



CITY OF LA PINE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Wednesday, December 12, 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 6:00pm by Mayor Scott

2. Establish Quorum

Present: Mayor Dennis Scott, Councilor Connie Briese, Councilor Craig Heaton, Councilor Stuart Martinez, and Councilor Donald Greiner

Not Present: Student Councilor Trentyn Tennant

Staff Present: Interim City Manager Melissa Bethel, Public Works Manager Jake Obrist, Administrative Assistant Kelly Notary and Accounting Clerk Tracy Read

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Stuart Martinez

4. 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.

5. Public Comments

Teri Myers (La Pine City Resident) - Thanked Councilor Heaton, Councilor Martinez and Mayor Scott for their service. She is also here to support Melissa Bethel for City Manager due to her considerable work in the community and her genuine interest and concern for the people of this community.

Kitty Shields (La Pine City Resident) – Echoed Teri’s comments regarding those Councilors who are leaving and is also in support of Melissa Bethel for the new City Manager. Thinks highly of her and all that she does and participates in around town.

Don Hazeltine (LP Resident & Lion’s Club Member) – Thanked the Mayor for his service.

Mike Shields (La Pine City Resident) – Agreed with what his sister, Kitty Shields, had to say about Melissa Bethel and supports her for the position of City Manager.

Tony DeBone (La Pine Resident / County Commissioner) Wanted to offer support for the new Councilors and advised them he had connections to other councilors and city officials for new views on the potential hiring of a new City Manager.

Ann Gawith (La Pine Resident) – Officially representing the La Pine Chamber of Commerce at this meeting. Ann echoed the thoughts of gratitude regarding the members who are leaving and the wonderful work that has been done. Stu Martinez in particular must be singled out, due his long-time service. Ann read a memo aloud in support of Melissa Bethel for City Manager detailing all of the reasons she has been a wonderful addition to the City of La Pine and supporter of the city and its activities.

Lee Morgan (La Pine Resident) – Thanked the leaving members for their time. She is also here to support Melissa Bethel for City Manager.

Michael Harper (La Pine City Resident) – He stated that he supports moving Melissa Bethel into the City Manager position. He did research and asked around and feels that she is the right person for the job.

Daniel Richer (La Pine City Resident) – Stated that he believes in the concept of moving people up in the ranks and supports doing that here with Melissa.

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. November 14, 2018 City Council Meeting Minutes
- ii. November 28, 2018 City Council Meeting Minutes

b. Reimbursements

- i. Approval of Council and Staff Reimbursements

c. Financial Reports

d. Approval of City Contracts (extensions)

- i. Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council - IGA
- ii. Professional Services Agreement with NeighborImpact (1st Extension)
- iii. Land Use Planning Contract with Retia Consult LLC. (3rd Extension)

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

7. Community Funding Request from Younity

April McDaniel on behalf of Mary Russell provided information on what Younity is – anti-bullying program and how it's funded and approved by the schools.

Councilor Briese made a motion to approve the funding request for YOUNITY. Councilor Greiner seconded. No objections. Unanimously approved.

8. Update from Umpqua Valley Financial – Annual Audit Report

Steve Tuchscherer CPA – Gave a brief overview and does not have any concerns to speak of, Brenda is doing a great job and we are in compliance in all areas. He offered to work with the new City Manager to go over budgets and review where we are and when the new Council comes on board he is happy to call in again and go over it with them. No concerns, everything is going well and the city is on a good path.

9. Public Hearing on New La Pine Development Code – Ordinance 2018-06

Ordinance 2018-06 – An Ordinance of the City of La Pine Replacing and/or Amending Zone Ordinance (Ord. No. 2012-05), Procedures Ordinance (Ord. No. 2011-03), and Land Division Ordinance (Ord. No. 2011-03).

Melissa reviewed the Ordinance and the changes that will affect the citizens and the Staff Report and the articles of the new code.

- a. Proposed City of La Pine Development Code (LPDC) and amendments to the Comprehensive Plan
 - i. Staff Report
 - ii. Open Public Testimony
 - iii. Public Comment
 - iv. Close Public Testimony
 - v. Deliberation

Regarding RV Language

Councilor Martinez is in favor of RV wording

Councilor Greiner is in favor of RV wording

Councilor Heaton is in favor of RV wording

Councilor Briese is not in favor of RV wording

Mayor Scott is in favor of RV wording

Regarding Containers

Councilor Martinez no comment

Councilor Greiner no comment

Councilor Heaton is in favor of the recommendation

Councilor Briese is in favor of the recommendation

Mayor Scott is in favor of the recommendation, but sees issues at the enforcement level

Regarding Fences and Walls – item F of the code

Councilor Martinez is in favor of the recommendation
Councilor Greiner is in favor of the recommendation
Councilor Heaton is in favor of the recommendation
Councilor Briese is in favor of the recommendation
Mayor Scott is in favor of the recommendation

Public Comment:

Don Bellville

Chapter 12 Item 4 – would suggest a revision to the wording regarding National Forest Land.
Melissa Bethel stated this is from the State and not our code.

Councilor Martinez made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2018-06. Councilor Heaton seconded. No objections. Unanimously approved.

Roll Call Vote

Briese – Aye

Heaton – Aye

Greiner – Aye

Martinez - Aye

10. City Manager Employment Agreement

Discussion took place regarding the agreement and Melissa Bethel's appointment to City Manager.

Connie Briese expressed concern that Melissa hasn't managed staff and she still has not seen a resume.

Jake expressed concern about the way this process went back and forth and suggested that the new council use this as an example and avoid this in the future, as it creates uncertainty for the staff. With that said, he supported Melissa Bethel as the new City Manager and thinks that the 90-day trial period is warranted, because she deserves a chance to decide if she even wants the job after 90 days.

Kelly Notary supports Melissa Bethel in the role of City Manager and has found her to be someone who cares about the community, who is open to listening to new ideas on how things can be done more efficiently.

Tracy Read supports Melissa Bethel and finds that she has been helpful even prior to her interim term as City Manager. She is approachable and open to listening to the employees. She is active in the community and Tracy feels that she is up to the task.

Stuart Martinez is impressed with staff for speaking up in front of the room.

Connie Briese reiterated that her concern is not personal and that she will fully support Melissa if the contract is approved. She felt it was important to bring those residents' concerns that had been expressed to her to the council, as is her duty as a member of the council.

Mayor Scott stated that those he has spoken with are very supportive of Melissa as the City Manager, including former City Manager Cory Miskey. He feels that Melissa with her planning experience and law degree will bring a new vision to the position and is supportive of her being named the City Manager of La Pine.

Discussion on the contract ensued. Melissa asked for wording about reducing income at any time to be stricken from the contract. This is section 2.1.1 of the draft agreement.

Councilor Greiner made a motion to accept the contract with the section regarding salary reduction at any time be stricken (sec 2.1.1). Councilor Heaton seconded. No objections. Unanimously approved.

11. Acknowledgment of City Election Results and Proclamation

Councilor Martinez read the proclamation aloud to the room.

Councilor Greiner made a motion to approve the Election Results and Proclamation, as read by our Council President Stuart Martinez. Councilor Heaton seconded. No objections. Unanimously approved.

12. Other Matters: Only those matters properly added to this Agenda under line item No. 4

13. Public Comments

BioGreen President, Rob Broberg, wanted to thank the current council for their work and help over the years. It's been a long process and he has always felt supported and encourage to bring BioGreen to the City of La Pine.

Colleen Scott (La Pine City Resident) – Wanted to thank staff for the decorations on 97 it really makes the town look great. Thanked the community for honoring her family with the ability to serve them for the last 2 years.

Michael Harper (La Pine City Resident) – Thanked the community for allowing him to be a part of it as a business owner and now a City Councilor. He also expressed his happiness over Melissa Bethel being approved and looks forward to working with her and everyone else in the community.

Corrine Martinez (La Pine City Resident)– Stated how proud she is of her son, Stuart Martinez, and all that he has done with for the city over the years through the Council and his charitable work.

14. Staff Comments

Melissa Bethel – Thanked the community who came out to support her at the meeting. She is very excited for the new role and looking forward to what lies ahead for the City of La Pine.

Jake Obrist– Winter is upon us and with the snow comes more work. The crew is out there working and doing a great job.

Tracy Read – She will be here to swear in the new Council and Mayor on Jan 7th, 2019.

Kelly Notary – Reminded the council new and old that the first meeting of the new year is on Jan 7th, 2019. The January 9th meeting will not take place.

LOC Election Essentials on Jan 10th in Sisters, so far everyone has responded and the entire Council for next year is attending, with Mike Shields as a tentative yes. This is an all-day event with lunch provided.

15. Council Comments

Councilor Briese – COIC Meeting that occurred this month was centered on policy items and funding requests.

Councilor Heaton – Grateful for the opportunity he had to work with the Mayor, City Staff and for all that he has learned about the community. He wished the new members much success.

Councilor Greiner – Thanked everyone for their service and especially Stuart for all his years of involvement with the city. He welcomed the new members and Mayor.

Councilor Martinez – Mentioned the SLED meeting went well. Rodger Lee was present and discussed the position for a new EDCO person and he is working closely with Melissa Bethel to make that happen quickly, once it's approved by the Council. He invited everyone to the Wreaths Across America event here this Saturday on 12/15/2018 at the Senior Center. He also Thanked the community for coming out tonight and supporting the appointment of Melissa Bethel to City Manager and for being involved in the process.

16. Mayor's Comments

Isn't it nice to see employees having a good time. Which was not always the case. Congratulations to Melissa. He is Happy to see the new council here and the City is in great shape. It makes it easy to leave knowing that such amazing things are ahead.

17. Adjourn Meeting

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

Attest



Melissa Bethel, City Recorder