



CITY OF LA PINE CITY COUNCIL – MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, March 27, 2019

5:30 p.m. Regular Session

La Pine City Hall

16345 Sixth Street, La Pine, Oregon 97739

1. Call to Order

Mayor Richer called the Council meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

2. Establish Quorum

Members Present: Mayor Richer, Councilor Briese, Councilor Greiner, Councilor Harper, Councilor Shields, Student Councilor Trentyn Tenant

Staff Present: City Manager Melissa Bethel, Public Works Manager Jake Obrist, Administrative Assistant Tracy Read

3. Pledge of Allegiance

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

Melissa requested discussion be added regarding the City sponsoring a table at the annual La Pine Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet.

5. Public Comments

Tammy Baney: Resident of Bend, Oregon. She met today with Councilor Briese regarding Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council (COIC), Tammy is the new executive director of COIC and is looking forward to working with everyone. She explained the role of COIC and the assistance they can provide including collaborating on the transit center, grant opportunities, etc.

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 Council Minutes

i. March 13, 2019 Meeting Minutes

b. Reimbursements

i. Approval of Council and Staff Reimbursements

Councilor Greiner made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda, seconded by Councilor Shields. No objections. Unanimously approved.

7. Community Funding Requests

a. La Pine Performing Arts

Wendy Spring, teacher at La Pine High School, spoke in support of the funding request and outlined the costs associated with the project. The following students also spoke in support of the request:

Cheyenne Covell talked about how the program helps with academic success.

Cynthia Sander discussed how theater has helped her succeed and become an Honor Roll student.

Cynthia Stewart shared how theater helped her to become more outgoing.

Alexander Best talked about how theater has helped him fit in.

There was council discussion regarding how the program might obtain the other needed funding and whether students are involved in other fundraising. Ticket sales contribute the majority of the costs of the program. Councilor Briese made a motion to award \$200, Councilor Greiner seconded. No objections. Unanimously approved.

8. Appointment of Budget Committee Officer and Committee Members

No discussion. Mayor Richer made a motion to appoint members. No objections. Unanimously approved.

9. Local Government Investment Pool Account Approval– Action Item

There was discussion regarding the risk involved with this type of fund and that there is an administrative fee involved. Melissa stated we are still in the process of exploring options. Motion: I move the City Council approve the opening of an LGIP account to better utilize the resources of the City.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilor Briese - Nay

Councilor Shields – Aye

Councilor Harper – Aye

Councilor Greiner - Aye

Motion approved.

10. Discussion Regarding Potential Change in City Ordinance Regarding Marijuana Dispensaries Days of Operation

This topic was addressed and voted on by City Council last year and placed on the agenda at the request of Mayor Richer. It was determined during previous discussion that businesses were to be closed on Sundays partly to protect the small-town feel. Discussion followed stating these are legitimate, legal businesses voted on by the citizens of La Pine and that as long as the businesses comply with OLCC there is no need for further intervention on hours of operation by the City. La Pine is one of the only cities which prohibits Sunday sales. The sales tax benefit to the City should be considered as well. Councilor Harper abstained from discussion. Mayor Richer asked for input on a public hearing.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilor Briese - Nay
Councilor Shields – Aye
Councilor Harper – n/a
Councilor Greiner - Aye

Approval to hold a public hearing to be scheduled at an upcoming meeting.

11. Discussion Regarding SDCs for Accessory Dwelling Units

Jake reviewed ADUs and how to accurately and fairly capture additional demands on our water and sewer systems.

Concern was expressed that there is already an affordable housing shortage in the area, and additional fees could exacerbate this. Jake responded that the City has one of the lowest SDC rate schedules in the area. Also, many of the lots in the Cagle area, currently set for water/sewer expansion, are large enough to accommodate an ADU. The homes impacted by the expansion in this area are exempt from SDC fees. Additional discussion was had regarding roads in the Cagle area and how they would be maintained. This topic will be addressed in the future.

It was decided more information be provided on monetary impact, additional demands on the water/sewer system, and a proposed ordinance. A draft ordinance will be presented in April along with the information requested by Council.

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

Discussion regarding the City purchasing a table at the annual La Pine Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet to be held on May 18. Melissa provided information on the event. The City would have eight tickets to the banquet for a total cost is \$310, plus the expense of decorating the table. Council expressed unanimous support. Unanimously approved.

13. Public Comments

None.

14. Staff Comments

Melissa: ODOT Multi use path is on hold until we get the easement from Deschutes County. Joint Board of County Commissioners meeting will likely be rescheduled as a result of ongoing discussions regarding the current Newberry Neighborhood loan. A high school student has been hired to work about 10 hours per week to assist with scanning documents into an electronic records management system, codification, and other administrative tasks. Melissa asked Council to consider whether the City should purchase a table at the May 30 Sunriver/La Pine Rotary Dinner and Auction. The cost is \$845 for a table of eight.

Jake: Will speak to the high school's career class next week. Development is moving forward.

Tracy: Reminded everyone of their responsibility to complete the Oregon Government Ethics Commission annual update, if anyone needs assistance please let us know. Administrative staff are not able to complete this for Council members.

15. Mayor and Council Comments

Councilor Briese: She missed the COIC meeting due to a family emergency.

Councilor Shields: Nothing further.

Councilor Greiner: Spoke about replacing Student Councilor Tenant – Melissa advised that is in the planning stages.

Councilor Harper: Attended Small Cities last week, good event. Stated the sign at Wickiup Junction needs work.

Student Councilor Tenant: Has been absent due to wrestling, the team won the State Championship. He spent time at the University of Wyoming at Laramie and is considering attending there.

Mayor Richer: Glad to see everyone working together and making progress.

16. Adjourn Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Attest



Tracy Read