



## MINUTES

Monday, January 22, 2024  
Work Session  
Council Chambers, City Hall  
**Approved: February 14, 2024**

### 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 (virtual), and Marilyn Smith

Councilors absent: Ramycia McGhee (excused)

### Business from the Public

**4:00 p.m.**

Sharon DuBeau spoke about a negative interaction she had with Ziplly Fiber installers. Johnson II referred DuBeau to the City Manager who said Ziplly committed to contacting DuBeau.

### Private property Impound Towing Rates

**4:05 p.m.**

Code Compliance Officer Kris Schendel asked the council to correct an error from a previous rate adjustment of the private property impound towing rates. Schendel said that Resolution No. 7287, passed December 13, 2023, used incorrect fee amounts for some of the rates. Schendel said that the council would consider a corrected version as a part of the consent agenda at the January 24, 2024, city council meeting.

Councilor Jackie Montague asked if staff conduct root cause analysis to prevent further errors when something sent to council needs correcting. Schendel said he typically does, noting this was his first rate adjustment.

### Pavement Management Funding Discussion

**4:10 p.m.**

Public Works Director/Interim Deputy City Manager Chris Bailey presented slides\* on funding options for city streets. City Councilors discussed the options presented by Bailey.

Bailey answered the following questions from councilors:

- If the city secures funding for street maintenance and repair, prioritization of which streets would be repaired or rebuilt first would be laid out in a pavement management plan which would likely have a 5-10 year cycle. The Council would consider how to group and prioritize streets and projects. *(Kopczynski)*
- Streets that are classified as a 0 on the PCI scale are likely a combination of neglected streets that were once at city standards, and unimproved streets. Once a street gets to 10 or 15 on the PCI scale, it is functionally the same as a 0 on the scale. *(Smith)*
- Franchise fees charged to utilities go into the general fund and do not currently pay for road maintenance in the city budget. *(Novak)*
- Money that is dedicated to staff reclassifications is vetted by the relevant department director and human resources before coming before the council. *(Novak)*

- The State of Oregon and the Oregon Department of Transportation are still determining how to charge Electric Vehicle (EV) owners for road usage, since EV owners would not be subject to a gas tax. The City of Albany is waiting to see how the state will handle the situation before making recommendations on how to gather revenue from EV drivers. *(Johnson II)*

Councilor Ray Kopczynski supported implementing a transportation utility fee. Councilor Matilda Novak said that she would support a voter-approved gas tax, saying that voters would support it if they knew it would improve their local streets and noted that it would gather revenue from visitors.

Councilor Jackie Montague and Councilor Marilyn Smith both supported a combination of a gas tax and a utility fee. Smith said that the utility fee should be the primary source of revenue and she is not confident that a fuel tax would pass the voters.

Business from the Council

**5:19 p.m.**

Councilor Steph Newton asked for applicants to the Airport Commission. Novak stated concerns with Ziply Fiber, their installation practices, and expressed interest in revoking their franchise agreement. Montague thanked local hospital staff and noted the creation of a city webpage outlining the history of the city's conversation around street funding.

City Manager Report

**5:24 p.m.**

City Manager Peter Troedsson said he and the mayor attended a legislative breakfast hosted by the Benton County Board of Commissioners and shared updates from that meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed by,

Gabe Shepherd  
Deputy City Clerk

Peter Troedsson  
City Manager

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