

**CHARTER COMMITTEE PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF LA PINE MEETING AGENDA
Tuesday, November 9, 2010 - 6:00 PM
John C. Johnson Building
16405 First Street
La Pine, OR 97739**

1. Call to Order
2. Establish Quorum
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Charter Presentation
5. Public Hearing on City Charter
6. Adjourn

Pursuant to ORS 192.640, this notice includes a list of the principal subjects anticipated to be considered or discussed at the above-referenced meeting. This notice does not limit the ability of the Commission/Committee to consider or discuss additional subjects. The meeting is subject to cancellation without notice. The meeting is open to the public and interested citizens are invited to attend. The meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities. A request for an interpreter for the hearing impaired or for other accommodations for persons with disabilities should be made at least 48 hours before the meeting to Patti Morgan at (541) 536-1432.

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1. Call to Order

Bob Steffens called the meeting to order at 6:08 pm.

2. Establish Quorum

Present Were:

Bob Steffens
Linda Johnston
Ken Mullenex
Patrice Mousseau
Patricia Johnson
Linda Bauman
Sandra Jones
Mary Thorsen

Absent Were:

Laura Beebee

Quorum Established

Also in attendance was City Manager Rick Allen.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Bob Steffens led the Pledge of Allegiance

4. Charter Presentation

City Manager Allen reviewed the Charter with the committee and public. The topics covered included:

- Names and Boundaries
- Powers
- Council
- Legislative Authority
- Administrative Authority
- Quasi-Judicial Authority
- Elections
- Appointive Officers
- Personnel
- Public Improvements
- Miscellaneous Provisions

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5. Public Hearing on City Charter

Dan Varcoe, Chamber of Commerce, suggested having the name 'Town of La Pine' rather than City of La Pine. He said it could contribute to the vision of a small town with a bright future. Former Mayor Ginny Woodruff, area resident, stated that the City is a municipality so La Pine is a City not a town.

Councilor Doug Ward stated that the reason they wanted a non resident on the City Council was because there were not enough people to run, but the last election race clearly showed that there were plenty of residents interested in the government. In addition, he said based on an informal survey, residents do not want a non resident on the City Council.

Karen Ward, area resident, stated that she was not in favor of a non resident on the Council with voting rights. Councilor Adele McAfee stated that initially the idea for a non resident to serve on the Council was to give the business owners a vote. She also cautioned about taking an informal survey too seriously.

Former Mayor Woodruff stated that the residents approved the incorporation and never approved having an outsider telling them what to do without paying any money to run the City and services. She also argued that the survey taken was very relevant.

Gloria Fleming, area resident, she said that the residents were very concerned, from the beginning, that they have resident's control on the Council.

Former Mayor Woodruff stated that the Mayor should have voting rights and not be allowed to only vote on a tie. Mayor Kitty Shields stated that it is important that the Mayor vote so the community knows where the Mayor stands on each issue.

Stu Martinez, area resident, stated that the nonresident on the Council could be challenged legally and cost the City a lot of time and money. He also said that the residents voted for the City and therefore only residents should serve on the Council. City Manager Allen stated that the Charter could always be revised later to allow a non resident Councilor.

Linda Johnston and Ken Mulenex discussed giving non residents more seats on advisory committees in order to give them more of a say in the government. They said these committees can be very influential.

Councilor Don Greiner stated that many of the non residents had opportunities in the past to become part of the City but chose not to be incorporated. Dan Varcoe stated that one nonresident on the Council does not make for a majority. He also said that the people that own businesses in the City are paying for the costs of running the City.


There was also a discussion on the duties and responsibilities of the City Manager and also that the Charter requires that someone serve as a City Manager either paid or voluntary. The Council cannot be the City Manager. Councilor McAfee stated that this preserves the division between policy and administration for having a City Manager.

Regarding removing a Councilor for non attendance at meetings it was discussed that the charter defines that as 'absence from the city for 30 days or from all council meetings within a 60 day period without consent from the Council.'

It was decided to hold the next Charter Committee meeting on Tuesday, November 30th at 6 pm at the South County Deschutes Building.

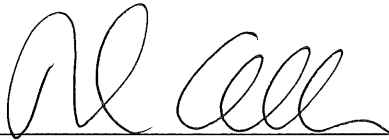
6. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.



Chair Bob Steffen

Attest:



City Manager/Recorder Rick Allen