



MINUTES

Monday, April 10, 2023
Work Session
Council Chambers, City Hall
Approved: May 10, 2023

Call to Order

4:00 p.m.

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

Roll Call

Councilors present: Mayor Alex Johnson II and Councilors Steph Newton, Matilda Novak, Jackie Montague, Ray Kopczynski, and Marilyn Smith

Councilors absent: Councilor Ramycia McGhee

Business from the Public

4:00 p.m.

None

Amending the charge of the Albany Arts Commission

4:00 p.m.

Johnson II and Parks & Recreation Director Kim Lyddane introduced Albany Arts Commissioners Keith Lohse and JoAnn Zimmer who shared a slideshow*, a history of the Albany Arts Commission, and why the Arts Commission is seeking changes to its mission.

Responding to a question from Councilor Matilda Novak about a grant application for a mural, Lohse and Miller said that determination over the content of the art would be made at a local level, not by the grantors.

Responding to a question from Councilor Ray Kopczynski, Miller said that the Arts Commission could probably apply for the grant year over year.

Councilor Jackie Montague, Councilor Marilyn Smith, and Councilor Steph Newton, all expressed support for the amended charge as proposed. Smith spoke about expanding the permanent collection of art in city hall and Newton spoke about crosswalk and intersection artwork.

Opioid update

4:12 p.m.

Finance Director Jeanna Yeager spoke about opioid settlement proceeds and how the city plans to use the approximately \$225,000 of settlement money. Yeager said about \$7,000 of the funds have been expended so far in the purchase of Narcan and funding trainings. Staff are looking into spending some of the money to offer free CPR classes to the public.

Responding to questions from Smith and Montague, Yeager said that the payments have not been regular, noting that there have been three payments of different amounts in this fiscal year. Yeager said she is unaware of any requirements that the funds be allocated by a certain date, though there are restrictions on how they can be spent.

Responding to a question from Johnson II, Yeager said some of the payments were going toward funding trainings on drug use prevention. City Manager Peter Troedsson said that the payments are currently mostly funding response efforts and staff can look more into spending some of the payments on prevention.

Business from the council

4:19 p.m.

Smith said she is attending Linn County Healthy Agency Community Team meetings concerning how Linn County will be spending money from Governor Tina Kotek's Executive Order on Homelessness.

City manager report

4:21 p.m.

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed by,

Gabe Shepherd
Deputy City Clerk

Peter Troedsson
City Manager

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