



CITY OF LA PINE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, September 25, 2019

5:30 PM Regular Session

La Pine City Hall

16345 Sixth Street, La Pine, Oregon 97739

1. Call to Order

Called to order by Council President Donald Greiner at 5:30 p.m.

2. Establish Quorum

Members Present: Council President Don Greiner (arrived at 5:09pm), Councilor Connie Briese, Councilor Michael Harper, Councilor Mike Shields.

Absent by Prior Arrangement: Mayor Daniel Richer

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

Led by Jake Obrist

4. Added Agenda Items

None

5. Public Comments

Bruce Schwandt, non-resident. Spoke regarding the redevelopment plan. Schwandt expressed concerns regarding lack of proper research and planning for future growth resulting in urban blight and creating an inner-city slum. He feels a lack of planning combined with the free health care, food, shelter, and education, all within 1000 feet of each other with no coordinated effort or regulation, helps to create a pipeline for drugs, prostitution, vagrants and illegal immigrants to infiltrate the area. He further stated this toxic meltdown will take place along the Hwy 97 corridor. Schwandt also expressed concern that we cannot identify who is a bona-fide resident of La Pine. He stated that proceeding with planned growth without durable ordinances and pre-development items is reckless and a disservice to the community. Schwandt requested the opportunity within 60 days to deliver a full and detailed presentation with specific, concrete plans for

moving forward constructively and prudently. Council President Greiner asked the citizen how long he has lived in La Pine, Mr. Schwandt stated since April 4, 2019.

Jody Berrram, non-resident. Jody is the Program Director for Project Wildfire of Deschutes County. She is here tonight to provide information on the La Pine community Wildfire Protection Plan update. She will begin working with staff in beginning October. Jake Obrist will be attending meetings on behalf of the City.

Dean Richardson, non-resident. Board member for the Upper Deschutes River Community. His community recently completed their wildfire protection plan. He talked about creating defensible space. He offered to sit in on La Pine's meetings to assist with the program, and stated the UDRC would like to help in any way they can.

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. Minutes

i. Minutes 8.28.19

ii. Minutes 9.11.19

b. Council and Staff Reimbursements

c. Community Funding Request

i. LPHS 2020 Sober Grad Night

1. Kelly Notary, a member of the Sober Grad Night Committee, spoke in support of the request.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda by Briese, seconded by Harper. No objections; unanimously approved.

7. Ordinance 2019-08: An Ordinance of La Pine Imposing Rules and Regulations Governing the Operation of Transient Merchants; Prohibiting Unlawful Transfers; and Imposing Penalties – Discussion

a. Staff Report

- i. Bethel reviewed the Staff Report and recent transient merchant activity. She requested council direction.

Briese asked how this would be enforced, Bethel responded she addresses it with the merchants when possible, additionally, we have good support from the sheriff's office as well as code enforcement if a merchant is set up for more than 10 hours. Some activities would be exempt such as business sidewalk sales and lemonade stand type events.

Greiner requested staff move forward with a final proposed ordinance to be presented for approval in the near future.

8. New Equipment Purchase for Public Works – Action Item

Obrist reviewed the Staff Report regarding the purchase and presented the informational video. Allotted budget funds were reviewed. Maintenance requirements were reviewed. Motion by Harper to purchase the Bobcat 5600 Toolcat for \$67,341.67 from the respective Public Works funds. Second by Shields.

Roll Call Vote:

Briese: Aye

Shields: Aye

Harper: Aye

Greiner: Aye

No objections, unanimously approved.

9. Public Comments

Bruce Schwandt: Provided comment on the proposed Ordinance.

What if there is no vehicle and someone is selling items from a backpack.

Section 5.1: No response time noted.

Sections 6.1 and 6.2: No regulation on how many can be in one place at one time.

9.1 Exceptions: He could drive into a parking spot and sell items from his trunk.

Discussed his opinion regarding the importance durable ordinances. Many ordinances are currently being struck down in the courts.

10. Staff Comments

Read: None.

Obrist: Updated council on the south county gardening group's work in the swale at First Street and Hwy 97.

Bethel: Updated council on BLM land near the Best Western, trash being dumped and picnic tables in disrepair. Public Works staff has cleaned up the area. City will look at providing better tables next fiscal year. Met with League of Women Voters regarding affordable housing, the group is very excited about the City's affordable housing projects. She asked council for input on participation in Trunk or Treat. There is a joint meeting with the Board of County Commissioners scheduled for October 9. An amendment to the sewer loan will be on the agenda for approval. The only change in the amendment is the reduction in interest back to the time of the County refinance. The total of the loan will be reduced approximately \$100,000.00. Making the total payoff approximately within 30,000.00 of what the County owes.

There was a request for an update from the Deschutes County Sheriffs' Office at that meeting or an upcoming council meeting. LOC dinner is Thursday at 7 p.m. She and Scott Orman attended a COAR meeting today, they provided the group with an update on La Pine projects which was very well received.

11. Mayor and Council Comments

Briese: Attended COIC planning meeting. Work on rebranding has resumed. Supports Trunk or Treat.

Shields: Supports Trunk or Treat.

Harper: Missed LOC Small Cities meeting last week. Commended the gardening group's work. Supports Trunk or Treat.

Greiner: Spoke about the general council meeting process; also briefed the audience on how street maintenance is funded. Supports Trunk or Treat. Reviewed the BNSF Railway water and sewer expense, which will be paid from available grant funds.

12. Adjourn Meeting

Adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Attest

Tracy Read

Pursuant to ORS 192.640, this notice includes a list of the principal subjects anticipated to be considered or discussed at the above-referenced meeting. This notice does not limit the ability of the City Council to consider or discuss additional subjects. This meeting is subject to cancellation without notice. The regular meeting is open to the public and interested citizens are invited to attend. Council may not take formal actions in Work Sessions. The public will not be permitted to attend the executive session; provided, however, representatives of the news media and designated staff will be allowed to attend the executive session. Representatives of the news media are specifically directed not to report on any of the deliberations during the executive session, except to state the general subject of the executive session as previously announced. No decision will be made in the executive session. The meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities. A request for an interpreter for the hearing impaired or for other accommodations for persons with disabilities should be made at least 48 hours before the meeting to City Hall at (541-536-1432). For deaf, hearing impaired, or speech disabled dial 541-536-1432 for TTY.