II read the proclamation.

Councilor Marilyn Smith recognized her uncle, Woodrow Wilson Whetstone, who was killed in the line of duty while serving as the police chief of Junction City.

Special presentation

6:09 p.m.

Albany Police Department Awards

Police Chief Marcia Harnden introduced Lieutenant Robert Hayes, who spoke about Albany Police Department's only line-of-duty death almost 20 years ago. Albany Officer Jason Hoerauf was with state trooper John Burrignt assisting a driver on the shoulder of I-5, when they and state trooper Maria Mignano were struck by a driver who fell asleep. Hoerauf and Mignano were killed instantly; Burrignt died recently of his injuries.

Harnden showed slides* and presented awards to Albany officers:

- Sworn employee of the year – Detective Ryan Knoll
- Non-sworn employee of the year – Crime Prevention Specialist Laura Hawkins
- Medal of valor – Lieutenant Juston Alexander, Officer Perry Baker, Officer Ben Hatley
- Lifesaving award – Sergeant Steve Corder, Sergeant Buck Pearce
- Lifesaving award – Officer Curtis Bell, Officer Tim Sousa

Business from the Public

6:23 p.m.

Bo Price, president of the board of commissioners of the Dumbeck Lane Water District, said the district is trying to merge into the North Albany County Service District (NACSD), which is managed by the City of Albany. The process is taking a long time, and the Dumbeck Lane district board will no longer have a quorum after July 1, 2021. He asked what the council can do to move the process along.

Adoption of Resolutions

6:28 p.m.

- a. Revote on CDBG Action Plan

Councilor Stacey Bartholomew recused herself.

Planner III Anne Catlin explained that a revote was necessary to clarify the vote on this item at the April 28, 2021, council meeting.

MOTION: Councilor Bessie Johnson moved to adopt the resolution. Smith seconded the motion, and it passed 5-0. Bartholomew did not vote. The resolution was designated Resolution No. 6989.

Award of Contract

6:32 p.m.

Radio dispatch console system

Harnden said the current police radio system is 13 years old, and becoming unreliable. Day Wireless supports the current system, so they're familiar with it and with Albany police operations.

Kopczynski asked for a breakdown of the bids submitted. Harnden said she will send one to him.

MOTION: Johnson moved to award the contract to Day Wireless as outlined in the staff report. Smith seconded the motion, and it passed 6-0.

Adoption of Consent Agenda

6:38 p.m.

- a. Approval of minutes
April 6, 2021, CIP joint work session.

MOTION: Kopczynski moved to adopt the consent agenda as presented. Smith seconded the motion, and it passed 6-0.

Staff Report

- a. Reclassification of Recreation Specialist to Recreation Coordinator

6:39 p.m.

Parks and Recreation Director Kim Lyddane said the reclassification is the result of a compensation study, which found that the recreation specialist was doing the work of a recreation coordinator. The reclassification will cost about \$1,600 per year.

MOTION: Smith moved to approve the reclassification. Kopczynski seconded the motion, and it passed 6-0.

- b. City services fee rate direction

6:42 p.m.

City Manager Peter Troedsson said that in discussion at Monday's work session, the council concluded that a base rate of \$9 for a services fee was appropriate. He asked if they still felt that way.

Novak asked if the council could delay making a decision until it's known how many households will be affected by the ARPA funds coming to the City. Troedsson said the council can choose any effective date. Today's question is about service levels starting on July 1. He assured the council that staff is working to revise the low-income assistance program to cover all who will need assistance.

Smith said the decision tonight is just to set the base rate. Troedsson agreed. He said an ordinance to actually implement a service fee will come to the next Wednesday meeting.

Bartholomew said if the goal is to fill in the gap so that no department will need to make cuts, an \$8 base rate will do it. Troedsson said there's a cost to administer the program. The \$9 rate covers that cost.

Novak said she doesn't understand how the budget can be balanced with a \$5 million shortfall. Troedsson said "balanced" means revenues have to equal expenditures. It doesn't mean we will be able to provide the same services as under the last budget.

MOTION: Kopczynski moved to move forward with a \$9 base fee as outlined in the staff memo. Smith seconded the motion, and it passed 6-0.

Engineering Manager/Assistant City Engineer Rob Emmons spoke to Price's concerns about the Dumbeck Lane Water District. He said City staff have been working with them and their engineer, but it's unfortunately a slow process. The goal is to get it finished before July 1.

Troedsson said he has also talked to Price. The district is outside the urban growth boundary and will not become a part of the city of Albany. If their merger with NASCD doesn't happen before July 1, it isn't a City crisis. We're working to make it happen, but there are a lot of details.

Business from the Council

7:05 p.m.

Smith said she has received a letter from a constituent about a neighbor feeding wild ducks. The ducks are becoming a nuisance. Smith added her own plea to people not to feed wildlife.

Bartholomew mentioned a discussion she had with a Corvallis city councilor about a bias-response initiative. Troedsson said Corvallis has provided seed money to start the program for members of the Council of Governments (COG), and the Albany council is participating through the COG.

Johnson II said misinformation is being distributed about the possible sale of Hazelwood Park. He wants it to stop.

Next Meeting Dates

Monday, May 24, 2021; 4:00 p.m. work session

Wednesday, May 26, 2021; 6:00 p.m. meeting

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed by,

Allison Liesse
Deputy City Clerk

Peter Troedsson
City Manager

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