



**City of La Pine & Board of County Commissioners**

**Joint Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, October 9, 2019**

**5:30 p.m.**

**La Pine City Hall**

**16345 Sixth Street, La Pine, Oregon 97739**

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1. Call to Order

Called to order by Mayor Richer at 5:37 p.m.

2. Establish Quorum

**City Staff Present:** Mayor Daniel Richer, Council President Don Greiner, Councilor Connie Briese, Councilor Michael Harper, Councilor Mike Shields.

**Deschutes County Commissioners Present:** Commissioner Patti Adair, Commissioner Tony DeBone, Commissioner Phil Henderson, County Administrator Tom Anderson

**Absent by Prior Arrangement:** Student Councilor Max Miller

**Staff Present:** City Manager Melissa Bethel, EDCO Sunriver/La Pine Director Scott Orman, Public Works Director Jake Obrist, Accounting Clerk Tracy Read

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Added Agenda Items

None.

5. Deschutes County Sewer Loan IGA

Nick Lelack, Deschutes County Community Development Director, reviewed the original loan agreement. The Deschutes County BOCC recently approved lowering the City's interest rate to 2.86% retroactive to July 1, 2012. The TDC program has been discontinued and reduced SDC fees will no longer be available.

6. Law Enforcement Update

Paul Garrison, Patrol Division Captain for DCSO, stated that current year to date is trending toward a call increase of about 25%. Lieutenant Joe DeLuca pointed out that contributing to this increase is a zero-tolerance policy adopted by the schools, including vaping, as well as increased enforcement activity. The Mayor asked how our community compares to others in the region, Captain Garrison stated La Pine is very comparable. DeLuca stated these increased numbers are typical when a community experiences rapid growth. Commissioner Adair provided information on the new county stabilization center which is opening soon. This facility will ease the burden on hospital emergency

room services and allow people in crisis to get help from specially trained personnel. There is also an initiative to provide the stabilization service to the entire tri-county area.

7. Update on Sunriver/La Pine Economic Development

Scott Orman, Sunriver/La Pine Economic Development Director, provided an update on economic development activity. A new strategic plan has been finalized. Scott has recently become certified as a community development specialist. Part of his work is coordinating efforts of the La Pine and Sunriver Chamber organizations. A newsletter is also being published and distributed, the first of which will address traded sector business initiatives. He is working with businesses to connect them with available resources, including working with area realtors to showcase new residential development. He is also working hard to be sure the benefits available in the south county area are included when marketing Deschutes County development opportunities. He has held five Business Retention and Expansion meetings so far this month with potential new businesses. Scott is completing a development grant application. He and the city manager are beginning sessions where they will meet with community members and anyone else interested to answer development questions. His marketing focus is on the community as a whole rather than on individual lots.

8. Development Trends and Issues

Nick Lelack provided a building permit summary and stated he conservatively foresees an increase of 10% over 2018.

9. Public Comments

*3 minutes per person; when asked to the podium, please state your name and whether you live within La Pine city limits.*

Bruce Schwandt, non-resident, read his prepared comments. He reiterated his comments from the September 25, 2019 city council meeting and stated he has gotten no responses to his requests put forth in that meeting and his subsequent e-mail. He feels current and anticipated growth projects have not been well planned.

Peggy Vowell, La Pine resident, was recently driving south on Huntington and noticed a teenager standing on the corner of Huntington and Memorial, waiting to cross. She feels the area needs a crosswalk, that there are none at that end of town and she is concerned for students who need to cross the road.

10. Staff Comments

Bethel: Parade permits are being routed through the County as a courtesy. The County has responded that the event organizer also needs a permit from the County. She and Tom Anderson are working with the County to ensure organizations need only one permit.

11. Council and Commission Comments

Commissioner Henderson: Thanked everyone for the opportunity. Sees great progress here. Appreciates Scott's work and encourages continued economic development activity.

Commissioner DeBone: Deschutes County is purchasing a snowblower to put snow into trucks which the City could potentially borrow. There was a regional solutions meeting following the recent childcare summit events; COCC and OSU Cascades are very supportive in working toward solutions. He mentioned the upcoming community wildfire protection plan event and encouraged participation. *Additional materials will be provided to council.* There is a non-profit NRA dinner coming up to benefit the shooting sport.

Commissioner Adair: Will be at the Veterans Day parade on November 11. She attended the recent childcare summit. She reminded everyone to help spread the word that duck hunters need to be mindful when shooting in areas where there are homes nearby. She shared information from the vocational/technical program seminar held by the Salem-Keizer School District which she recently attended. She feels this is a very worthwhile program. *Additional materials will be distributed to council.*

Councilor Harper: Thanked the commissioners for their work on the sewer loan.

Councilor Briese: Appreciates our partnership with Deschutes County and the assistance provided as we grow. Everyone thanked the commissioners for their participation.



12. Adjourn Meeting

Adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

**Members of the public in attendance**

Russ Smith

Janice Smith

Gloria Fleming

Peggy Vowell

Bruce Schwandt