



CITY OF LA PINE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, November 13, 2017

5:30 p.m. Special Session

La Pine City Hall

16345 Sixth Street, La Pine, Oregon 97739

1. Call to Order

Called to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Establish Quorum

Present: Mayor Scott, Councilor Greiner, Councilor Briese, Councilor Martine and Student Councilor Tennant

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Gary Gordon

4. Interviews for City Councilor Vacancy

Interviewees were randomly selected. Current Council members asked specific questions of each candidate:

John Cameron stated that if he were campaigning for this position, he would say he's been given an opportunity to apply and as a citizen of a La Pine, he feels he can bring a lot to the party. It would be an opportunity to provide a direction for La Pine that he feels would be appropriate. It wouldn't be about him, but about the City. His top areas of concern for the City are controlling the growth and managing it properly. He has reservations about too much growth too fast. For fun, he likes to cut wood and enjoys being outdoors. He enjoys computers, motorcycles, radio and technology. Councilor Martinez asked "which are more important - legal or moral decisions?" John answered that the legal decision would be more important. He's attended approximately three or four City Council meetings. He stated that he could get a contract in the next year and a half, which could take up extra time that could limit his involvement, but he can devote a minimum of 20 hours per month. He stated that he would take the opinions of Trentyn, as student councilor, to represent the school system and use his feedback to make decisions on the Council.

Denise Dilsaver stated that she has attended two council meetings. She stated that getting community involvement is key in making decisions. If she were campaigning for this position, she

would ask people about any concerns they had if she were elected that she could work on for them. Her top concern for La Pine is expanding city limits so that other communities can be more involved. In her spare time, she kayaks, walks, and explores. In making moral or legal decisions, she is "half and half." She thinks it's a combination of both and that it depends on the situation. She stated that nothing is a cookie cutter situation. She does not have an issue speaking up when she's against something if everyone else is for it. She also believes in voicing her opinion in a respectful manner. She apologized for being late and asked the Council if the meetings are generally here in La Pine. Mayor Scott stated that the meetings are always here. Councilor Briese explained that the new City Councilor would also be required to participate in a subcommittee.

Catherine VanDamme enjoys gardening and being outdoors. She stated that you should take into account both moral and legal decisions, but in the end, sometimes it's one or another. She believes you can make a decision that doesn't cross the line for either. If she were campaigning, she would tell the community that she believes she could do a good job and ask whether there were any concerns they had. She would also ask what positive things they enjoy about the community. Her top area of concern is rapid growth. She has lived in bigger cities and she has enjoyed the fact that La Pine is country and more laid back. She doesn't want it to become an overgrown place where people can't wait to leave. She has not attended any City Council meetings thus far. To keep up with City news, she goes online and follows the Mayor's memos on Facebook. She has worked for the public school system and believes getting input from administration and the student body is important when making decisions. She would eventually like to see dust abatement on all city roads.

Gene Bowman does all the radio broadcasting for sports game and does a lot of interviewing of people involved with the school. He already helps with school fundraisers. He hasn't attended any City Council meetings, but is very involved due to working with the Chamber of Commerce, Frontier Days and the radio. His main concern is controlled growth (he has been here for 17 years). He would choose legal decisions over morality. For fun, he likes to fish locally and does a lot of advertising and sales for Rural Tourism and makes a lot of visits to those in Newberry County to be in touch with them. If he were campaigning, he would ask the community about themselves and their concerns or what they'd like to see in the future. He feels like he'd be a positive contributor because he is already so involved in the community and believes he'd be a great sounding board for the Council and the groups he's already involved in. He stated that his opinions aren't drawn yet and he would have no problem respecting someone else's opinions should they disagree with his. Councilor Greiner wanted to know if he'd be able to vote against Frontier Days or the Chamber of Commerce given his involvement with both. Gene stated that he has talked to several people who believe this wouldn't be an issue and if it were, he could recuse himself from the decision if needed. He clarified that he is an independent contractor and doesn't work *for* Frontier Days or the Chamber of Commerce, but *with* them.

Craig Heaton stated that if he were campaigning for this position, he would introduce himself and mention that he is a new arrival to La Pine. He would state that he is a good listener and ask about

the community's input, whether good and bad. His top areas of concern are employment/living wage and having businesses come to La Pine that would work with the schools to employ youth. He would rule by legality verses morals. He used the Water/Wastewater Expansion and Improvement Project as an example. For fun, he enjoys fly fishing and hand radio operating. He hasn't attended any City Council meetings. He thinks gainful employment and education are very important. He stated that it is easy for him to think outside the box. He would like to see career counseling in schools here if there aren't already. There are a lot opportunities lost to youth due to messing up with driving records, drugs or finance issues. He's seen a lot of different ways employment is handled, including Holland, and believes he could bring a lot of different ideas to the table. He has only been here for a little over a year and wants to be a City Councilor for educational purposes and to keep up with what's going on in the City. There was some discussion surrounding the Water/Wastewater Expansion and Improvement Project and how our current system works.

This was the end of formal interviews. The Council asked the interviewees if anyone had any questions. Catherine VanDamme asked the Council what their most frustrating part of serving on the Council is. Councilor Martinez said that the most frustrating time was when the City first incorporated and convincing the post office, ATT, and others to give us service because they didn't believe we were a new city. Every step was extremely difficult. He also mentioned the divide in the community regarding the BioMass facility. Councilor Greiner mentioned marijuana topics being difficult and that one night at a meeting, they had to call the Sheriff's Department. He stated that there are very strong feelings in the community about it. Councilor Briese said that it's frustrating when people assume things about them as Councilors or assume that they made a decision without understanding the process. Sometimes people don't understand that they've gone through work sessions and regular sessions before deciding. She stated that they want public input but when she asks people to show up, they don't give their input. Mayor Scott said communication and local gossip is a huge frustration. Another frustration is how long it takes to make a decision sometimes and that things don't happen overnight.

Denise asked them what their favorite parts were. Councilor Briese gave an example of how the marijuana stores wanted to help protect our community and kids with regard to recreational marijuana. They darkened their windows even though it wasn't federally regulated and it was a good example of coming together as a community to protect our youth. Councilor Martinez said one of his favorite memories was when the traffic light and streetscape lights came on for the first time and when the governor presented the City with a \$50,000 check when the City first got started. Councilor Greiner said one of the most rewarding memories was taking the leap of faith and buying the building that is now City Hall. Mayor Scott said getting positive feedback from the public is the most rewarding part.

5. Public Comments

None

6. Staff Comments

Cory Misley felt tonight went really well and he's excited about getting a fifth Council member on board. Appointment will take place at the November 15th meeting but swearing in won't take place until December. He is looking forward to a goal setting session in January or February. Interviews for the CDD will take place Friday and Monday. Councilor Greiner will be the one to participate.

7. Council Comments

Councilor Briese is excited for the applicants and thanked them for interviewing. She strongly encourages everyone to start attending meetings regardless of whether they're appointed this time around. Councilor Martinez said it's encouraging that there are others wanting to be involved. Councilor Greiner stated that he wants everyone to come to meetings and comment and give feedback during the "Public Comments" part of meetings. It's important for them to know what the constituents want. Trentyn said he is also excited about the applicants.

8. Mayor's Comments

Mayor Scott stated that he is excited and proud of how La Pine is growing. He wishes there was room on the Council for everyone who applied.

9. Adjourn Meeting

Councilor Briese made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Martinez seconded. No objections. Meeting adjourned.



Dennis Scott, Mayor

Attest



Cory Misley, City Recorder

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 City Council to consider or discuss additional subjects. This meeting is subject to cancellation without notice. The regular meeting is open to the public and interested citizens are invited to attend. The public will not be permitted to attend the executive session; provided, however, representatives of the news media and designated staff will be allowed to attend the executive session. Representatives of the news media are specifically directed not to report on any of the deliberations during the executive session, except to state the general subject of the executive session as previously announced. No decision will be made in the executive session. 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 Holly Smith (541-536-1432). For deaf, hearing impaired, or speech disabled dial 541-536-1432 for TTY.