

LA PINE CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

Saturday, March 16, 2013

Work Session – 9:00 am

16345 6th Street, Suite 102

La Pine, Oregon 97739

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Discussion on Goals and Priorities
5. Public Comments
6. Staff Comments
7. Council Comments
8. Mayor's Comments
9. Adjourn

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1. Call to Order

Mayor Mulenex called the meeting to order.

2. Roll Call

City Manager Steve Hasson
Mayor Ken Mulenex
Councilor Stu Martinez
Councilor Greg Jones
Councilor Kathy Agan
City Recorder/Finance Officer Lori Martin
Quorum established.

Also present was County Commissioner Tony Debone.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Ken Mulenex led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Discussion on Goals and Priorities

City Manager Hasson discussed the seventeen goals that were prioritized last year. He said that for this year there are thirty-four priorities that need to be narrowed down. City Manager Hasson said he compiled a list of priorities from members of the public, staff and Council members. He recommended having twelve priorities this year. City Manager Hasson said that he had selected the top twelve priorities that he had received the most feedback on.

City Manager Hasson then reviewed last year's priorities:

- One of the priorities was for street lights to be funded by the street fund. He recommended getting a cost agreement with Midstate Electric.
- Code enforcement was another top priority. City Manager Hasson stated the code enforcement ordinance and the code enforcement person will be approved in the very near future.
- The next item was the installation of a BMX track. He said it is questionable if the students really want it rather than a skate park. Mayor Mulenex said a survey of the students might be a good idea to know which one they preferred.
- Another goal was to initiate a youth employment process. Mayor Mulenex said that he has talked to Park and Rec and they would be interested in managing the program. He said Park and Rec would be paid an administrative fee, paid by the City. Mayor Mulenex also discussed paying above minimum wage and that amount would be paid by the City.
- Another goal was to procure a graphic designer to develop the logo. Councilor Martinez said that he has been involved in meetings with local artists.

- Another goal was the BLM land transfer and the costs associated with it. He said the City has explored a payment plan for these costs with the County.
- An additional goal was to have a consultant evaluate the City's water supply. City Manager Hasson said that the City was successful with this goal.
- Another goal was the sponsorship of various activities in the community. City Manager Hasson said that the new funding request form has cleared up some issues with the sponsorship. There was also a discussion on training for the Council about TRT (Transient Room Tax) funds.
- An additional goal was to initiate construction of a lighted pathway along Highway 97. City Manager Hasson said that the City had applied for a grant to pay for the construction. He said the City is in a number two position for the grant monies.
- Another goal was landscaping and improvements to City Hall frontage. City Manager Hasson said that the State has provided \$70,000 with the City contributing an additional \$20,000 for the improvements.
- An additional goal was to improve the City's identity and Highway 97 corridor design. He said the road diet on Highway 97 was one of the things that was done for the goal as well as renaming part of Hwy 97 after Olympian Ashton Eaton.
- Another goal was to assist business start-ups. Commissioner Tony Debone cautioned that it is very tricky when a public entity is giving monies to a particular business.
- Another was to enhance communication. City Manager Hasson said that television station Channel 21 has recently done several stories about La Pine.
- In addition to the discussion about goals, incorrect mileage signage was discussed.
- Another goal is that the City is paying for the overage cost for irrigation at Finley Butte Park for a two year time period.
- An additional goal was to address road issues with the Cagle subdivision. This item has been done for part of the Cagle neighborhood and more will be done this spring.
- Another goal that was met was the Huntington cross walk at the Bi-Mart store.
- An additional goal was to have all the fire hydrants located and painted, which has been done.

The County has spent more than \$100,000 to help the City out this year. County Commission Debone stated that the County has certain limitations for project work, there is no extra money.

City Manager Hasson reviewed the top 2013-2014 goals with the Council:

- The ponding issue at 3rd and Huntington streets is the first goal. It is a very dangerous intersection with all the water on it.
- There was also a discussion on the flooding at the Post Office that is also among the top goals.
- Another goal is a business license for the City of La Pine. It offers certain protections for the City.
- Construction of an emergency plan for the City of La Pine was another top goal.
- An additional goal was sidewalk installation on Victory Way southward toward the Bi-Mart.
- Another top goal was converting Walling Lane (currently a private road) to a public road. This deals with the connectivity issue of La Pine. This goal will not require much cost to implement.
- Another goal was for additional street lights to be installed.
- Better and additional signage was also discussed as an important goal and it will not be much of an expense.
- Another goal was to increase property tax limits and also hire an economic development specialist for LED (La Pine Economic Development). The increase in the property tax rate would pay for the economic development specialist.

- The next goal was the replacement of the Wickiup Junction lift station which is failing.
- Another goal would be to put sidewalks alongside Finley Butte Park on Finley Butte Road.
- There was a discussion on the need for lights and signs for traffic and pedestrians in La Pine, especially in regard to truck routes on City streets.

Other priorities were construction of a downtown master plan. Also was a design review plan for local businesses in town and a business facelift. There was also a discussion on the cost of a business license for a business. The BMX track will be carried into next year and instead of BMX it would be a priority for the youth.

5. Public Comments

Kitty Shields, former Mayor of La Pine, suggested doing an update and review of the utilities resolutions and ordinances. She also said that regarding the TRT funds that the monies (70%) could go for other needs such as economic development. Lori Martin also gave an update on the Casselle software program. Rene Schifano, Budget Committee member, talked about people taking care of their own roads. City Manager Hasson advised against having people take care of their own roads. He said they would run into all kinds of service issues.

6. Staff Comments

City Manager Hasson announced that the first Budget Committee meeting in April 10th at 1 pm.

7. Council Comments

Kathy Agan thanked City Manager Hasson for his work in accomplishing the 2012-2013 goals.

8. Mayor's Comments

9. Adjourn

A motion was made by Councilor Martinez and seconded by Councilor Jones to adjourn the meeting.

<i>Vote as follows:</i>	<i>AYE</i>	<i>NAY</i>
<i>Councilor Greg Jones</i>	<i>X</i>	
<i>Councilor Stu Martinez</i>	<i>X</i>	
<i>Councilor Kathy Agan</i>	<i>X</i>	

Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Mulenex adjourned the Work Session.

Mayor Ken Mulenex

Attest



Lori Martin, City Recorder/Finance Officer