



CITY OF LA PINE, OREGON REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, September 24, 2025, 5:30 p.m.

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

Available online via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82073335205>

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

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

ESTABLISH A QUORUM

Council

Mayor Earls

Council President Ignazzitto

Councilor Shields

Councilor Morse

Councilor Curtis

Staff

Geoff Wullschalger – City Manager

Brent Bybee – Community Development Director

Nick Tierney – Associate Planner

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Community Development Director Bybee led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADDED AGENDA ITEMS

There were no added agenda items.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

There is no consent agenda for this meeting as all items were approved at the September 17, 2025, meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

There wasn't any old business.

NEW BUSINESS:**1. Discussion of proposed/draft proclamation 2025-03**

City Manager Wullschlager presented proclamation 2025-03 that was submitted by the American postal workers union on behalf of the [USPS_[NT1]] for Council consideration. He read aloud his email to the Council regarding the proposed proclamation and pointed out two clauses that he recommended they review before approval. The Council discussed the proclamation and decided that they would like more benign language throughout. They requested an edited version to review at the next Council meeting.

2. Discussion of upcoming joint City/BoCC meeting – scheduled 10.08.25

City Manager Wullschlager opened the discussion regarding topics the Council would like to bring forward at the joint meeting with the Board of County Commissioners (BoCC). He stated that he had not yet received agenda items from the County and did not know what they planned to discuss but noted they would most likely want to address the Newberry neighborhood.

Community Development Director Bybee explained the Newberry Master Plan designed in 2003 and recommended that the Council discuss the Newberry Infill Plan with the BoCC, emphasizing that this project should be a joint effort between the City and the County. The Council agreed to have this subject added to the agenda.

There was a discussion regarding the proposed site for the Deschutes County landfill. The Council decided that if the County wished to bring the matter forward, it could be added, but they did not see the need to include it as a City item.

There was also discussion regarding an update on the expansion of the number of County Commissioners and having it on the agenda to discuss.

City Manager Wullschlager reported on recent efforts with Mayor Earls regarding BLM cleanups, noting the success of collaboration among governing bodies to provide opportunities for houseless community members. He also stated that there was no law enforcement presence north of Chemult in Klamath County to the Deschutes County border, which resulted in the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office, that polices the City of La Pine, being called to respond to needs south of La Pine.

No additional items were identified for the joint meeting with the BoCC.

OTHER MATTERS

There were no other matters.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Zorba Snathakis commented on the idea of partnering with Commute Options to try and receive free e-bikes for the City of La Pine. He provided several examples of ways the City could be more pro-bike, including safety discussions with educators and organizing a community group ride. He also asked that this topic be added to the subjects for discussion at the joint meeting with the BoCC.

STAFF COMMENTS

Community Development Director Bybee gave an update on long range planning and noted that there was a recent joint work session with the Planning Commission, with the next session scheduled for October 22nd. He reported that staff were still waiting on the grant decisions from DLCD for the Cagle Infill Project and the Housing Code Amendments, but clarified that even if the grant was not awarded, staff would still move forward with the project.

He provided an update on the TSP update and the TGM grant from ODOT, stating that progress remained in a holding pattern at the TGM grant office due to ODOT budget issues.

There was a discussion regarding the State-owned property on the north side of La Pine and potential development by the Department of State Lands. He noted that they had recently purchased the property from BLM and, while there were no current development plans, the property was slated for a multifamily development project. He shared that he has emphasized the importance of adequate public infrastructure to serve any new development. DSL and the City are having a meeting to discuss.

Councilor Shields asked for a cemetery update. City Manager Wullschlager stated that there were no plans to expand the cemetery; however, city staff would be going out to clean the cemetery and mark the plots.

Mayor Earls allowed public comments from Zorba Snathakis.

Associate Planner Tierney gave an update on current planning. Type I applications, consisting of zoning applications, are slowing down. Type II consisted of five partition decisions that had been issued and are in various stages of their appeal windows. Type III included two spec buildings in the industrial zone. Type IV was a text amendment that was still under review.

MAYOR & COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Morse did not have any comments.

Council President Ignazzitto gave an update on her recent Central Oregon Area Coalition Transportation (COACT) meeting. She reported that ODOT is now running COACT and stated that she voiced at the meeting the need for more attention on Highway 97 in La Pine.

Councilor Shields did not have any comments.

Councilor Curtis did not have any comments.

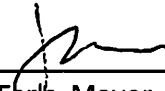
Mayor Earls thanked the Council for covering the meeting during her absence.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: per ORS 192.660 if necessary

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Earls adjourned the meeting at 6:42 p.m.

SIGNATURE PAGE TO FOLLOW



Jeannine Earls, Mayor

Date: 10-8-2025

ATTEST:



Amanda Metcalf, City Recorder

Date: 10/8/25