

# CITY OF LA PINE, OREGON

## REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, May 13, 2020 at 5:30 PM  
La Pine City Hall: 16345 Sixth Street, La Pine, Oregon 97739

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### MINUTES

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

#### 2. ESTABLISH A QUORUM

Members Present via video conference: Mayor Richer, Council President Greiner, Councilor Briese, Councilor Scott, Councilor Shields, Student Councilor Miller

Staff Present via video conference: City Manager Melissa Bethel, Public Works Director Jake Obrist, City Recorder Robin Neace

#### 3. 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*

#### 4. 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.*

1. 3.25.2020 Regular Session Minutes
2. Q3 2020 Financial Summary

*Motion made by Councilor Scott, Seconded by Councilor Shields.*

*Voting Yea: Mayor Richer, Council President Greiner, Councilor Briese, Councilor Scott, Councilor Shields.*

#### 5. APPROVAL OF MOSQUITO ABATEMENT SERVICES CONTRACT EXTENSION

Obrist presented the staff report. He stated that the city has this contract already in place with Three Rivers, and have since 2017. When the city initially bid the contract, Three Rivers was the only person who sent in an RFP. Obrist remarked that Three Rivers has extensive mosquito abatement experience, and that they would be willing to come in and give a presentation. Due to the nature of the meeting during the Covid-19 shutdown, staff elected to not have that presentation today, but it could be held at any time.

*Motion made by Councilor Briese, Seconded by Councilor Shields.*

*Voting Yea: Mayor Richer, Council President Greiner, Councilor Briese, Councilor Scott, Councilor Shields, Student Councilor Miller*

## **6. RESOLUTION 2020-04 - APPROVAL OF BORROWING RESOLUTION 2020-04 WITH OREGON INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCE AUTHORITY OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT ("OBDD")**

Obrist gave staff report. Entering into contracts with funders. The city is close to unlocking money to start construction. They are giving \$1.5 mil, \$750 low interest loan, rest is a grant. With the receiving of this money, the City is required to use its own funds first, before it can touch this grant and loan money.

Mayor clarifies that he and Obrist met with this agency in Salem.

Councilor Shields asks if the City has funds for the inevitable cost overruns. Obrist clarifies that the city does.

Councilor Greiner wants to clarify who will be overseeing the project. Obrist and Bethel will be overseeing the project, and working closely with the City's engineering firm. Noted that the contract was well written.

Councilor Scott appreciates Bethel's monthly report on the subject.

*Motion made by Council President Greiner, Seconded by Councilor Scott.*

*Voting Yea: Council President Greiner, Councilor Briese, Councilor Scott, Councilor Shields, Mayor Richer*

## **OTHER MATTERS**

*Only Items that were previously added above in the Added Agenda Items will be discussed.*

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

*Three (3) minutes per person; when asked to the podium, please state your name and whether you live within La Pine city limits.*

Mayor Richer asks how the city makes the video conference meeting available to the public. Bethel clarifies that the city publishes the link on the website, and asks for separate public comment on the website as well.

## **STAFF COMMENTS**

City Manager Bethel first states that she is carefully watching the sewer project funds. Bethel next welcomes new staff- Robin Neace, City Recorder & Alexa Repko, Assistant Planner. Governor is going to be deciding on when Deschutes County will be able to enter Phase 1 of the Covid-19 reopening schedule, the County will know on May 15.

Public Works Manager Obrist discusses temporary construction easement letters for the new sewer project. He and Kelly Notary have also been posting videos about the project on the City's Facebook. Obrist welcomes new staff Brandon Bren & Dylan Gardner, Utility Workers.

## **MAYOR & COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilor Briese remarked on her overseas experience with the COVID-19.

Councilor Scott welcomed new staff. Questions Obrist on if there is a dust abatement plan. Obrist confirmed that there is dust abatement. Also questions about videos available for Wickiup Refinement plan in June. Bethel clarifies that the virtual open house will be in early June.

Councilor Shields remarks that he is happy that he can still keep working during COVID-19 shutdown.

Councilor Greiner welcomed new staff, as well as discussed the accounts payable ledger for the month. Greiner suggested that the purchase of the GPS unit purchased by Public Works could have waited until after the COVID-19 situation.

Student Councilor Miller discussed the school's graduation ceremony plans, inviting council to the ceremony.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Video conference software cut out before adjournment.