



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

Wednesday, June 28, 2023 5:30 p.m.

La Pine City Hall: 16345 Sixth Street, La Pine, Oregon 97739

Available online via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81415171639>

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

Staff Present:

Geoff Wullschlager, City Manager

Ashley Ivans, Financial Director/Assistant City Manager

Brent Bybee, Principal Planner

Kelly West, Public Works Director

Amanda Metcalf, Administrative Assistant

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Richer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

REGULAR COUNCIL SESSION

ADDED AGENDA ITEMS

None

CONSENT AGENDA

None

PRESENTATIONS:**1. Ms. Courtney Voss – Republic Services**

Ms. Voss and her associates provided a presentation on behalf of Republic Services (Refuse Collection within the City of La Pine). Ms. Voss informed the Council that Republic Services are involved in La Pine Community events through sponsorship and vendor booths.

Ms. Voss went on to discuss changes regarding state recycling practices and the State's policies on more accessibility to recycling services. Ms. Voss presented the choice to the Council that the City can opt into allowing Recycling services, with the note that it would take 12-18 months for Republic to acquire the equipment for said services, or that the council may wait until July 1, 2025, for possible state funds to become available in an effort to help offset the capital vs having the rate payors increase their fees. Mr. Wullschlager did note that currently La Pine does not meet the population requirement for the State to mandate recycling services.

Councilor Van Damme expressed concern regarding price increases associated with compulsory recycling services and the potential negative impact they may have on La Pine residents. There was discussion about the requirement of compulsory recycling vs. optional services being presented to the Council.

Republic Services presented their profit and loss statements for incorporated La Pine from 2022, and the projection for 2023. They also presented a rate increase request of 3% effective July 1, 2023, due to the increase in disposal charges.

Councilor Van Damme inquired about the increase and how much will be in Republic's reserve income. Ms. Voss informed the Council that their margin range is 9-12% and explained that it will never exceed 12% due to their business policies.

Ms. Voss requested that the Council consider the other services that Republic can offer to the citizens of La Pine. There was no action taken by the Council on recycling disposal from Republic Services.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:**1. Resolution 2023-06 – A Resolution Adjusting and Fixing Rates for Solid Waste**

Mr. Wullschlager presented the associated staff report which would provide for a 3% rate increase for solid waste services in observance of the contract that the City has with Republic Services. There were no questions from the Council.

Councilor Ignazzitto made the motion to approve Resolution 2023-06, a resolution adjusting and fixing solid waste rates to be charged by franchisee in the City of La Pine. *Councilor Morse seconded the motion.* Mayor Richer called a roll call vote.

Councilor Van Damme- Aye

Councilor Shields- Aye
Councilor Ignazzitto- Aye
Councilor Morse-Aye

Resolution 2023-06 was adopted by a unanimous vote.

2. Advisory Committee Application (Planning Commission)

Mr. Wullschlager presented an application from Mr. Jeff Poteet for a position on the Planning Commission. There was discussion on the precedence of having an applicant appointed before the formal resignation of a current member. City Manager Wullschlager offered that the application was before the Council on the basis that Commissioner Cameron had expressed his intent to resign within the next month. The Council determined that an appointment can happen, but they will not be a voting member until the current member resigns.

Councilor Ignazzitto made a motion to appoint Mr. Jeff Poteet to the position of Planning Commissioner, commencing upon the next scheduled meeting of that body, and following the formal resignation of Commissioner Cameron. *Councilor Van Damme seconded the motion.* Mayor Richer called a roll call vote:

Councilor Van Damme- Aye
Councilor Shields- Nay
Councilor Ignazzitto- Aye
Councilor Morse-Aye
Motion passed majority approved.

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.

None

STAFF COMMENTS

Ms. Ivans presented to the Council her progress report regarding the budget and the in-house audits.

Mr. Bybee presented to the Council his professional background, in addition to what projects he is currently working on. Mr. Bybee also presented to the Council the concept of developing a Citizen Advisory Committee for the Comprehensive Plan update project. .

Mr. Wullschlager discussed and expanded on the Citizen Advisory committee proposal. He also informed the Council about updates with the Sheriff's office and their service report with respect to incorporated La Pine. In addition, Mr. Wullschlager stated he is currently working with legal counsel regarding the concept of camping rules. There was discussion about current events that have happened in La Pine. He also discussed the upcoming public hearing regarding the proposed text amendment of the La Pine Development Code.

Mr. West informed the Council that the Public Works Department has completed the County Sanitary survey with an a designation of "outstanding."

MAYOR & COUNCIL COMMENTS

Student Councilor Marston discussed current events at the high school, including the Outdoor Adventure Day where younger kids went to the high school to learn about nature. He also reported that eighty-seven high schoolers walked for this year's graduating class. Lastly Student Councilor Marston informed the Council that the Gym at the high school is currently under construction/renovation.

Councilor Shields explained his nay vote for the applicant Jeff Poteet for the Planning Commission, he was concerned that there could be a conflict of interest with the current Commission Chair since they work for the same company.

Councilor Ignazzitto informed the Council of the groundbreaking for the new Heath Center which will be Aug 10, 2023

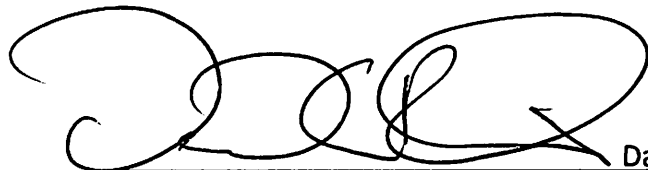
Mayor Richer thanked everyone for being at the meeting and encouraged more community members to come to the Council meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

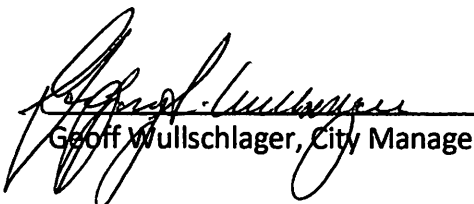
Mayor Richer adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

 Date: 12 July 23
Daniel Richer, Mayor

ATTEST:

 Date: 7/12/23
Geoff Mulschlager, City Manager