



ALBANY CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

Wednesday, March 22, 2023

Meeting

Council Chambers, City Hall

Approved: April 12, 2023

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 Steph Newton, Matilda Novak, Jackie Montague, Ray Kopczynski, Ramycia McGhee, and Marilyn Smith

Councilors absent: None.

Proclamation

Child Abuse Prevention Month

Mayor Alex Johnson II read the proclamation.

Business from the Public

6:02 p.m.

Mike Quinn spoke in opposition to the council's endorsement of Benton County Measure 2-140.

Award of Contracts

6:08 p.m.

Award of contract for ST-23-02, asphalt surface treatment program

Engineering Associate I Andrew Monaco gave a brief overview of the bid and answered clarifying questions from Councilor Steph Newton and Johnson II.

MOTION: Councilor Jackie Montague moved to award the contract as outlined in the staff report. Councilor Matilda Novak seconded the motion, which passed 6-0.

Award of contract for upgrading storage area network

IT Project Manager Luke Cotton gave an overview of the project and the history of the project's funds. Responding to questions from Newton and Councilor Ray Kopczynski, Cotton said the contract is for a local storage system on site at City Hall and the Library and he spoke about long-term cost of the storage.

MOTION: Newton moved to approve the resolution and award the contract. Montague seconded the motion, which passed 6-0. The resolution was designated Resolution No. 7189.

Adoption of Consent Agenda

6:16 p.m.

a. Appointments

- 1) Accepting Kristen Brooks' resignation from the Community Development Commission
- 2) Appointing Skylar Bailey to the Community Development Commission
- 3) Appointing Larry Timm to the Community Development Commission

b. Approval of minutes

- 1) January 23, 2023, council special session
- 2) February 22, 2023, council meeting

- ~~3) March 8, 2023, council meeting~~
- c. Recommendations to OLCC
 - 1) Approve full on-premises commercial sales for SDG Entertainment LLC, dba The Garage
 - 2) Approve full on-premises commercial liquor license for Rancho Hacienda Real Inc.
 - d. Adoption of resolution
 - 1) Accepting a conveyance of a tax foreclosed property at 31st Avenue and Geary Street (11S03W17BD – 02050) RES NO. 7190
 - 2) Accepting a conveyance of a tax foreclosed property along Periwinkle Creek north of Grand Prairie Road (11S03W17AB – 00499) RES NO. 7191
 - 3) Queen Avenue street improvement surface transportation program fund exchange RES NO. 7192
 - e. Approval of agreement
 - 1) Memorandum of Understanding with Bird Rides, Inc. – Mary Dibble

Novak asked to pull the March 8, 2023, council meeting minutes from the consent agenda.

MOTION: Montague moved to adopt the consent agenda with the March 8, 2023, council meeting minutes removed. Councilor Ramycia McGhee seconded the motion, which passed 6-0.

Novak requested that her concerns about the cost of Benton County Measure 2-140 to taxpayers be added into the March 8, 2023, minutes. City Manager Peter Troedsson reminded the council that Albany uses "summary minutes" which summarize discussion. Deputy City Clerk Gabe Shepherd said he would refer the request to City Clerk Allison Liesse and the minutes would return to the April 12, 2023, council meeting for action.

Business from the Council

6:19 p.m.

At Montague's request, Troedsson gave an update on a low-income assistance program in development by Republic Services. Troedsson noted that Republic's program was not yet ready, that there have been delays due to staffing on Republic Services' end, and that city staff are providing advice and counsel.

City Attorney Sean Kidd confirmed for Montague that the Albany Police Department is not citing anyone using the enhanced enforcement zone that covers downtown.

Responding to a question from Kopczynski, Troedsson updated the council on the City's status retrieving Transient Lodging Tax revenues from vacation rentals by owners, such as VRBO and Air BnB.

Councilor Marilyn Smith responded to comments made by Quinn during business from the public.

Novak requested that councilors join her in lobbying the state legislature into codifying a right to natural gas usage and hookups. Novak suggested the city codify the ability to construct homes with natural gas hookups.

McGhee suggested the council look into adopting policies concerning feral cats and cat adoption.

City Manager Report

6:40 p.m.

Troedsson said he would be absent from March 28, 2023, through March 31, 2023, for the Northwest City Managers conference.

Next Meeting Dates

Thursday, April 6, 2023; 6:00 p.m. capital improvement program joint work session
Monday, April 10, 2023; 4:00 p.m. work session
Wednesday, April 12, 2023; 6:00 p.m. meeting

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed by,

Gabe Shepherd
Deputy 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.*