

# LA PINE UTILITIES COMMITTEE WORK SESSION AGENDA

Tuesday, March 15, 2011 - 5:00 p.m.  
51340 Highway 97, La Pine, Oregon 97739  
South County Building Meeting Room

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Introductions
4. Approval of Minutes  
December 21, 2010 Meeting Minutes  
January 18, 2011 Meeting Minutes
5. 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 other time selected by the Utilities Committee
6. Continued discussion on Water and Sewer Districts Withdrawal
7. Discussion on Membership for the Committee
8. Public Comments for Items Not on the Agenda
9. Other Matters  
Only those matters properly added to this Agenda under line item No. 5 will be discussed at this time.
10. Adjourn

Pursuant to ORS 192.640, this notice includes a list of the principal subjects anticipated to be considered or discussed at the above-referenced meeting. This notice does not limit the ability of the Utilities Committee to consider or discuss additional subjects. The meeting is subject to cancellation without notice. The meeting is open to the public and interested citizens are invited to attend. The meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities. A request for an interpreter for the hearing impaired or for other accommodations for persons with disabilities should be made at least 48 hours before the meeting to Patti Morgan at (541) 536-1432.

# LA PINE UTILITIES COMMITTEE WORK SESSION MINUTES

Tuesday, March 15, 2011 - 5:00 p.m.  
51340 Highway 97, La Pine, Oregon 97739  
South County Building Meeting Room

1. Call to Order

Chair Scholer called the meeting to order at 5:08 pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Scholer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Introductions

Chair Uecker  
Vice Chair Benner  
Gloria Fleming  
Mayor Mulenex  
Councilor Martinez  
City Manager Rick Allen

4. Approval of Minutes

December 21, 2010 Meeting Minutes  
January 18, 2011 Meeting Minutes

**A motion was made by Jayne Benner and seconded by Mayor Mulenex to approve the meeting minutes for December 21, 2010 and January 18, 2011.**

<i>Vote as follows:</i>	<i>AYE</i>	<i>NAY</i>
<i>Chair Ted Scholer</i>	<i>X</i>	
<i>Vice Chair Jayne Benner</i>	<i>X</i>	
<i>Planning Cmsr. Gloria Fleming</i>	<i>X</i>	
<i>Mayor Ken Mulenex</i>	<i>X</i>	
<i>Councilor McAfee</i>	<i>X</i>	

**Motion passed unanimously.**

5. Added Agenda Items

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7. Discussion on Membership for the Committee

This agenda item was moved forward due to organizational reasons. City Manager Allen discussed the resolution creating the committee that addressed membership:

- Chair Scholer – grandfathered in as a resident
- Chair Benner - grandfathered in as a resident
- Planning Commissioner Gloria Fleming – Temporary Commission Representative
- Brian Earls – District position
- Stu Martinez - Council Representative

Planning Commissioner Gloria Fleming mentioned that she was only a temporary representative from the Planning Commission and not a permanent member of the Utility Committee. A permanent representative will probably occur when the commission increases its membership, right now there are only three Commissioners.

City Manager Allen suggested not having three councilors on the committee. Linda Johnston stated that she would be willing to sit on the committee since she has already been selected for the future Public Works Committee. Councilor McAfee stated that she would like to stay on the committee since she was involved in the creation of the committee. Mayor Mullenex said that he would not necessarily have to continue to be on the committee so there would not be three councilors on the same committee.

Chair Scholer reminded the committee that the Utility Committee will be dissolved in the future because of the Public Works committee that would be formed.

**A motion was made by Councilor McAfee and seconded by Mayor Mullenex to recommend to the City Council that Linda Johnston be the resident representative for the committee.**

<i>Vote as follows:</i>	<i>AYE</i>	<i>NAY</i>
<i>Chair Ted Scholer</i>	<i>X</i>	
<i>Vice Chair Jayne Benner</i>	<i>X</i>	
<i>Planning Cmsr. Gloria Fleming</i>	<i>X</i>	
<i>Mayor Ken Mullenex</i>	<i>X</i>	
<i>Councilor McAfee</i>	<i>X</i>	

**Motion passed unanimously.**

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6. Continued discussion on Water and Sewer Districts Withdrawal

City Manager Allen stated that another letter was sent to the Districts asking them to move forward with the withdrawal. He said the Water District Board does not wish to do this at the current time. City Manager Allen said that the Districts believe the Council is not knowledgeable about the loans from USDA (United States Dept of Agriculture). He said they could have a presentation done by USDA at the April 13<sup>th</sup> City Council Meeting.

Chair Scholer stated that all these excuses come up so the withdrawal progress is back to square one. Vice Chair Benner said that in her dealings with the District she has found their attitude unyielding. City Manager Allen stated he would like to have the meeting after the withdrawal request letter is sent out. He said he expects the City to have many conversations with USDA over the next several months. Mayor Mullenex said he was in favor of the meeting. Councilor McAfee stated she did not feel the meeting would be productive. She said a technical person is needed to be able to run the Water and Sewer Districts so that the process would run smoother. City Manager Allen said there probably needs to be a City Manager who also has public works experience.

City Manager Allen said that when the City absorbs the Districts they keep the same loan interest rates, etc. Mayor Mullenex said we could get some beneficial information from a meeting with USDA and also satisfy the Districts that the Council has been educated and that would be a good thing.

City Manager Allen stated that the District's want to do a survey of their customers to see if they are in favor of the withdrawal. He said the survey results in and of themselves are not really going to be that significant. City Manager Allen said the survey will not have any bearing on the City continuing with the withdrawal. He said the Districts complained that there were not very many residents or their customers at the recent Public Hearing.

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City Manager Allen stated that the District's employees are now considering joining a union. He said the item was tabled to the next District meetings for legal review. City Manager Allen also said the Districts will be polling their customers, in the very near future regarding the withdrawal and asking them if they want the Districts to be taken over by the City.

8. Public Comments for Items Not on the Agenda

None

9. Other Matters

Only those matters properly added to this Agenda under line item No. 5 will be discussed at this time.

None

10. Adjourn

**A motion was made by Commissioner Fleming and seconded by Councilor McAfee to Adjourn the Meeting.**

<i>Vote as follows:</i>	<i>AYE</i>	<i>NAY</i>
<i>Chair Ted Scholer</i>	<i>X</i>	
<i>Vice Chair Jayne Benner</i>	<i>X</i>	
<i>Planning Cmsr. Gloria Fleming</i>	<i>X</i>	
<i>Councilor McAfee</i>	<i>X</i>	

**Motion passed unanimously.**

Chair Scholer adjourned the meeting at 6:08 pm.



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Chair Ted Scholer

Attest:



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City Manager/City Recorder Rick Allen