



MINUTES

Wednesday, March 23, 2022
Meeting
Council Chambers, City Hall

Approved: April 27, 2022

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

Child Abuse Prevention Month - April
The mayor read the proclamation.

Special Presentations

- a. Linn County Sheriff's Office **6:04 p.m.**
Linn County Sheriff Michelle Duncan presented slides.* She summarized her history in law enforcement and reported on the sheriff's department programs and activities.
- b. Human Relations Commission annual report **6:33 p.m.**
Human Relations Commission Chair Stephanie Newton presented the report.*

Business from the Public

6:36 p.m.
Ethel Ellingson, Chair of the Elders of First Christian Church, asked the council to renew the waste nonconnection permit for the portable toilet at the church.

Lise Grato, executive director of the Albany Downtown Association, spoke about downtown activities.

Staff Report

6:42 p.m.
Waste nonconnection permit renewal

This item was moved up the agenda at the mayor's request.

Public Works Director Chris Bailey summarized the history of the request. She said the reasons given in Resolution No. 2349 for issuing a permit do not include the reasons used for issuing the church's permit. If the council wishes to issue nonconnection permits for public convenience, the applicable language in the Albany Municipal Code (AMC) must be changed.

Ellingson and Pastor Tim Graves of the church said they haven't seen any problems associated with the portable toilet.

Councilor Matilda Novak said the companies that own the toilets maintain and repair them. She is in favor of changing the AMC to allow the toilets in certain places.

Councilor Ray Kopczynski asked if there have been any incidents since the report was issued in 2019. He also thinks portable toilets should be allowed in similar situations.

Councilor Dick Olsen said it's better to have portable toilets than to have people relieving themselves in doorways or landscaping. Councilor Stacey Bartholomew agreed.

Councilor Marilyn Smith said the AMC requires plumbing to be connected to sewers when available. Sewers are available at homes and businesses. If serving the homeless is part of the church's permanent mission, they should have permanent facilities.

Bailey reminded the council of the project to build public restrooms at the train station. The goal is to have the building completed this summer or fall. She said that, as the owner of the city sewers, we shouldn't be providing a way for businesses to evade the code requirements.

Discussion followed.

MOTION: Councilor Bessie Johnson moved to extend the church's permit for a year and ask staff to come back with recommendations of language for the AMC that would allow some portable toilets. Bartholomew seconded the motion, and it passed 5-1, with Smith voting no.

First Reading of Ordinance

Franchise agreement with Viser

This item was removed from the agenda before the meeting.

Award of Bids

- a. Asphalt Surface Treatment Program, ST-22-02 **7:26 p.m.**
Engineering Associate I Andrew Monaco presented the staff report.

Kopczynski said he is impressed that the bids came in lower than the engineer's estimate. Johnson II asked if the cost will go up because material and labor costs have risen. Monaco said this contract is locked in. It will not increase.

MOTION: Smith moved to award the bid to Blackline, Inc., in the amount of \$298,160. Kopczynski seconded the motion, and it passed 6-0.

- b. ARTS Traffic Signal Enhancement Program and Periwinkle Path improvements, **7:31 p.m.**
ST-20-03

Civil Engineer III Chris Cerklewski said staff recommends rejecting all bids. The engineer's estimate was \$520,000, and the lowest bid was \$814,423. The cost of traffic signal work has gone up more than other costs. Staff is asking the council to direct rebidding the work as two separate projects.

MOTION: Johnson moved to reject all bids and direct staff to rebid the work as two separate projects. Smith seconded the motion, and it passed 6-0.

Approval of Agreement

- a. Cooperative procurement for purchase of a screener **7:37 p.m.**
Wastewater Superintendent Craig Prosser said leasing a screener isn't feasible or economically sound. The purchase includes training and a warranty, with local parts service and support. The expected life of the equipment is 25 years.

MOTION: Kopczynski moved to adopt the resolution. Johnson seconded the motion and it passed 6-0 and was designated Resolution No. 7093.

- b. Police vehicle leasing and maintenance **7:42 p.m.**
Police Chief Marcia Harnden said the City has an existing contract with Wire Works. The money is already budgeted, and the contract amount is well within the budget.

MOTION: Smith moved to adopt the resolution. Kopczynski seconded the motion, which passed 6-0, and was designated Resolution No. 7094.

Adoption of Consent Agenda

7:44 p.m.

- a. Approval of minutes
1) February 23, 2022, council meeting
- b. Adoption of resolution
1) Application for 2022 Homeland Security grant for emergency management RES NO. 7095

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

Business from the Council

Bartholomew asked the council to recognize Sharon Gisler, who died last week. Smith said Gisler was one of the first recipients of the Human Relations Award.

City Manager Report

7:50 p.m.

Troedsson said a staff report about fluoridation will be on the agenda for the April 27, 2022, meeting.

Next Meeting Dates

Monday, April 11, 2022; 4:00 p.m. work session
Wednesday, April 13, 2022; 6:00 p.m. meeting

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed by,

Allison Liesse
City Clerk

Peter Troedsson
City Manager

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