

LA PINE UTILITIES COMMITTEE WORK SESSION AGENDA

Tuesday, December 21, 2010 - 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
November 16, 2010 - Utilities Committee 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. RCAC Meeting in January regarding rates and how to set them – Jake Salcone
7. Continued discussion on Water and Sewer Districts Withdrawal
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, December 21, 2010 - 5:00 p.m.
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1. Call to Order

Chair Scholer opened the meeting at 5:05 pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Scholer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Introductions

Present Were:

Chair Scholer

Ken Mulenex

Tony Debone

Quorum Established

Also in attendance was City Manager Rick Allen.

4. Approval of Minutes

November 16, 2010 - Utilities Committee Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Ken Mulenex and seconded by Tony Debone to approve the November 16, 2010 meeting minutes.

Vote as follows:

AYE

NAY

Chair Ted Scholer

X

Tony DeBone

X

Ken Mulenex

X

Motion passed unanimously.

5. Added Agenda Items

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None

6. RCAC Meeting in January regarding rates and how to set them – Jake Salcone

City Manager Allen announced that Jake Salcone from RCAC (Rural Communities Assistance Corporation) will be at the next Utility meeting scheduled for January. Mr. Salcone will be talking about how to set rates in water and sewer districts. He will do this at the next Utility Meeting scheduled for January 18th.

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7. Continued discussion on Water and Sewer Districts Withdrawal

City Manager Allen stated that last month the City requested a number of documents from the Water and Sewer Districts. He said the Districts are going to send them an estimate of what it will cost in labor and materials to produce these documents. City Manager Allen said intentionally they are not providing things in an efficient manner. He said thousands of dollars are going out in legal fees for both the Districts and the City. City Manager Allen said that attorney Neil Bryant is also working on behalf of the City.

Tony Debone stated that all the City services need to be consolidated and he supports the withdrawal of the Water and Sewer Districts. City Manager Allen stated that the districts have voted to not support the withdrawal at their last meeting. He also said the City has written a letter to the County asking that they not support the Cagle annexation by the districts. City Manager Allen said that the funding for that annexation is a long ways out.

City Manager Allen stated that the City would like him to start working on how they would run the districts. He said they may have to hire staff if they go in that direction. City Manager Allen stated that the City will probably record the Districts' meetings and put them on the City website. He said the culture operating at the Districts now will be quite different than the culture when the City is operating the Districts.

There was also a discussion of what seats on the District's board will be expiring in 2011. Tony Debone stated he would need to resign from this committee given his recent election to the County's Board of Commissioners.

8. Public Comments for Items Not on the Agenda

Vicky Jackson, area resident, discussed the costs of legal work that will affect the residents. She said there will be a lot of upset people when they understand how much money is going to lawyers.

Stu Martinez, Councilor elect, also expressed concern about the attorney fees both for the City and also for the Water and Sewer Districts and the resident's reaction to them.

9. Other Matters

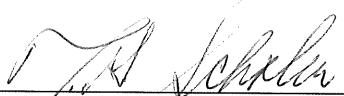
Only those matters properly added to this Agenda under line item No. 5 will be discussed at this time.

None

10. Adjourn

A motion was made by Ken Mullenex and seconded by Tony Debone to adjourn the Meeting.		
<i>Vote as follows:</i>	<i>AYE</i>	<i>NAY</i>
<i>Chair Ted Scholer</i>	<i>X</i>	
<i>Tony DeBone</i>	<i>X</i>	
<i>Ken Mullenex</i>	<i>X</i>	
Motion passed unanimously.		

Chair Scholer adjourned the meeting at 5:58 pm. Next meeting scheduled for January 18th at 5 pm.



Chair Ted Scholer

Attest:



City Manager/City Recorder Rick Allen