



CITY OF LA PINE, OREGON REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, November 12, 2025, 5:30 p.m.

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

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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 Curtis – Absent (Excused)

Councilor Morse

Staff

Geoff Wullschlager – City Manager

Brent Bybee – Community Development Director

Nick Tierney – Associate Planner

Natalie Macsalka – Executive Assistant

Amanda Metcalf – City Recorder

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Jeff Poteet led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADDED AGENDA ITEMS

There were no added agenda items.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Students from La Pine High School explained to the Council that there had been an event scheduled on the 14th for Ruby Bridges. The students gave a speech describing Ruby Bridges as the first African American student to desegregate an all-white school in New Orleans in 1960. They explained the purpose of the event which included showing students that everyone deserved to feel safe and welcome at school.

Scott Henderson, who lived on Anchor Way, provided a public comment regarding the movement of his water meter on his property. He submitted paperwork for the Council to review and requested that it be added to the public record.

Stephen Williams, who lived on Cagle Road, explained that he was a local pastor and had lived in Central Oregon for 20 years. He stated that staff had caused him financial injustice and provided background on his experience during his partition application process and the subsequent appeal. He stated that he did not want to continue litigation with the City and asked the Council to review the application and the appeals. He stated that if the Council ruled in his favor, he would not move forward with litigation. He also stated that he had spoken with other citizens who were experiencing issues with staff. He submitted a letter for the record.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. 10.22.2025 Joint City Council and Planning Commission Meeting Minutes
 - a. Public Comment Form – J. Hoff
 - b. Submission from J. Hoff
2. Financial Reports
 - a. Financial Summary – July 2025
 - b. Financial Summary – August 2025
 - c. Financial Summary – September 2025
 - d. Interest Report – July 2025
 - e. Interest Report – August 2025
 - f. Interest Report – September 2025
3. Financial Reports from the Chamber of Commerce
 - a. Letter to the City
 - b. Profit and Loss Report – 1st Quarter
 - c. Website Report

Council President Ignazzitto made a motion to approve the consent agenda. *Councilor Morse seconded the motion.*

Councilor Shields - Aye

Councilor Morse - Aye

Council President Ignazzitto - Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Consideration of Appointment – SLED Board

City Manager Wullschlager presented the associated staff report explaining that the Sun River La Pine Economic Development (SLED) Board had a board seat opening with the resignation of a member. The proposed candidate is Tiffany Zeiler, the La Pine Branch Manager at Mid Oregon Credit Union. He explained Ms. Zeiler's background and her dedication to the City of La Pine.

Council President Ignazzitto made a motion to appoint Ms. Tiffany Zeiler to the position of SLED Board Member. *Councilor Morse seconded the motion.* Mayor Earls asked for a roll call vote:

Councilor Shields - Aye

Councilor Morse - Aye

Council President Ignazzitto - Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

2. Consideration of Purchase Offer – La Pine Industrial Park (Lot 221013B0001900)

City Manager Wulschlager presented to the Council a possible sale of a property in the Industrial Park. Under the City's IGA with Deschutes County, the City will make final determination on the sale of lots in the Industrial Park and sale proceeds are split between the County and the City. The City's proceeds will then be reinvested into the Economic Development Fund. He explained that Dave Ross the managing member of Harlan Ross Investments LLC dba Hortitech Greenhouse/Helios Industries would like the Council to consider a proposal to acquire lot #2 consisting of 3.07 acres on Russell Road adjacent to their existing facility. He stated that the sale has been reviewed and approved by the SLED board but requires final determination by the Council. The business is offering the asking price of \$1.75/sq ft for the 3.07-acre parcel for a total of \$234,036.10.

Council President Ignazzitto made a motion to enter into a purchase and sale agreement with Harlan Ross Investments LLC, for the sale of Lot 221013B0001900 in the La Pine Industrial Park, for the sum of \$234,036.10. *Councilor Morse seconded the motion.* Mayor Earls asked for a roll call vote:

Councilor Shields - Aye

Councilor Curtis - Aye

Councilor Morse - Aye

Council President Ignazzitto - Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

OTHER MATTERS

1. Ruby Bridges Walk to School Event

The La Pine High School students presented during public comments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No Public Comments

STAFF COMMENTS

Executive Assistant Macsalka did not have any comments.

City Manager Wulschlager explained that Sergeant Kyle Kalmbach would now be the point of contact for the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office. He explained that there had been no traction in contacting Klamath County, noting that both the Mayor and he had reached out to multiple government agencies. He stated that Oregon State Police might be able to help, but confirmation had not been received.

He stated that Sheriff Rupert had presented to the community and that the presentation received positive feedback, demonstrating strong commitment from law enforcement.

Associate Planner Tierney gave an update on current planning, which included the City-owned spec building application. He clarified that because the City was the applicant, a third party was conducting the review.

Community Development Director Bybee gave an update on the Transportation Growth and Management (TGM) grant that the City had been awarded to fund the Transportation System Plan (TSP) update. He stated that ODOT's funding issues had caused delays but noted that after speaking with Hood River's Community Development Director, it appeared typical for projects to start about nine months after award. He reminded the Council that the City had only been awarded the grant five months earlier and remained hopeful the update would begin soon.

He stated that the two housing grants awarded for the development code update and the Cagle Infill Project would begin moving forward.

He gave an update on the Community Planning Assistance for Wildfire (CPAW) program and stated that he was waiting to receive proposed code amendments from CPAW for the Council to review.

He stated that a Measure 56 notice had been sent to all property owners within the City of La Pine for the upcoming Planning Commission public hearing regarding text amendments that the City Council and Planning Commission had been working on during joint work sessions.

City Manager Wullschlager provided clarification regarding a public comment from Mr. Williams. He stated that the Council could not review the requested partition applications due to state statute.

City Recorder Metcalf did not have any comments.

MAYOR & COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Morse did not have any comments.

Council President Ignazzitto did not have any comments.

Councilor Shields did not have any comments.

Mayor Earls spoke about the town hall where Sheriff Rupert presented and noted how positive the feedback had been.

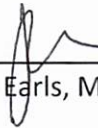
She gave recognition to Sergeant Kalmbach for the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office involvement in the fall events and parades. She also recognized Lieutenant Spano for his involvement with the summer events and parades.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: per ORS 192.660 if necessary

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Earls adjourned the meeting at 5:55 p.m.


SIGNATURE PAGE TO FOLLOW



Jeannine Earls, Mayor

Date: 12-10-2025

ATTEST:



Amanda Metcalf, City Recorder

Date: 12/10/25