

# LA PINE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE AGENDA

Tuesday, May 13, 2014

Regular Meeting – 10:00 am

16345 Sixth Street, La Pine, Oregon 97739

## A. Regular Session

1. Call to Order
2. Establish Quorum
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of Meeting Minutes
5. Discussion with DEQ - **Tentative**
6. Other Issues/Concerns
7. Public Comments
8. Staff General Comments
9. Committee Member General Comments
10. Adjourn

Pursuant to ORS 192.640, this notice includes a list of the principal subjects to be considered or discussed at the above-referenced meetings. This notice does not limit the ability of the Public Works Committee to consider or discuss additional subjects. These meetings are subject to cancellation without notice. These meetings are open to the public and interested citizens are invited to attend. The meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities. A request for 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.

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## A, Regular Session

### 1. Call to Order

Chair Weller called the meeting to order.

### 2. Establish Quorum

Chair Tom Weller  
Vice-Chair Linda Johnston  
Arlo Fertig  
Jim Fleming  
Russ Smith  
Wayne Barth  
Commissioner Doug Ward

Also in attendance was Mayor Ken Mulenex, Interim City Manager Rick Allen and Councilor Martinez.

### 3. Pledge of Allegiance

Jim Fleming led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### 4. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Ward noted the need to correct “Chair” Ward in the Minutes.

**A motion was made by Arlo Fertig and seconded by to Jim Fleming to accept the Minutes with corrections as noted.**

<u>Vote as follows:</u>	<i>AYE</i>	<i>NAY</i>
<i>Chair Tom Weller</i>	X	
<i>Vice-Chair Linda Johnston</i>	X	
<i>Arlo Fertig</i>	X	
<i>Jim Fleming</i>	X	
<i>Commissioner Doug Ward</i>	X	
<i>Russ Smith</i>	X	
<i>Wayne Barth</i>	X	

**Motion passed unanimously.**

## 5. Discussion with DEQ – Tentative

The members of the Public Works Committee introduced themselves and discussed whether or not they had City sewer and water or not. Eric Nigg, Water Quality Manager, and Bob Baggett, Natural Resource Specialist, both from the Department of Environmental Quality, introduced themselves. Mr. Nigg stated that they have been working with a steering committee on the nitrate issue in La Pine for the past four years. He said they are convinced that there is contamination of the ground water from some of the septic (not one's inside the City, however). Mr. Nigg said the developments that have a lot of population density are the ones they are most concerned with. In addition, these lots had shallow groundwater. Mr. Nigg stated that the steering committee came up with nine recommendations. One of the chief recommendations was being able to provide better wastewater treatment throughout the area. Another one of their recommendations was to have cluster homes get together and build some sort of sewage treatment plant to protect drinking water and for other environmental concerns.

Mr. Nigg said that the City's treatment plant could handle additional users. It has always been the intention of the City to provide sewer to the Cagle neighborhood, eventually. Mr. Nigg said that this is a large enough area that could load pollutants into the ground water. He said the City's waste water treatment plant has greatly improved the quality of the ground water. Mr. Baggett stated that there are issues with asking a resident of Cagle to put in the nitrogen reducing septic system that is very costly when they could be connected to City sewer in the future. Scott Perkins, Manager of Public Works, stated that there are property owners in the Cagle neighborhood that want to develop but do not want to have to install the expensive new system. Mr. Nigg said they consider a shallow well to be between 50 – 100 feet deep.

Interim City Manager Allen stated that at some point the City needs to move forward on getting sewer into the Cagle neighborhood. He said water quality issues do effect the economy in the City. Mr. Nigg stated that DEQ does not want to do something drastic regarding water quality. He said that he would like to see a facilities plan that shows increasing the sewer system to the Cagle neighborhood. Mr. Nigg also discussed the loan program available for infrastructure projects. He also said that there were grants available. Interim City Manager Allen stated that he did not know the fee people would have to pay to hook up to the sewer, but there would be a fee. He said water service would also probably be supplied to the Cagle neighborhood along with sewer. Mr. Allen stated that the current users of the sewer will end up paying for the expansion of the sewer to the Cagle neighborhood. There was also a discussion on how the lots might be subdivided to make more lots once there was sewer and water available in the Cagle neighborhood. There was a discussion regarding enforcement issues in regard to hooking up to the sewer on a property. It was discussed that it would be up to the City to enforce it. Mr. Nigg stated that the current sewer system could accommodate additional sewer hookups like in the Cagle neighborhood. Interim City Manager Allen stated that during the expansion to Cagle the City would also expand services to surrounding neighborhoods. Mr. Allen said the Wickiup Lift Station would have to be enlarged to handle the extra load. There was also a discussion on the outreach that would need to be done when implementing the addition of sewer and water to the Cagle neighborhood. Mayor Mulenex stated that he thought the City should move forward with getting services to the Cagle neighborhood. Interim City Manager Allen thought the project could be completed in less than five years.

**A motion was made by Jim Fleming and seconded by Arlo Fertig to recommend that the City move forward on bringing water and sewer services in the areas of Burgess Road and Cagle.**

<i><u>Vote as follows:</u></i>	<i>AYE</i>	<i>NAY</i>
<i>Chair Tom Weller</i>	<i>X</i>	
<i>Vice-Chair Linda Johnston</i>	<i>X</i>	
<i>Arlo Fertig</i>	<i>X</i>	
<i>Jim Fleming</i>	<i>X</i>	
<i>Commissioner Doug Ward</i>	<i>X</i>	
<i>Russ Smith</i>	<i>X</i>	
<i>Wayne Barth</i>	<i>X</i>	

**Motion passed unanimously.**

6. Other Issues/Concerns

None

7. Public Comments

Mr. Carrigan spoke on the STEM (Science Technology Engineering Mathematics) group that had been formed in La Pine. He said two of the four or five clubs planned is up and running, they are the rockets and robotics groups. Mr. Carrigan said they just won a grant for underwater robotic kits. He said they are looking for places to launch the rockets. Mr. Carrigan said they are looking at the fields in the industrial zones that are not in use right now. He said almost all of the propellant is burned inside the rocket but they do have a fire extinguisher available. Mr. Carrigan said that they do notify the Fire District of the days they are launching the model rockets. He said two launches a month is the norm. Mr. Carrigan stated that they also have \$2 million dollars of liability insurance. Mayor Mullenex mentioned that the students learn a lot about mathematics in designing and launching the rockets. Mr. Carrigan stated that the STEM program is to take what is learned in the classroom and apply it to real life experiments. He also discussed the funding they have received from various organizations including the City. Mr. Carrigan stated he would like to get a recommendation from the committee to speak with the City about launching the rockets from some of the industrial land. Interim City Manager Allen said that the land in question belongs to Deschutes County. He said there is no reason for Mr. Carrigan to come to the City Council. Mr. Carrigan said that the local fire district will be notified about the rocket launching.

Stu Martinez, City Councilor, asked for support for the proposed Skate Park.

8. Staff General Comments

None

9. Committee Member General Comments

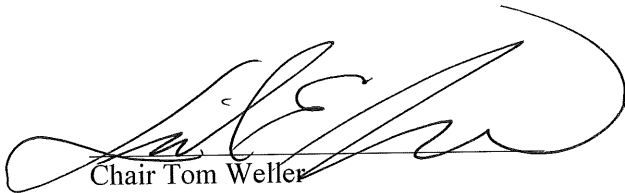
There was a discussion on the speed limit sign on Huntington Road near the Crescent Creek neighborhood and if it could be moved north of where it currently is located. There was also a discussion on the two miles to La Pine sign that is on the north end of the City. It was suggested to have the sign say "Two Miles to City Center" instead.

10. Adjourn

**A motion was made by Doug Ward and seconded by Arlo Fertig to adjourn the meeting.**

<u>Vote as follows:</u>	<i>AYE</i>	<i>NAY</i>
<i>Chair Tom Weller</i>	X	
<i>Vice-Chair Linda Johnston</i>	X	
<i>Arlo Fertig</i>	X	
<i>Jim Fleming</i>	X	
<i>Commissioner Doug Ward</i>	X	
<i>Russ Smith</i>	X	
<i>Wayne Barth</i>	X	

**Motion passed unanimously.**



Chair Tom Weller

Linda Johnston for Tom Weller

Attest



Rick Allen, City Recorder