



CITY OF LA PINE, OREGON
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday, April 26, 2023, at 5:00 PM
La Pine City Hall: 16345 Sixth Street, La Pine, Oregon 97739

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AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

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

ESTABLISH A QUORUM

Councilors Present:

Mayor Richer

Councilor Van Damme

Councilor Shields

Councilor Ignazzitto

Councilor Morse

Student Councilor Marston

BOCC Present:

Commissioner Patti Adair

Commissioner Tony DeBone

Commissioner Phil Chang

Tim Brownell, Solid Waste Director

Chad Centola, Incoming Director

Nick Lelack, County Administrator

Kristie Bollinger, Property Manager

Cheyenne Purrington, Houseless Strategies and Solutions Director

Staff Present:

Geoff Wullschlager, City Manager

Ashley Ivans, Assistant City Manager

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

JOINT BOCC AND CITY COUNCIL MEETING

BUSINESS:

1. Solid waste facility siting and the recycling Modernization Act

Chad Centola, Deschutes County Solid Waste Co-Director, presented to the Council updates on the new siting for the solid waste facility. He gave information about the Oregon Recycling Modernization Act. He said that the current land fill will likely reach compacity in 2029. In 2019 the County researched other alternative technologies and concluded that they were cost prohibitive, and the technologies were not mature enough for the amount of waste the County produces. Mr. Centola explained that with new advances in technology and said that ideally this new facility will be the last one the county will need. Commissioner DeBone noted that if disposal is outsourced the cost to the County would increase significantly.

There was discussion among the BOCC and the Council about the size of the facility. The sale of natural gas from the land fill was also discussed. The Council was informed that a contract had been signed between the County and Cascade Natural Gas for a methane capture system.

Mr. Centola explained the Recycling Modernization Act and how it has not changed since 1980. In 2021 Oregon passed the RMA and it will completely change the state of Oregon’s recycling procedures. There will be a universal list for recycle products and the state of Oregon will recycle locally instead of outsourcing to China.

Public comment- Jerry Mcginnis commented that recycling is beneficial and asked when La Pine can get recycling services. She provided comments on non-Deschutes residents using facilities in Deschutes County and a possible agreement with Klamath County.

Chad Centola informed Ms. Mcginnis that in 2025 curb recycling services will be available and all Counties will be included with the Recycling Modernization Act.

2. Coordinated Houseless Response Update

Cheyenne Purrington presented an update for the coordinated houseless response. There is a 15% increase in homelessness, the rate is also increasing and there need to be policies in place to reduce it. She explained the startup of the department during the pilot period, of two years, and how funding will be distributed. The goal of the department will be to prevent and reduce homelessness with the

support provided. There was a brief discussion about the presentation on the Houseless Response department. Student Councilor Marston asked what steps there are to keep homeless students in school. Ms. Purrington explained that there are Federal programs that support students in need. There was discussion about specific policies within the department.

3. La Pine Industrial Park Update

Mr. Wullschlager gave an update about the Spec Building Project; it is in the final stages and the purchase agreement is in the process of being signed and closed. He also updated the Council about another industrial land sale that is in the process of finalizing. There was discussion about multifamily units being built in La Pine. There were no questions from the Commissioners.

OTHER ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA

None

The meeting was adjourned. After a brief recess the Council commenced regular session.

REGULAR COUNCIL SESSION

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

None

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. 04.12.23 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

Councilor Ignazzitto made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. *Councilor Shields seconded the motion.* Motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS:

None

PUBLIC HEARING:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Council President Election

Councilor Shields nominated Councilor Van Damme. Councilor Morse seconded the nomination.

Councilor Ignazzitto made a motion to appoint Councilor Van Damme as the Council President. *Councilor Shields seconded the motion.* Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Community Grant Funding Request – La Pine Parks and Recreation District

Mr. Wullschlager presented the funding request from the La Pine Parks and Recreation Department for \$2,500 to fund the annual Music in the Pines summer concert series. Karen Miller was present to represent the Park and Rec department, she explained in detail the Music in the Pines event. Councilor Ignazzitto suggested that the City fund the event for \$5,000, there was discussion among the Council about changing the fund request amount. Ms. Miller informed the Council that the \$2,500 fund request would be enough for the event and appreciated the increase but declined.

Councilor Van Damme made a motion to fund the Music in the Pines with \$2,500. *Councilor Ignazzitto seconded the motion.* Motion passed unanimously.

2. Proclamation 2023-02 – Fair Housing Month

Heather Martin was present to represent the Central Oregon Association of Realtors. Ms. Marin explained the history of the Fair Housing Act enacted in April 1968. Councilor Van Damme asked for clarification about the “fairness” of the Housing Act. Ms. Martin read the Proclamation out loud which explained that the Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination based on protected classes.

Councilor Ignazzitto made a motion to approve proclamation 2023-02 declaring April as Fair Housing Month. *Councilor Van Damme seconded the motion.* Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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Helen Marston thanked the City for their continued support to the community by funding events and naming April the Fair Housing Month.

STAFF COMMENTS

None

MAYOR & COUNCIL COMMENTS

Student Councilor Marston explained the focus currently is to keep students engaged in school, in addition once a month there is a school site council which involves parent Community members. They talk about different subjects and work with teachers to find help from outside the school district. An example Student Councilor Marston gave was an after-school program which helps students with credit recovery. This program has received federal funding and will be implemented soon. Student Councilor Marston invited the Council to the musical Footloose performed by high school students. Lastly, he updated the Council on the ROTC trip to Coronado.

Councilor Ignazzitto commented on Student Councilor Marston’s update and how important it is to keep students engaged.

Councilor Van Damme is honored to be appointed as Council President.

Mayor Richer thanked everyone for coming and their input at the meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Richer adjourned the meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

Date: _____

Daniel Richer, Mayor

ATTEST:

Date: _____

Geoff Wullschlager, City Manager