



ALBANY CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

Wednesday, February 14, 2024

Meeting

Council Chambers, City Hall

Approved: February 28, 2024

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

Councilors absent: None

Business from the Public

There was none.

Adoption of Consent Agenda

- a. Appointments
 - 1) Various annual appointments and reappointments to citizen advisory groups
- b. Approval of minutes
 - 1) January 8, 2024, city council joint work session with the transportation advisory commission
 - 2) January 10, 2024, city council meeting
 - 3) January 22, 2024, city council work session
 - 4) January 24, 2024, city council meeting
- c. Recommendations to OLCC
 - 1) Approve new outlet, full on-premises, commercial liquor license application for Sonia Enterprises, LLC, dba Royal Bar and Grill
- d. Adoption of resolutions
 - 1) Accept FY 2023 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant funds RES NO. 7297
 - 2) Accept 2023 Linn County Victim Impact Panel Grant RES NO. 7298
 - 3) Accept a Critical Oregon Airport Relief Grant for improvements at Albany Municipal Airport RES NO. 7299

MOTION: Councilor Marilyn Smith moved to adopt the consent agenda as presented. Councilor Ramycia McGhee seconded the motion, which passed 6-0.

Staff Report

Lease or sale of property to Cumberland Community Event Center

6:02 p.m.

Parks and Recreation Director Kim Lyddane said the contract in the agenda packet was edited slightly after the packet was published. The edited version is in front of the councilors. The contract terms remain the same as the council requested: a three-year lease and the eventual sale price at the current assessed tax value.

MOTION: Councilor Jackie Montague moved to approve the updated lease agreement. Smith seconded the motion, which passed 6-0.

Business from the Council

Councilor Matilda Novak said she doesn't like Zply Fiber's business practices, and would like the council to revoke their franchise agreement. She asked if staff can find out how many people in Albany have already signed up for service with them.

McGhee said she is still receiving questions about how money from the opioid settlement is being used, specifically whether there are plans for a detox center in Albany. City Manager Peter Troedsson said he has no new information. He offered to speak to McGhee's constituent who is asking.

Smith said that at the joint meeting with the Linn County Commission she asked the county health officer about behavioral health resources funding from the state. Linn County didn't receive any of that money, but several other non-government organizations did. She will bring more information to the council.

Smith said a county work group is currently looking into setting up a detox center in Albany.

City Manager Report

6:14 p.m.

Troedsson said franchise agreements are designed to require utility providers to pay for use of the City's right-of-way. A utility's services to its customers are between the utility and the customer.

Next Meeting Dates

Monday, February 26, 2024; 4:00 p.m. work session
Wednesday, February 28, 2024; 6:00 p.m. meeting

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:17 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@albanyoregon.org.*