



**CITY OF LA PINE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

Wednesday, October 24, 2018

**6:00 p.m. Work Session**

La Pine City Hall

16345 Sixth Street, La Pine, Oregon 97739

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm

2. Establish Quorum

Present: Mayor Dennis Scott, Councilor Don Greiner, Councilor Connie Briese, Councilor Craig Heaton, Councilor Stu Martinez, and Student Councilor Trentyn Tenant.

Staff Present: City Manager Cory Misley, Public Works Manager Jake Obrist, City Planner Melissa Bethel, City Engineer Erik Huffman, and City Admin Kelly Notary

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Led by City Engineer Erik Huffman

4. Added Agenda Items

None

5. Public Comments

Daniel Richer (52745 Drafter)– wanted to thank the City for the new flag pole

Jack Yeley (16697 Oakridge) – nuisance problem regarding wood place in the Industrial Area, noise and trucks driving down the street is unacceptable.

Edie Kendall (51417 Mac Court) – Quicksilver Contracting noise nuisance starts at 3-3:30am w/ the chipper. Edie read a statement about the issue.

Barbara Yeley (16997 Oakridge) – Quicksilver trucks are going too fast, outside of the noise issue

Teri Frank (51430 Mac Court) – read a statement about living near the industrial zone and expectations she has from the City to also take into consideration the citizens.

Patty Hanson (16677 McClintock Place) – Does not hear the noise from Quicksilver, noticed the speeding and it was mostly the road crew and not the truckers. She does not have an issue and lives closer to the plant than those people on Mac Court.

Wayne Kovacs (51412 Mac Court) – Regarding the chipper, they notice it more in the summer when their windows are open. He and his family don't mind it at 7am, but when they start earlier it does become a nuisance.

Ken Kendall (51417 Mac Court) – I dispute that this is the first time you have ever heard about this issue. A petition was turned in weeks ago and was to have been disbursed to all of the council members. He wants to see something done about the issue.

Jeff Hanson (16677 McClintock Place) – I believe they start at 3-3:30am because it's cooler and they end the day earlier and it's also partially for fire prevention. I don't work for them – but I believe this is the reason for the earlier start.

Roberta Kovacs (51214 Mac Court) – She has lived here for 9 years and on Mac Court it is a big problem. They can hear it at a level that is not fair to the residents

MJ Hare (51411 Mac Court) – I have an issue with the noise in the middle of the night. In the summertime you cannot have your windows open. During the day time, the windows are often kept closed because of the trucks noise and smell from the trucks.

Teri Frank (51430 Mac Court)– There is another lot w/ a plainer now open and they are also making noise. This was a lot that she called the City about when there was first activity and she was told there would be no plainer on site.

#### 6. Discussion on Transit/City Center Site Plan Alternatives

City Engineer Erik Huffman presented the Transit Center alternatives to the Council. He gave a brief explanation of each concept. Landscape Design by Katrina Langenderfer, who was also present for the meeting. Mayor Scott asked for comments or questions from the Council.

Councilor Heaton: asked about the sq. ft. of "future building". Erik stated, foot print is 2,000 if built fully out to its extent.

Councilor Greiner: questioned the need for 4 food trucks. Councilor Briese asked Melissa Bethel how much interest she has received for Food Trucks to be in the city. Melissa Bethel has had about 10 people interested in having/owning a food cart and Parks and Recs usually has 2-3 for events.

Councilor Briese: Asked about a walkway around the water swell. City Manager Misley answered that they did look at it, but there was not enough room. Councilor Briese also asked about the pedestrian connection along 4<sup>th</sup> if the driveway being there would impact visibility to buses.

Andrea G. introduced herself from Cascade East Transit. She let Council know that Alt A is set up for a longer span for the buses. Their vision is to have more than one bus queue at a time. So, yes visibility has been addressed. Discussion about the art walls, flags and possible solutions for dressing up the walls that are hiding the water swell.

Councilor Martinez: On Alt B, the parking between the future building and the restrooms is it designated as any special parking or just parking. Katrina Langenderfer stated it's just parking.

Councilor Martinez asked about the flow of the bus traffic. City Manager Misley explained that there would be a 4<sup>th</sup> street entrance, they would go out onto 1<sup>st</sup> street and make a left onto HWY 97.

Mayor Scott: Asked about having one entrance rather than two in order to add more parking. He thinks Alt A is out of contention due to it being small on parking. He would like to see as much

parking as possible. Erik Huffman explained the need for maneuverability in the area and that was the reason for the additional entrance.

Councilor Greiner: He does not see any room for bicycles. City Manager Misley and City Planner Melissa Bethel assure him there will be. City Manager Misley discussed the idea of getting a direction and that there will be room to expand to bicycles, electric charging stations, etc. Areas were left as open in order to have further discussions about what else to do with those spaces once. The transit area was the main focus of this proposal. Further discussion about transit, parking, who is using the system and what we might need in the future for parking. Councilor Greiner likes the restroom set up on Alt. B and would like to see a shade structure next to that. City Manager Misley was asked about ridership numbers. Per Andrea G the Fixed TO Bend ridership is between 2-3,000 per month.

Student Councilor Trentyn: Suggests using art from high school students on the wall, if we go with a concept that includes the Art Walls.

Andrea G. mentioned that Cascade East Transit is letting us use a shelter for their riders while this project is underway. Mayor Scott asked the Council to take a week, review and come up with questions or comments so that Erik and his team can work on a revised plan. Discussion on cost and grants ended this topic.

#### 7. Discussion on Industrial Park Truck Route

Melissa Bethel presented a staff report and potential route for trucks in and out of the Industrial Park. A public hearing is required and an ordinance can be made. Councilor Martinez thanked Melissa for taking action on this item. Councilor Briese asked for clarification on whether Finley Butte would be out of the route completely. The point was clarified and yes they would come in and out one way and not be allowed onto Finley Butte Road. Further discussion about placement, the definition of a truck and the danger of traffic. Mayor Scott suggested we just get it done. City Manager Misley stated that ODOT would need to be involved. Also, as properties develop in the Industrial Park their land use division requires that they use Reed Road and the signal. Discussion on how different things can be now that we have land use ordinances. Discussion about J-breaks and signs on Finley Butte. Discussion on RR crossing at Reed for the safety of the drivers. ODOT suggested that they might be able to trade one from another place to Reed. The cost estimate is close to \$500,000 for the RR crossing. Discussion about the Public Hearing and who gets notified about the change when it happens.

#### 8. Update on Invitation to Bid for Forest Fire Fuel Reduction Services

City Manager Misley provided an overview of the Staff Report provided in the packet. He would like to go out to bid for this service again. The hope is to use a grant from the county which will cover 50% up to \$40,000. Discussion about potential factors in regards to the bid followed between Jake Obrist and Councilor Briese.

#### 9. Update on SLED Area Manager Recruitment

City Manager Misley stated that Ryan Culps last day is this Friday. He met with him to talk about the transition. They have a plan in place. Rodger Lee is interested in moving quickly; however, there

is a need to do something about the turnover. Discussion about making the position full time and ways to pay for the change. City Manager Misley would like the Council to discuss the idea.

Councilor Heaton: Expressed concern about whether or not the person sitting here as SLED

Mayor Scott: What is the cost estimate?

City Manager Misley: Per Rodger increase until the end of the year \$7,000 per contributor. For next year the increase would be \$27,000 split by County, City and EDCO

Councilor Greiner: Does not feel that we are getting value from the contribution we are already making. He does believe Ryan is recruiting the type of employers that we need here in La Pine.

City Manager Misley: reminded the Council they just approved the MOU, but that it is not binding.

Student Councilor Tennant: Feels that the position is important due to economic growth in Central Oregon. However; he is not sure if going full time will get the push we are all looking for or not.

Councilor Martinez: He is unsure if we are getting value currently. He also does not agree with Rodger saying he wants to fast track the hire. He disagrees. He thinks we do need someone full time, but is that through EDCO or someone at the City.

Councilor Briese: She agrees with Councilor Martinez. She tends to think that maybe it's time to take a break from EDCO and see if the County would be willing to partner still if we hired someone in house.

Councilor Martinez: EDCO is focused on trader sector jobs; he agrees with Councilor Greiner that we need smaller business here. He does not necessarily think EDCO is the way to go.

Mayor Scott: He does not believe we are getting value for what we already pay. He would like to ask Sunriver to help us if we got out of EDCO. He would like us to see about getting a Commercial Realtor of record. He feels as though we are not being included in other deals. Further discussion on the lack of production from EDCO. It was decided that it should be a discussion item at the next SLED meeting and to take our time. City Manager Misley and Councilor Martinez will work together to schedule a SLED meeting in two weeks with Rodger included. City Manager Misley will work on alternatives in terms of Staff at the City. The matter is tabled until the special SLED meeting.

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

None

#### 11. Public Comments

Jeff Hanson (16677 McClintock) - Concern about the truck route – swing of the trucks onto the 97 and the traffic out of McDonald's and lighting would be needed, because it would be dark.

Patricia Hanson (16677 McClintock) - Further comments about the noise and questioning whether they moved equipment or something recently to cause further disturbance to the Mac Court area.

Wayne Kovaks (51412 Mac Court) – In regards to economic development he agrees with Councilor Greiner that the price is too high. He wants someone who can sell all that La Pine has to offer. He would like to see employers who pay better for the citizens.

## 12. Staff Comments

City Manager Misley- would like to put together a formal presentation for a future meeting about the Industrial Park with all of his findings. Safe Routes grant has been submitted. We had our first staff meeting with the 2 new employees.

Jake Obrist - Ken Douglas is not only a new employee, but this is a new position. He is fitting right in and it's working out very well. There are a few hiccups in the system, but they have been resolved very quickly. We did have an incident on a Saturday with OT. Septic Contract has been improved. The deadline has been extended to March. Pahlsh is gearing up on their subdivision.

Melissa Bethel - the Development Code is wrapping up; Planning Commission meets on November 15th and will present to Council at a following meeting.

Erik Huffman - Working with Housing Works and Pahlsh to do what I can for the City. He is buttoning up on Land Use items, the Transit Center and other projects. He will not be here tomorrow, but two employees will be here to answer questions.

Kelly Notary - If everyone who made a public comment could please sign in before they leave it would make it easier for me to assure that I have spelled your name correctly.

## 13. Council Comments

Student Council Tennant - Thanked the public for coming out to the meeting and voicing their opinions. He won't be here tomorrow.

Councilor Heaton - Thanks the public for coming out to share what's happening in their town. Please come to more meetings. Suggested Melissa take into consideration the nuisance issue for the new code. Encouraged public participate as much as they can.

Councilor Greiner - Happy with the turnout and the meeting itself.

Councilor Martinez -Excellent meeting. Thanked the public for being here, pushed the idea of face to face input from the public. He looks forward to a productive month. Next big goal is to figure out the EDCO situation. Councilor Martinez congratulated Jake on the fact that he had not known about the issue out near his business, before the meeting. Job well done. Thanked staff.

Councilor Briese - Thanked the public for turning out tonight. Encouraged them to attend more and to add their input. COIC is cancelled for this month and they cancelled in November, as well. She was happy to see Ken and Kelly at the Chamber breakfast.

## 14. Mayor's Comments

Mayor Scott thinks the streetscape is looking great. Regarding the islands we need to wait and see how it plays out. ODOT did put a lot of work into the design. Mayor plans to take a tour of the area of complaint regarding Quicksilver to get a sense of the issue in person. Commented on all of the activity in Crescent Creek.

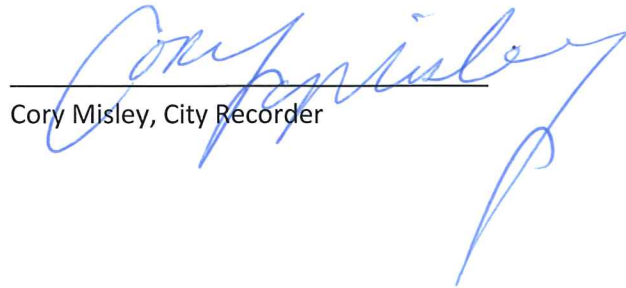
## 15. Adjourn Meeting

Councilor Martinez made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Heaton seconded. No objections. Meeting adjourned at 8:03pm.



Dennis Scott, Mayor

Attest



Cory Misley, City Recorder