



MINUTES

Wednesday, April 27, 2022
Meeting
Council Chambers, City Hall
Hybrid Format

Approved: May 11, 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

6:00 p.m.

- a. Arbor Day, April 29, 2022
Councilor Matilda Novak read the proclamation.
- b. Drinking Water Week, May 1-7, 2022
Councilor Marilyn Smith read the proclamation.
- c. Mental Health Month, May 2022
Councilor Stacey Bartholomew read the proclamation.
- d. Older Americans Month, May 2022
Mayor Johnson II read the proclamation.
- e. Support for Ukraine and Condemnation of Russia's Aggression
Councilor Ray Kopczynski read the proclamation.

Business from the Public

6:08 p.m.

Damien Weaver spoke about the vacation of the Vine Street canal easement. He proposed several alternatives to vacating the easement immediately.*

Susan Fox, Millersburg, read a statement against fluoridation.*

Matthew Prudell, Albany, spoke against fluoridation.

Deb Merchant, Albany, spoke against fluoridation.

Glenice Bellamy, Millersburg, spoke against fluoridation.

Dr. Patrick Hagerty, Albany, spoke in favor of fluoridation.

Dr. Eddie Frothingham, Albany, spoke in favor of fluoridation.

JoAnn Miller, Albany, spoke in favor of fluoridation.

Staff Reports

- a. Fluoridation of Drinking Water **6:39 p.m.**

Water Superintendent Scott LaRoque said fluoride is found naturally in groundwater. It is an optional water treatment promoted by the Oregon Health Authority and the Centers for Disease Control, among other agencies. The chemical Albany staff uses to fluoridate the drinking water is certified safe. The average cost per year to dose and monitor Albany's drinking water is \$25,000.

LaRoque said the water plant is a joint facility for Albany and Millersburg. The City of Millersburg notified staff that they want to continue to receive fluoridated water. If the Albany council decides to discontinue fluoridation, we would have to design and build a fluoridation station at the beginning of Millersburg's system.

- b. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers License to Occupy **6:51 p.m.**

LaRoque said the City of Albany operates a small dam on the South Santiam River. The Army Corps of Engineers wants to install fish-counting antennas on the fish ladder at the dam. They would reimburse the City for their power use, which would be minimal.

MOTION: Kopczynski moved to authorize the license to occupy for the Corps of Engineers. Smith seconded the motion, and it passed 6-0.

Award of Contract

6:55 p.m.

Award of Contract for ST-22-04, Chicago Street Infill

City Engineer Staci Belcastro said staff recommends awarding the contract to Gelco Construction in the amount of \$205,000. She described the project.

Smith said the price sounds economical. Belcastro said it isn't a big project, and we're allowing the contractor a lot of flexibility in scheduling.

MOTION: Kopczynski moved to award the contract to Gelco Construction as outlined in the staff report. Smith seconded the motion, and it passed 6-0.

Approval of Agreement

6:59 p.m.

Managing Oregon Resources Efficiently Intergovernmental Agreement

Operations Manager Kristin Preston described the agreement, which allows public agencies to share resources and equipment. There is no cost to the City to join the program. Albany doesn't have a current need, but the agreement will make it easy to cooperate with other agencies in the future.

MOTION: Kopczynski moved to approve the agreement. Councilor Dick Olsen seconded the motion. It passed 6-0 and was designated Resolution No. 7098.

Adoption of Consent Agenda

Approval of minutes

- 1) March 9, 2022, council meeting
- 2) March 21, 2022, council work session
- 3) March 23, 2022, council meeting

Accept donation

- 1) Accept donation of tourniquet carriers from Spirit of Blue Foundation

MOTION: Motion to adopt the consent agenda with amendments to the March 9 minutes passed 6-0.

Business from the Council

7:11 p.m.

Councilor Bessie Johnson said she is in favor of continuing to fluoridate drinking water.

Bartholomew reported on a visit to the composting facility.

Olsen asked if the council would allow his constituent who arrived late to speak. The council agreed.

Dan Freeman said he received a letter about vacation of the canal easement. He said the easement has been abandoned, and it's a magnet for illicit activity. He asked the council to reconsider the vacation.

Kopczynski said he is in favor of continuing to fluoridate drinking water.

Olsen said he is not in favor of discontinuing fluoridation.

Novak asked the council to give fluoridation serious thought. In 1968, the year Albany's fluoridation ordinance passed, the government was calling DDT safe. She would like the council to see more information.

Johnson II said he is in favor of continuing to fluoridate drinking water.

The council declined to take action on fluoridation.

City manager report

7:28 p.m.

City Manager Peter Troedsson thanked the City's administrative professionals. He recognized Albany Police Sergeant Wood and Officers Bagley and Adams, who may have saved lives over the weekend after a child was killed.

Johnson II congratulated Police Chief Marcia Harnden, who swore in four new officers this week.

RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

The council recessed to executive session to discuss real property transactions in accordance with ORS 192.660 (2)(e). **7:34 p.m.**

RECONVENE

The council reconvened into regular session. **8:05 p.m.**

MOTION: Kopczynski moved to authorize staff to negotiate the potential purchase of a property in the City of Albany. Smith seconded the motion, and it passed 6-0.

Next Meeting Dates

Monday, May 9, 2022; 4:00 p.m. work session

Wednesday, May 11, 2022; 6:00 p.m. meeting

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed by,

Allison Liesse
City Clerk

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.*