



CITY OF LA PINE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, April 11, 2018

6:00 p.m. Regular Session

La Pine City Hall

16345 Sixth Street, La Pine, Oregon 97739

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Establish Quorum

Present: Mayor Scott, Councilor Greiner, Councilor Martinez, Councilor Briese, Councilor Heaton and Student Councilor Trentyn Tennant **Absent by prior arrangement:** Councilor Martinez

Staff Present: City Manager Cory Misley, Public Works Manager Jake Obrist, Planning Manager Melissa Bethel, Accounting Clerk Ashley Williams and Administrative Assistant Holly Smith

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Adam Scott (audience)

4. Added Agenda Items

Cory Misley requested to add 1) Visioning Project with Deschutes County and 2) additional discussion on SCYP. No objections.

5. Public Comments

None

6. 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 Minutes

- i. March 14, 2018 City Council Meeting Minutes
- ii. March 28, 2018 City Council Meeting Minutes

- b. Reimbursements
 - i. Approval of Council and Staff Reimbursements
- c. Financial Reports
 - i. Approval of Financial Reports

Councilor Greiner made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Councilor Briese seconded. No objections. Unanimously approved.

7. ORDINANCE NO. 2018-03 – AN ORDINANCE VACATING A PORTION OF WENDY ROAD AND THE ENTIRETY OF WHITNEY ROAD AND RESERVING A PUBLIC UTILITY AND ACCESS EASEMENT IN THE CITY OF LA PINE, DESCHUTES COUNTY, OREGON

- a. Open Public Hearing
Opened at 6: 05 p.m.
- b. Staff Report
Tammy Wisco presented a power point staff report. This included the history behind the application, process/notice, public comments, and whether the public interest is prejudiced. She clarified that this is not a land use decision and did not go the Planning Commission.
- c. Public Comments
There was a citizen letter submitted by Josh Shockey to the Council that was included in the council packets, which staff responded to. Bob Krohn was in attendance representing the property owner and presented the project relating to the right-of-way vacation.
- d. Close Public Hearing
Closed by Mayor Scott
- e. Council Deliberations
Councilor Heaton has no objections. Councilor Greiner is happy with it and wants to see it go through. Councilor Briese wanted to know if the City had heard back from the adjacent property owner (Josh Shockey) and Tammy stated that she had not.

Councilor Greiner made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Councilor Briese seconded. No objections. ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilor Greiner – AYE; Councilor Heaton – AYE; Councilor Briese – AYE.

8. ORDINANCE NO. 2018-02 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LA PINE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2011-02, WHICH ORDINANCE GRANTED MIDSTATE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. A NONEXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE AND RIGHT TO TRANSMIT AND DISTRIBUTE ELECTRICAL ENERGY IN THE CITY, TO ESTABLISH A PROCEDURE FOR THE CITY AND MIDSTATE TO ADJUST THE FRANCHISE FEE PAYABLE TO THE CITY CONCERNING CERTAIN ELIGIBLE LARGE PROJECTS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Cory Misley stated that this has been discussed at prior council meetings and summarized the history behind it. This issue came up about a month ago when Midstate Electric was having a difficult time giving competitive pricing to larger economic development projects inside the Industrial Park that use a

large amount of energy (over 2.5 megawatts). This ordinance does not change the current franchise agreement, but allows the Council to make the decision to revise it at a later time.

Councilor Briese believes this is a good thing to help grow businesses in the Industrial Park. Councilor Greiner stated that this should give us some leverage in working with Midstate Electric during the Transit Center project. Councilor Heaton is also in favor and feels it will help attract more industry to our City and more jobs for those who live here. Student Councilor Tennant agrees with each of the prior comments. Mayor Scott believes we should schedule an executive session as soon as possible prior to the April 25th work session in order to finalize everything.

Councilor Briese made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2018-02. Councilor Greiner seconded. No objections. ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilor Briese – AYE; Councilor Greiner – AYE; Councilor Heaton – AYE.

9. Community Funding Request Applications

a. La Pine Parks and Recreation District

Bea Halter stated that the community wants to start “Music in the Park.” The La Pine Community Health Clinic is donating \$5,000. Mid Oregon credit union is also donating. The event will take place the 2nd and 4th Thursdays in June, July and August. There will be food vending carts and family time. She is asking for a \$5,000 annual donation (note: the funding request submitted is in the amount of \$2,500.00). The Lion’s Club, Parks and Rec and Shine on La Pine are all working together on this project. Band of Brothers is volunteering to do security.

Councilor Greiner wanted to know how much was left to spend on community funding requests and Ashley shared a spreadsheet breaking down what’s been spent thus far. Cory explained how the budget process works and how annual requests need to be made at the Budget Committee Meeting. Councilor Briese stated that usually funding request applications include a breakdown of how much things will cost so that it would be clear where exactly the money would be going. Bea stated that the band alone will cost approximately \$2,500-3,000 per event. The cost is mainly in the music. Vendors are being charged \$25, including food trucks. It’s a free event for all families to come. Mayor Scott clarified that when they come back in May to present at the Budget Committee meeting, they need to bring a breakdown of the cost. Student Councilor Tennant agreed with needing a breakdown, but believes it’s a good idea. Bea stated that they’ve raised over \$12,000 in less than two weeks from local businesses.

Councilor Briese made a motion to approve the funding request as written in the amount of \$2,500.00. Councilor Heaton seconded. No objections. Unanimously approved.

b. La Pine Lions Club

Gary Gordon spoke on behalf of the Lion’s Club. They are asking for \$400.00 for a drinking fountain. The entire project is about \$5,000.00. It would be a permanent feature in Heritage Park and highly visible. It has been widely donated to. He also spoke on the upcoming improvements for Heritage Park, which should all be completed by the end of June. Councilor Briese is happy to see the park getting more attention and thinks it’s a great attraction for the kids. Councilor Heaton is glad to see things improving and appreciated that the Parks and Rec is already considering maintenance. Councilor Greiner is also in favor.

Councilor Heaton made a motion to approve the funding request as written in the amount of \$400.00. Councilor Briese seconded. No objections. Unanimously approved.

10. Consideration of Public Works Committee Member Appointments

Jake Obrist explained that we have two vacancies on the Public Works Committee. Both candidates were in the audience and had no further comments other than their submitted applications.

Councilor Briese made a motion to approve both applicants to the Public Works Committee. Councilor Heaton seconded. No objections. Unanimously approved.

11. Consideration of City Budget Committee Member Appointments

There is one vacancy on the Budget Committee. Mike Harper and Denise Dilsaver both applied for the vacancy. Denise Dilsaver was absent by prior arrangement. Mike Harper thanked the Council for the opportunity to apply.

Councilor Briese made a motion to elect Denise Dilsaver. There was no second. Councilor Heaton made a motion to elect Mike Harper. Councilor Greiner seconded. No objections. Unanimously approved.

Cory stated that the budget will be available May 9th for public inspection.

12. Discussion on Regional Infrastructure Fund Application

Cory Misley stated that this was discussed at last month's Work Session. There are dollars available to apply for and the application is seeking projects for capital construction, planning or other design efforts between \$50,000.00 and \$1,000,000.00. The opportunity to apply closes April 30th. The two parts that applied to La Pine were transit and workforce housing. It will take time to prep the application but Cory's recommendation is to move forward with applying for funds for Transit/City Center in summer 2019. Mayor Scott stated that he's on the board and he would be involved in voting on which projects get funding. He thinks the City needs to be careful in how much it asks for (not too high) in order not to be rejected. Councilor Briese wanted to know whether we'd be asking for construction or engineering. There was discussion on how long it would take to get a Site Plan together for the Transit/City Center. Cory believes making a request for construction dollars makes the most sense.

13. Other Matters: Only those matters properly added to this Agenda under Item No. 4

Cory gave an update on the SCYP, particularly with regard to the class working on the City/Transit Center. Passive Solar Hearing class is going to take over this project due to the class originally slated backing out. They will be coming up with some high level sketch concepts over the next couple of months, which they will present at a meeting, get feedback and then refine. Faculty who organized the production of the video have a couple of students who are interested in continuing as a consultant role to produce another video that highlights tourism in this area and one that highlighted community/livability of La Pine. He asked for the Council's feedback. Councilor Briese said they are two very different ideas. She feels the recent projects have focused on livability and it would be nice to do one on tourism. Councilor Heaton also like the tourism idea. Student Councilor Tennant likes the idea of doing a video and thinks it should be more of a tourism aspect as well. Councilor Greiner feels we need

to focus more on livability and that we can tie in all the touristy stuff into it, like what there is to do in La Pine. Mayor Scott agrees with Councilor Greiner. Cory will take the Council's input and talk with Megan and the professor on our options.

Cory stated that the city of Sisters and DESCO are conducting Sister's County Envisioning Project and working with consultants, including Oregon's Kitchen Table. They are looking into how they deal with the challenges ahead and getting community input. There will be online surveys, community meetings, conversations run by residents themselves, community forums on specific topics and a community open house. There will be a vision summit and then development of an action plan. There has been a Newberry Country Plan in the past (about ten years ago approximately). The County could allocate dollars with La Pine and COIC contributing as well. This would take place in about a year from now. If the city of La Pine interested, it should make a request to the County in the near future. Councilor Briese stated that her first instinct is that we have a lot of planning projects going on right now and she's unsure whether we're ready to do this yet. The rest of the Council agreed with her statements. Cory will let them know that there's interest, but that the City isn't ready to commit yet and needs more information.

14. Public Comments

Cathi VanDamme stated that she is grateful to the PW committee for the stops signs in the Cagle subdivision but wanted to know the plan to enforce them. She's concerned about what's going to happen once those streets are paved. There are also non-legal street bikes on the road and people not wearing helmets. She understands this is a law enforcement issue but she feels their response times are slow for non-emergency calls. She is concerned that the City is moving forward but not enforcing the laws we already have in place. Councilor Heaton also lives in this neighborhood and has seen these issues himself. He would like to see more focus on our residential areas. Councilor Greiner says they have the same issues at Crescent Creek. Councilor Briese rides her ATV on City streets. She stated that part of this is that we still live in a rural community and that if it's an actual safety issue, the Sheriff's Department can address it. Mayor Scott said he'll be having lunch with Lt. DeLuca and will discuss these issues with him at that time.

Scott Henderson encouraged the Council to watch a movie called "Still Mine." He feels it will be an eye opener on where we've been and where we've come to. He knows of three different housing projects that have been in the making for three years and affordability is out of control. He understands respecting the law and safety but also believes people need a place to be themselves and not have to worry about needing a ton of licenses.

Don Huff stated that he's been in the community for about fifteen years now and made a suggestion to use your smart phone to record people breaking the law and calling non-emergency.

15. Staff Comments

Cory Miskey will be sending out a memo on Friday and will be out of the office Monday – Wednesday. Jake Obrist will be out of the office next week. Housing Works has some pretty significant deadlines they want to meet and has gotten a great start to that project. The 1st lift station work being done.

Reed Campbell passed his Waste water collection exam. Holly Smith mentioned reimbursements and reminded the Council that there are updated forms to use.

16. Council Comments

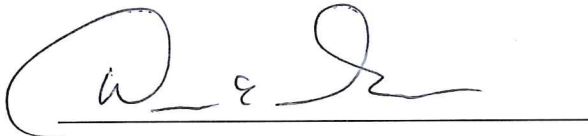
Councilor Briese thanked public works for the speed trailer on Finley Butte. She enjoyed the SCYP class that came to work on connectivity and pedestrian plans in La Pine. Councilor Greiner was invited to meet with Senator Merkley and attended his Town Hall. He brought up homeless veterans and suggested we needed support on homeless children. Councilor Heaton appreciated tonight's comments and public's input. Student Councilor Tennant spoke about being a part of the FBLA. He ran a campaign to be the executive vice president of the state of Oregon, which he was elected to. He is now running a national campaign to be president or regional vice president. If elected regional vice president, he'll be representing the west coast.

17. Mayor's Comments

Mayor Scott asked whether the COIC/OKT survey is available to the public (it is). He went to Salem and met with the Water Resources Board and other various meeting he's been attending. ODOT will be hosting an Open House on May 8th for the streetscape project. He stated that the flasher at Wickiup Junction is making a difference in people's speed. He'll be meeting with BOCC in the near future about several different subjects.

18. Adjourn Meeting

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



Dennis Scott, Mayor

Attest



Cory Miskey, City Recorder