



CITY OF LA PINE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, September 11, 2019

5:30 PM Work Session

La Pine City Hall

16345 Sixth Street, La Pine, Oregon 97739

1. Call to Order

Called to order by Mayor Richer at 5:31 p.m.

2. Establish Quorum

Members Present: Mayor Daniel Richer, Councilor Connie Briese, Councilor Donald Greiner, Councilor Michael Harper, Councilor Mike Shields.

Absent Without Prior Arrangement: Student Councilor Max Miller.

Staff Present: City Manager Melissa Bethel, Public Works Director Jake Obrist, Accounting Clerk Tracy Read

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Added Agenda Items

None

5. Public Comments

None

6. Discussion Regarding Gas Tax

Bethel reviewed the staff report, and noted one correction – the amount under consideration is 3 cents per gallon, not 3%. She stressed the importance that Council must be unanimous in their support if the measure is to be placed on the ballot. She then turned the topic over to Council for discussion.

Council discussion:

Community education

Keep the message simple and transparent.

A gas tax presents the least financial impact for citizens, as the tax would be paid by everyone buying gas in the City (impact of pass-through traffic).

Additional funding is necessary due to Deschutes County turning responsibility for the remaining City streets to the City within the next 2-3 years.

The City of La Pine has no other funding mechanism for streets.

Explain why the funds are needed, what they will be used for, and the expense of street repair and maintenance (example stretch of sidewalk on Finley Butte Road)

Council unanimously agreed that staff move forward with gathering information on this.

7. Public Comments

Kitty Shields, La Pine resident – stated she supports this funding method.

8. Staff Comments

Bethel: A continuation of the City's IGA with Deschutes County will be presented at a future meeting. She with Andrea of COIC re Sunriver/La Pine transit stops beginning in 2020. Next meeting September 26, work session, the day prior to the start of the LOC conference.

Obrist: Busy closing out summer. Lift station upgrades have been underway. Crews are trying out new equipment. A staff report with suggested equipment will be presented at the next meeting.

9. Council Comments

Greiner: Change in how work gloves are purchased. Workers Compensation bill paid for the year. Attorney bill is less this month. Total invoices paid in the amount of \$44,74271.

Harper: Outpost has boxes of latex gloves for \$9.99 for 100 gloves. Briese suggested checking with Air Gas in Bend for competitive pricing as well.

Briese: Apologized for missing the last meeting.

Shields: Nothing at this time.

Mayor: Nothing at this time.

10. Adjourn Meeting

Adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Members of the Community in attendance:

Kitty Shields

Russ Smith

Attest

Tracy Read

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