

LA PINE CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION AGENDA

Wednesday, August 28, 2013

Work Session – 6:00 pm

16345 6th Street, Suite 102

La Pine, Oregon 97739

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Discussion with Deschutes County Sheriff's Department
5. Public Comments
6. Staff Comments
7. Council Comments
8. Mayor's Comments
9. Adjourn

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. This meeting is open to the public and interested citizens are invited to attend. 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 Patti Morgan (541-536-1432). For deaf, hearing impaired, or speech disabled, dial 541-536-1432 ext. 116 for TTY.

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1. Call to Order

Mayor Mulenex called the meeting to order.

2. Roll Call

Interim City Manager Rick Allen

Mayor Ken Mulenex

Councilor Stu Martinez

Councilor Greg Jones

Councilor Kathy Agan

Councilor Karen Ward

Public Works Manager Scott Perkins – absent by prior arrangement

Office Utility Specialist Ashley Williams

Admin Ass't Patricia Morgan

Quorum established.

Guests were Eric Utter, Captain with the Deschutes County Sheriff's Department and Paul Garrison, a Lieutenant with the Department.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Former Councilor Don Greiner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Discussion with Deschutes County Sheriff's Department

Interim City Manager Allen stated that some of the Councilors had brought up some issues involving the Sheriff's department and he thought this meeting was a good idea to discuss some of those issues. He said a meeting like this should probably happen, anyway, once or twice a year. Mayor Mulenex asked that they give the Council an overview of the Sheriff's Department.

Captain Utter discussed the tax districts that cover costs of the Sheriff's Department. He said La Pine is in the rural tax district. Captain Utter discussed the hours that each of the teams of deputies work. He said there are always two deputies assigned to the La Pine area. Captain Utter said that their number one responsibility is a call for service. He said that this year there will be a Resource Deputy for the La Pine schools. Captain Utter said that the Sheriff's Department is putting a lot of man-hours into the La Pine area. He also discussed the sub-station in the City that is staffed five days a week.

In response to a question from Councilor Jones, Captain Utter stated that when people call in to the sheriff's office they are asked if they want a response personally from a deputy or just want a phone call back. He said there may be a delay in a deputy personally responding depending on where the deputy is located at the time and the nature of the call that they are currently dealing with. Captain Utter also discussed the coordination the Sheriff's office does with the Oregon State Police.

Interim City Manager Allen discussed the comment, made by some, that deputies tell residents of La Pine that they cannot do anything because of them being in a City. Captain Utter stated that they cannot enforce County ordinances in the City but they can enter into an agreement with the City to do just that. He said there are State Statutes that cover issues like dog control and those would work in the City for enforcement purposes. There was also a discussion on following up on the City's dog ordinance that was sent to the County and never responded to. Captain Utter recommended moving forward on an agreement between the Sheriff's Department and the City of La Pine.

Councilor Jones discussed his own issues with neighborhood complaints and how they were handled by the Sheriff's Department when contacted. Captain Utter said he would like to know about problems as soon as they occur so he can do a follow-up on them. He also said it is important to let them know that you need an officer to come in person for an issue and also what the urgency is for an officer to come. There was a discussion on the specific problems with the subdivision called Huntington Meadows. Councilor Martinez mentioned some of the problems at the Industrial Park with car racing, etc. Interim City Manager Allen discussed how lighting and barricades as well as codes can help with some of the problems.

5. Public Comments

Kathy Jones, area resident, asked about having a patrol car cruise the cul-de-sac that they live in to let the neighbors know there is a presence there on the 4th of July.

Tom Bradler, area resident, asked about person's caught with illegal fireworks. Lieutenant Garrison stated that even if the illegal fireworks had not been launched they could still issue a citation for having them in their possession. Don Greiner, former Councilor, discussed issuing a citation by the homeowner's association and he was told that the homeowner's association should get legal advice for it.

Interim City Manager Allen, in response from the public asking why La Pine does not have their own police department, stated that having a one or two officer police station does not work and would not provide service 24/7. Captain Utter stated that he believes the City of La Pine is getting good service for the money. He also discussed the position that is currently being recruited for which is an emergency services coordinator for the Police Department. There was also a discussion about the police officer that works with the schools.

Doug Ward, Planning Commissioner, asked about natural disasters and who would be in charge. Captain Utter said that the Sheriff's department would be in charge for a disaster. He also said he would like Lieutenant Garrison to be the contact person for the Council. There was a discussion on the people who speed through the City and some of the things that can be done to prevent or reduce this problem.

Doug Ward congratulated the City on the sidewalk improvements that were recently done. Kathy Jones mentioned the asphalt that is breaking out and the problems with the swales in the Preble Street area. Interim City Manager Allen said that there has recently been some weeding done in that area.

6. Staff Comments

None

