

8. NEW BUSINESS

8-1. Bequest for books and equipment for the Albany Public Library.

Staff recommendation:

- 1) Accept, with gratitude, the bequest of \$188,551.51 from the estate of Gardener and Margaret Young, to be used for the purpose of purchasing books and equipment; and
- 2) Ask the Albany Library Advisory Board for suggestions on the use of the funds, with direction for including audio/visual equipment for the Edith Stone Room, and designating a majority of the funds for allocation in the future.

Beth Pollard, City Manager, delivered the staff report. This generous donation was from the proceeds of the sale of Gardener & Margaret Young's estate. This bequest is to be used for books and equipment but exclude salaries and overheads. Staff has discussed with the Library Board, staff, and Friends to implement project to upgrade the Edith Stone Room. This item is tentatively agendaized for Albany Library Board's November 30th meeting.

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A summary of Council's comments are: 1) Library Board will bring back recommendation for Council to approve the expenditures. 2) Supports the upgrade for Edith Stone Room. 3) There are many great program materials for our cable channel if able to record in that room. 4) Council needs to refer to the Media Access Committee to help the Library with the upgrade. 5) Council should look into ways to memorialize the Young's, which may be addressed in the Naming Policy item in future agenda.

Ronnie Davis, Albany Library Manager, stated that the Library accepts this gift with gratitude and agrees with the staff recommendation to improve Edith Stone Room. There are many great programs and presentations to be recorded that can be broadcasted on cable channel. Alan Riffer, Chair of Albany Library Board and Treasurer for Friends of Albany Library, supports the recording for cable channel programs and also inquired about how fast this money would have to be spent.

MOTION:

Moved by Council Member Lieber, seconded by Council Member Thomsen to

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AYES: Council Members Atkinson, Lieber, Thomsen, Wile & Mayor Javandel

NOES: None ABSENT: None

Motion carried and so ordered.