



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

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

Available online via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81342963148>

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AGENDA

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
Patricia Lucas, Economic Director
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:

Mayor Richer asked that the appointment of Dillon Marston, student Counselor, be added to the agenda.

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.

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Councilor Van Damme moved to approve the consent agenda. *Seconded by Councilor Shields.* Motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS:

None.

PUBLIC HEARING:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1. Community Grant Application – La Pine Middle School

The school principal, Brian Maringer, was present and represented the La Pine Middle School. Councilor Van Damme questioned Mr. Maringer why the district is not funding Challenge Day. Mr. Maringer explained that the budget allotted to each school is based on school size and this event was not planned in the school’s budget. Mr. Maringer explained what Challenge Day is geared for, he also stated that this event was funded by the city in a prior year, it was a success then, and the school would like to bring it back again. Councilor Van Damme suggested that for future events, the district should be solicited by the school so it can be planned for future budgets.

Councilor Shields asked why this event is not being funded by COVID-19 budgets. Mr. Maringer explained that Challenge Day is not COVID-19 related and as a principal he does not have authority to distribute COVID-19 funding.

Councilor Ignazzitto showed her support of Challenge Day and said that funding this event will show the students that the city supports them. She would like to fund the event with the knowledge that we are not responsible for liabilities.

Mayor Richer voiced his support with the city funding the Challenge Day.

Councilor Ingazzitto moved to approve Community Grant for the La Pine Middle School. *Seconded by Councilor Shields.* Council Ingazzitto and Shields voted aye, and Councilor Van Damme voted nay.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 2. 1. Appointment of student council member- Dillon Marston

Dillon presented himself, and how he would be able to be an asset and the student’s voice during Council meetings. The council and Dillon discussed his goals of being a student City Council member

and how he would be a connection between the City and the students. Mayor Richer recommended tabling the appointment of Mr. Marston until the next Council meeting. The rest of the council agreed.

3. FY 2023-2024 Budget

Mrs. Ivans presented the new Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget Calendar and said that tonight the Budget Officer would need to be appointed. She explained that all community members wanting sponsorships from the City will need to present their applications in May to the Budget Committee. This will allow the Budget Committee to prepare for sponsorship allotment in the new year's Budget. Councilor Van Damme asked how the community will be notified about the sponsorship application process. Mrs. Ivans explained in more detail that there will be advertising in Wise Buys.

Councilor Ignazzitto moved to appoint Ashley Ivans as the Budget Officer. *Seconded by Councilor Shields.* Motion passed unanimously.

4. Planning Commission Applicant – Process

Mr. Wullschlager presented to the Council the appointment of a new candidate to the Planning Commission. He said that Commissioner Russell Smith submitted his resignation and a new applicant, Linda Bauman, was the Planning Commission's recommendation to fill that vacancy. He went over the customary process for appointing members to the Planning Commission. The applications are presented to the Planning Commission for consideration and endorsement before being sent to the Council. The City Council then makes the decision about that recommendation.

Councilor Van Damme moved to approve Linda Baumann as the new Planning Commissioner. *Seconded by Councilor Shields.* Motion passed unanimously.

5. Ordinance 2023-01 Draft (First Reading)

The City of La Pine is proposing to amend the current Ordinance No. 2011-02 to extend the term and the electric franchise rights granted to Midstate Electric Cooperative, Inc. thereunder, from July 1, 2021, through July 1, 2024. In addition, Midstate Policy No. 127 of the La Pine Ordinance No. 2011-02 is hereby deleted and replaced by Midstate Policy No. 308.

Mayor Richer performed the first reading of Ordinance 2023-01. The City Council didn't have any questions. The second reading will be held at the next scheduled City Council meeting.

6. Economic Development Director Update

Ms. Lucas discussed her role as Development Director, and how she provides services for the City with different projects and initiatives. She briefly discussed the results of a study from an economist about the City of La Pine. She provided an update on expansion projects that will be finished this year. Ms. Lucas discussed advertising at the airport for attracting new businesses and how the community is being promoted. Lastly Ms. Lucas discussed her SLED luncheon and the large amount of interest from the community.

The City entered Executive Session per ORS 192.660(e) at 6:22 p.m. and reentered regular session at 6:44 p.m.

Councilor Van Damme moved to approve the Spec Building Proposal discussed in Executive Session. *Seconded by Councilor Ignazzitto.* Motion passed unanimously.

Councilor Ignazzitto moved to approve the economic industrial development proposal discussed in Executive Session. *Seconded by Councilor Shields.* Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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No public comments.

STAFF COMMENTS

Mrs. Ivans updated the Council on the progress of the audit and that it is filed with the Secretary of State. She updated the Council about Public Works and the reporting for the past month. In addition, she and Mr. Wullschlager have been coordinators for the new water and wastewater project. Mayor Richer asked about the cemetery board, Mrs. Ivans confirmed that the city had taken over the cemetery and the board was disbanded many years ago.

Ms. Repko updated that she has received a lot of applications lately, however she doesn't have any current new updates.

Mr. Wullschlager informed the Council of three Bills that are on the Legislative floor Bill 850, Bill 3414, and Bill 320. Mr. Wullschlager went over in detail what he has done to advocate for La Pine.

MAYOR & COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Van Damme wanted to clarify that her experience working in the school district is the reason she was a nay on the La Pine Middle School grant. She voiced that the principal should advocate for his school more to get more money allotted to the La Pine Middle School.

Councilor Ignazzitto commented that she was unaware La Pine is a lower priority in the district budgeting process. As a city she would like to show value in our children by supporting them, and questioned how we can advocate for our schools.

Mayor Richer thanked everyone for their hard work.

ADJOURMENT

Mayor Richer adjourned the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

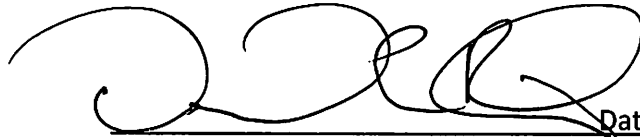
1. ORS 192.660(e)

The City Executive Session is recorded in the passages above.

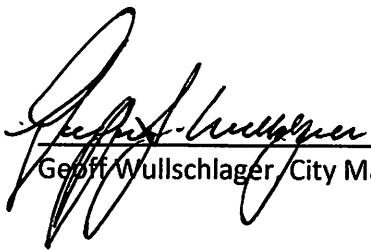
EXECUTIVE SESSION

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.


Date: 12 APRIL 23
Daniel Richer, Mayor

ATTEST:


Date: 4/12/23
Geoff Wullschlager, City Manager