



**CITY OF LA PINE, OREGON  
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
MEETING**

**Wednesday, February 8, 2023, at 5:30 PM  
La Pine City Hall: 16345 Sixth Street, La Pine, Oregon 97739**

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## **AGENDA**

On this day February 8, 2023 the following councilor and Mayor were sworn in prior to the meeting:

Mayor Richer

Counselor Shields

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Richer called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

### **ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

Councilors Present:

Mayor Richer

Councilor Van Damme

Councilor Shields

Councilor Ignazzitto

Staff Present:

Geoff Wullschlager, City Manager

Ashley Ivans, Assistant City Manager

Alexa Repko, Principal Planner

Amanda Metcalf, Administrative Assistant

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Richer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

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

There were no public comments.

**ADDED AGENDA ITEMS:**

There were no 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*

**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.*

- 1. 12.14.2022 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes.....3.
- 2. 01.11.2023 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes.....7.
- 3. Financial Reports (December 2022).....12.

Councilor Shields made the motion to approve the consent agenda. *Seconded by Councilor Ignazzitto.* Motion passed unanimously.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

None.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

None.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1. Community Grant Application – La Pine Middle School

City Administration was approached by the La Pine Middle School with a Community Grant Request for Challenge Day. Mrs. Ivans briefly described the staff report and Mary Russell, a parent from the school, was present to speak on the grant request. She explained how the grant will help with the Challenge Day event and explained the event in more detail. She said that the program will consist of an intensive workshop that will include up to 100 students from the 7<sup>th</sup> grade class. The program will focus on self-confidence, advocacy, and coping skills. After Challenge Day is complete a school wide assembly will be held to include all students.

It was questioned by Councilor Van Damme if the school had budgeted for this event and if it would be budgeted in future years. Ms. Russell confirmed that the school district is not going to fund Challenge Day and was told that there isn't a plan to add it to future budgets. Councilor Ignazzitto asked, if the event will be held on school properties during the school day. Ms. Russell confirmed that the event will

be during school hours on their property. The Council discussed and questioned who would be the liable for the event. It was determined that a school staff member should be present at the March meeting to discuss in further detail with more supporting documentation and information.

The discussion moved to question about the other donators, Councilor Van Damme asked about the financial break down on the application and would like to specifically know where the city's donation would be allocated to. Ms. Russell explained that at this time Band of Brothers will be contributing an unknown donation amount, another potential donor through Band of Brothers will be approached and asked through the contacts in the organization, lastly Ms. Russell will be approaching Midstate for a donation soon.

It was asked by Councilor Shields that if this event is COVID-19 related why aren't the funds for COVID-19 being used. Ms. Russell informed the council that the Challenge Day Event is not considered COVID-19 related and the school would not be able to use those funds.

Councilor Ignazzitto voiced support for the application but agrees with the other council members that the application does not explain in detail how the funds will be spent. She would like to see a school representative present at the next meeting. Councilor Van Damme would like a letter from the district stating that they approve of the event to release any liability concerns she has. Mr. Wullschlager questioned if the parents would be informed of the event and if so, would waivers be available. Mayor Richer announced that since there are still so many unanswered questions and more information needed that the Council would table the grant request for the next council meeting.

**This item was tabled to the March meeting.**

## 2. Policy Proposal – Communities Against Bigger Trucks (CABT)

City Administration was approached by the policy initiative group, Coalition Against Bigger Trucks (CABT) in December of 2022. The group is opposed of legislation that would permit increases in size and weight for commercial trucks on highway systems throughout the United States. They presented the council with a Draft Letter of Support. The CABT has acquired support letters from the Oregon Association of Chiefs of Police, Oregon Sheriff's Association, and the Truckload Carriers Association.

Mr. Wullschlager presented the staff report stating that there is a policy, trying to get passed, to get larger Trucks on highways. The Council was presented with supporting evidence for the opposition to increase commercial trucks and a letter to be signed by the council if they are supporting the CABT.

Councilor Van Damme voiced reservations about supporting CABT and would like to hear from the side that is proposing the bigger trucks. Councilor Shields discussed the current road conditions in Oregon since Oregon already allows for bigger trucks on the highways. He educated the council about how the trucks work with the increase of axles and weight distribution. Councilor Ignazzitto did voice her concern about what would happen during an accident with the increased size and weight of the trucks. Councilor Shields was able to give information about a truck's ability to stop when there is an increase in weight and axles.

Mayor Richer announced that the decision will be tabled, so there can be more information from both sides, and a representative can be present.

**Motion was tabled to a date uncertain**

## 3. Resolution 2023-01

Mr. Wullschlager presented Resolution 2023-01 Approving the Deschutes County Road Agency Intergovernmental Agreement. Explaining how Deschutes County receives federal funding from two primary funding programs.

- 1)PILT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes) this funding offset the loss in tax revenue from the deferral land in the county.
- 2) SRS (Secure Rural School and Community Self-Determination Act) this funding offset the loss in timber revenue from federal lands.

The allocation of federal funding to the PILT and SRS programs is prescribed via a methodology that subtracts SRS funding received in a prior year from the county's entitled maximum PILT payment. Commissioner Debone was present to speak about the proposed agency. He reported that if the federal funding goes to an agency instead of the County it will be protected and will not count against PILT funding. This does not affect the city directly, however with an increase in the County funding could mean more funding for roads in La Pine. It was briefly discussed how the potential funds would be spent and if there would be new jobs or actual road repairs. It was determined that there isn't a definite answer since it would be based on future budget planning, but traditionally it has been allocated to road repairs (maintenance) prior to hiring (personnel).

Motion made by Councilor Ignazzitto to approve the resolution, *seconded by Councilor Shields*. Motion passes unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

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Commissioner Debone- congratulated Councilor Van Damme on her appointment of Vice Chair on COIC. Councilor Van Damme announced that she is rescinding her appointment as Vice Chair, but she will stay on the council as a member. Commissioner Debone informed the city council that he was selected Chair of the COIC. In addition, he is going to start Coffee with the Commissioner on February 21st from 8am-10am. Lastly, he announced the May election where the Fire District and COCC will have their elections.

**STAFF COMMENTS**

Mrs. Ivans will soon be starting the next Fiscal year's Budget. She also discussed the water and wastewater project updates. She mentioned the tie in on the Drafter and the pile burning at the new Pivot site.

Ms. Repko gave a brief update that the 60-unit housing project was approved. She is currently working on more commercial sites and Zoning Permits. She will also be updating the planning fees and moving the land use process to Accela, which is the same platform as the County.

Mr. Wullschlager discussed that the testing is completed on the 4.5 miles of water transmission lines and water lines on Cagle Road. He said that Taylor Northwest is starting the installation of the 500,000-gallon tank near the existing 1-million-gallon tank, and mentioned that they are doing great and are ahead of schedule. However, weather has made it hard for digging of the lagoon since the ground is frozen. The road issues near the plant that were mentioned in last meeting have been addressed and a solution was found.

**MAYOR & COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilor Van Damme was pleased that above agenda matters were set aside until next council meeting.

Mayor Richer thanked everyone for their work and time.

**ADJOURMENT**

Mayor Richer adjourned the meeting at 6:37 p.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

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**There was no Executive Session.**