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CITY OF LA PINE CITY COUNCIL – MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, February 27, 2019

5:30 p.m. Regular Session

La Pine City Hall

16345 Sixth Street, La Pine, Oregon 97739

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 5:32 p.m. by Mayor Daniel Richer

2. Establish Quorum

Present: Mayor Daniel Richer, Councilor Connie Briese, Councilor Don Greiner, Councilor Michael Harper

Absent by prior arrangement: Councilor Mike Shields

Absent without prior arrangement: Student Councilor Trentyn Tennant

Staff Present: City Manager Melissa Bethel, Public Works Manager Jake Obrist, Accounting Clerk Tracy Read

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Council.

4. Added Agenda Items

Any matters added to the Agenda at this time will be discussed during the “Other Matters” portion of this Agenda or such time selected by the City Council.

5. Consent Agenda

Information concerning the matters listed within the Consent Agenda has been distributed to each member of the City Council for reading and study, is considered to be routine, and will be enacted or approved by one motion of the City Council without separate discussion. If separate discussion is desired concerning a particular matter listed within the Consent Agenda, that matter may be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the regular agenda by request of any member of the City Council.

a. Approval of Council Minutes

i. February 13, 2019 Meeting Minutes

b. Reimbursements

i. Approval of Council and Staff Reimbursements

Councilor Greiner moved to accept the Consent Agenda, Councilor Briese seconded. No objections. Unanimously approved.

6. Action on American Leadership Forum Payment

There was discussion on previous conversations on this topic for the benefit of the new Mayor and Council members.

Councilor Briese moved to approve making the payment. Councilor Greiner seconded. No objections. Unanimously approved.

7. Appointment of Public Works Committee Members

Jake provided an overview of the duties of the committee and the new cemetery representative.

Councilor Briese moved to approve the appointments of Tom Weller, Linda Johnston, Jim Fleming, and Roy Christiansen to the Public Works Committee. Councilor Harper seconded. No objections. Unanimously approved.

8. Citizen Input Regarding Concerns of Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying in Violation of Rights – Citizens Mike Love and Phil Klug

La Pine Resident Phil Klug stated he feels law enforcement is looking for a way to pull people over. He is concerned about the image of La Pine.

La Pine Resident Mike Love shared a concern regarding an incident his wife had with law enforcement.

Mayor Richer stated that while the City has no authority in this matter, we are deeply concerned. He suggested Mr. Love and Mr. Klug contact Sheriff Nelson, and explained how the Sheriff's Department is regulated and that they answer to the Deschutes County Commissioners. He also suggested Mr. Klug and Mr. Love speak with our local County Commissioner, Tony DeBone. He thanked the citizens for their input.

9. Community Funding Request

a. La Pine Middle School Lego Robotics Club

Jennifer McGee spoke in support of the Robotics Club request.

Councilor Harper made a motion to approve the Robotics Club Funding Request, Councilor, Briese seconded. Unanimously approved.

b. Citizen Input on The Wall That Heals – Michele Hoffman

Michele Hoffman spoke in support of a funding pledge. She also stated the need for volunteers. A decision will be made in November regarding whether the event will occur here. Possible locations include Finley Butte Park, Rodeo Grounds, and Frontier Days land. If the event is approved this will be considered as part of the FY 2019-20 Budget.

Council members spoke in support of the pledge.

10. Discussion on Frontier Days Land Use – Ann Gawith Presentation

Ann Gawith and Teri Myers spoke regarding plans for the land, including converting a portion of the wetlands to a pond which the fire district can use as a draft site. Ann and Teri also elaborated on potential events.

Discussion was held regarding how utilities would be placed there. Melissa stated there has been no consideration as of now to bring that property into a comprehensive plan amendment.

11. Revised EDCO Memorandum of Understanding (Action Item)

Melissa provided an overview of her staff report and revisions to the MOU.

There was discussion regarding how often updates would be provided, and how the audit process in section 2.3 would work. Councilor Briese reiterated that either party could terminate the MOU at any time.

Councilor Greiner made a motion that the City of La Pine approve the revised Memorandum of Understanding with EDCO. Councilor Briese seconded. No objections. Unanimously approved.

12. Expenditure of Additional Community Development Block Grant Funds for Newberry Lift Station (Action Item)

Melissa provided information on the need for upgraded infrastructure and how existing funding can be used to complete this work. Councilor Harper moved the City of La Pine utilize the unexpended funds from the Community Development Block Grant for design upgrades to the Newberry Lift Station. Councilor Greiner seconded. No objections. Unanimously approved.

13. Update on Sewer Loan with Deschutes County

Under the current loan, the City is not able to pay down the loan balance. This will be a topic of discussion at the upcoming meeting with the County Commissioners. There was Council concern regarding this not being brought up to Council previously, Melissa stated some of that likely stems from City staff not receiving all relevant information from Deschutes County.

14. Review of Council Goals and Objectives FY 2019-20

There was discussion regarding providing a measurement tool for the items, and for more specific information on steps taken to achieve goals.

15. Other Matters: Only those matters properly added to this Agenda under line item No. 4

None.

16. Public Comments

Phil Klug: Asked how the number of law enforcement in the area is determined. He also asked why roads such as Howard have been blocked off. He was advised that since both these concerns are outside City jurisdiction, he contact the appropriate Deschutes County office.

17. Staff Comments

Melissa: Reminder of BOCC meeting on April 10 at 4:30, here at City Hall.

The next meeting in March will include an Executive Session in which to conduct her review. A form will be sent out for each Council member to complete and return to the Mayor. During the Regular Session immediately following, Melissa's salary will need to be discussed. She reminded everyone of upcoming budget work and the need for more committee members. She will be revising the Planning Assistant job posting.

Jake: Recapped how public works has responded to the recent extreme weather. He appreciates everyone's patience.

Tracy: LOC reminder, thanked public works for their responsiveness, provided more information on budget committee vacancies.

18. Mayor and Council Comments

Councilor Briese: Asked about snow removal at the transit center, and updating snow plowing priorities on website. Information was updated yesterday. There is a snowplow priority map which should be included as well.

Councilor Greiner: Spoke about citizens needing to move vehicles during snow events, and asked that we remind everyone. He is encouraged by the City's progress in so many areas, there has been a big improvement in the past 2-3 years.


Councilor Harper: Thanked public works for their efforts with snow removal. He appreciates everyone working with him to learn his role.

Mayor Richer: Thanked everyone for their extra work to keep everyone safe.

19. Adjourn Meeting

Mayor Richer adjourned the meeting at 7:24 p.m.

Attest



Melissa Bethel, City Manager