



MINUTES

Monday, August 9, 2021
Work Session
Hybrid Format

Approved: September 8, 2021

Call to Order

Mayor Alex Johnson II called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Councilors absent: None.

Business from the Public

4:00 p.m.

None.

Salem to Albany Transit Service Study and Recommendations

4:01 p.m.

Ted Stonecliffe and Steve Dickey from Cherriots, along with Gavin Pritchard from Jarrett Walker + Associates, presented a PowerPoint* of the findings from the Salem to Albany Transit Service study. Pritchard spoke about the benefits of a low-fare bus route that would connect Albany, Millersburg, Jefferson, and Salem.

Responding to a question from Councilor Ray Kopczynski about public participation, Stonecliffe said there were 75 to 80 people at the first meeting and more at the second meeting. The participants were a good mix of residents from the four involved communities, reflecting the demographics found in the study's memo.

Stonecliffe said one possible source of funding, the Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund, won't be taking applications again until 2022. The earliest the route could be established would be 2023.

Kopczynski and Johnson II requested copies of the full report.

Dickey said park-and-ride and the availability of parking at stops will be considered during the next steps of the process. ADA compliance and safety, including lighting, has been and will be taken into consideration for the project.

IGA with City of Lebanon for Jail Space

4:34 p.m.

Finance Director Jeanna Yeager presented the staff report and said the intergovernmental agreement will be before the council at the Wednesday August 11, 2021, regular meeting.

She confirmed that Linn County currently has reduced capacity due to COVID-19 restrictions. The county does not anticipate having beds open for the City due to a backlog of county court cases..

Court Supervisor September Ridgeway said the annual cost of the proposed IGA with Lebanon is comparable to the cost of renting beds from the county, but the City is getting three fewer beds from Lebanon. She said she believes Lebanon has a ten-bed jail and the City would be renting two of those beds.

Yeager said there is a termination clause in the IGA so that if Linn County opens up enough beds for the City again, the City can terminate the agreement. The term of the agreement is the financial biennium.

Citizen Advisory Groups

4:40 p.m.

Troedsson presented a slideshow* of options for consolidating advisory groups. He noted that the council has recently received a request to create a disability rights committee. Troedsson said the Human Relations Commission already has the duties the requested committee would cover.

Troedsson said staff developed the following consolidation options for the council to consider:

1. Combine Traffic Safety and Bicycle and Pedestrian Commissions
2. Combine Parks & Recreation and City Tree Commissions
3. Incorporate Transient Lodging Tax Advisory Committee functions into the Budget Committee

He noted that these are options, not recommendations, since this is a council decision and the city advisory groups are for the council's benefit.

The council discussed the options. Johnson II asked staff to bring the item back to a future meeting.

Business from the Council

5:11 p.m.

Johnson II said he will bring a statement about masks to the August 11, 2021, meeting.

City Manager Report

5:15 p.m.

Troedsson said he will miss the August 11, 2021, regular meeting and that Public Works Director Chris Bailey will be acting city manager August 11 through 13.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed by,

Gabriel Shepherd
Recorder

Peter Troedsson
City Manager

**Documents discussed at the meeting that are not in the agenda packet are archived in the record. Documents from staff are posted to the website after the meeting. Documents submitted by the public are available by emailing cityclerk@cityofalbany.net.*