



MINUTES

Monday, April 06, 2026
Meeting
Council Chambers, City Hall
Approved: May 13, 2026

Call to Order

Mayor Alex Johnson called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

Roll Call

Councilors present: Mayor Alex Johnson, Carolyn McLeod, Steph Newton, Marilyn Smith, Michael Thomson, Ramycia McGhee, and Chris Van Drimmelen

Councilors absent:

Adoption of consent agenda

a. Appointments

- 1) Appointing Mark Stewart to the Public Safety Commission

MOTION: Van Drimmelen moved to adopt the consent agenda. McLeod seconded the motion which passed 6-0.

Public Comment

4:03 p.m.

Mark Stewart provided public comment about possible shortages in food, and gasoline supplies due to worldwide events. Stewart said that increases in fertilizer will occur which will impact the food supply. He said that the global energy crisis also impacts the City of Albany.

Action Items(s)

4:07 p.m.

Ordinances – EATC Annexations with Concurrent Map Amendments planning files AN-01-25, CP-03-25, and ZC-03-25, Second reading of Ordinance withdrawing territory from the Albany Rural Fire Protection District

Mayor Johnson said that the first reading of the ordinance to withdraw territory was held March 11, 2026, the vote to have a second reading was not unanimous so it was coming back tonight for a second reading.

City Attorney Sean Kidd read the ordinance for the second time in title only.

MOTION: Smith moved to adopt the ordinance, Van Drimmelen seconded the motion. City Recorder Erik Glover did a roll call voice vote, Yes (Van Drimmelen, Smith, McGhee) No (McLeod, Newton, Thomson). The motion was tied. Johnson voted yes to break the tie 4-3. Yes (Johnson, Van Drimmelen, Smith, McGhee). No (McLeod, Newton, Thomson). The ORD was designated ORD NO 6078.

Mayor Johnson read the standard script for notice of decision.

Resolutions- Award of Contract for Runway 16-34 Rehabilitation and REIL Installation at Albany Municipal Airport and Application for FAA Grant Funding and Required Local Match

Transportation Manager Robb Romeo presented. He said that the project would be for runway lights. The upgrades will add life to the runway. The Federal Aviation Administration would pay 95% of the project cost, the City would be responsible for 5% which will be assisted with funds from the Oregon Department of Aviation.

Smith asked if the FAA funding was certain to arrive. Romeo said the funding was guaranteed.

Thomson asked how many years will be added to runway life. Romeo said that slurry seal will prolong the life of the runway surface.

MOTION: Smith moved to adopt the resolution. McGhee seconded the motion which passed 6-0 and was designated RES NO. 7496.

Adopt by motion-Contract Increase Award Monday.com software

Deputy City Manager Kayla Barber presented. She said that the Monday platform was implemented in 2025 with 100 licenses as a pilot program. The software has had additional demand from staff. She said the request is 100 additional licenses, 50 to be purchased now and deployed to staff who are on a waiting list. The remaining 50 will be retained and phased in.

Barber said that Monday has increased transparency, efficiency and cross departmental collaboration. Over \$270,000 in hard savings which is the equivalent of 2 full time employees directed to other projects. She said that the proposed cost of \$196,000 will be the new additional total, once all the 100 added licenses are deployed. She said that Public Works has a current process involving 11 spreadsheets for capital planning and management that they intend to add into Monday. Project Administration and grants are additional projects being added into Monday.

Van Drimmelen said that he is a fan of Monday, from using it at work and loves the numbers on the hard savings.

MOTION: Van Drimmelen moved to approve the contract increase as specified. Smith seconded the motion, the motion passed 6-0.

Business from the Council

4:18 p.m.

Smith provided updates on involvement with League of Oregon Cities, and involvement with Community Services Consortium (CSC) and park improvements to Deerfield Park.

Newton said that she had a constituent reach out about rental assistance and CSC recently.

Newton said that she would like the council to consider adjusting the council meeting dates in the month of December 2026 from December 7 and 9 to December 14 and 16.

MOTION: Newton moved to adjust the annual meetings calendar dates for city council schedule in December 2026 from December 7 and 9 to December 14 and 16. McLeod seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

Newton said that with fuel price increases it may make sense to have a discussion on a local fuel tax at the May 2027 election instead of November 2026. Troedsson said that staff is bringing back a discussion on May 13th so it may make sense to delay the discussion until that meeting.

Newton asked about flashing school zone lights in north Albany. Romeo said that contractors are waiting on parts, but the project was likely to be complete in a month or so.

McLeod said there will be a ribbon cutting at LBCC. She said that she received a constituent contact about crime at Talking Water Gardens and Draper Park, and a contact about debris on a vacant lot near Queen and Ferry and another with violations for code compliance.

McLeod requested an update on cleanup activities at Takena Landing Park, and if there was a specific plan for ivy removal.

McLeod said that she requested a report from APD on a recent protest in Albany. She said that she was happy to hear there were no reported injuries, or property damage.

Van Drimmelen thanked the Albany Fire Department for their quick response to a microwave fire he had at his house.

Johnson said the youth art gallery event was great. He provided an update on a grand opening for Valor Place and the If I Were Mayor contest.

City Manager Report

4:28 p.m.

City Manager Peter Troedsson said that the Peaceful Gardens Montessori applied for a change of occupancy on April 2, the process normally takes 2-3 weeks.

He said that the City Council has a joint meeting with the Planning Commission at 5:30 p.m. on April 13th.

Next meeting dates

Monday, April 13, 2026; 5:30 p.m. joint meeting with the Planning Commission

~~Monday, April 20, 2026 4:00 p.m. city council meeting~~ **Cancelled**

Wednesday, April 22, 2026; 6:00 p.m. city council meeting

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed by,

Erik Glover
City Recorder

Peter Troedsson
City Manager

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