

CITY COUNCIL

Work Session Meeting Minutes March 13, 2022

Mayor Drotzmann called the regular meeting to order at 6:00pm. Present were Councilors Hardin, Peterson, Primmer (arrived at 6:11pm), Barron, Duron, Linton, Myers, and McCarthy. Municipal Court Judge Bendixsen was also in attendance, as well as City staff to included: City Manager Byron D. Smith, Assistant City Manager Mark Morgan, City Attorney Rich Tovey, Chief Edmiston, Planning Director Clint Spencer, Finance Director Mark Krawczyk, Court Administrator Jillian Viles, Parks and Recreation Director Brandon Artz, IT Systems Network Engineer Jeremiah Gard, Assistant City Recorder Heather La Beau, and City Recorder Lilly Alarcon-Strong. Youth Advisory Member Stormie Richmond was also in attendance.

Animal Control

City Manager Smith presented information regarding the current animal ordinance, Humane Society of Eastern Oregon AKA Pet Rescue Contract, process and procedures if and when animals are impounded, annual budget and fees associated with the animal ordinance and Human Society contract, and a public survey regarding animal control that will run during the month of March. Those results will be presented at a future meeting with further discussion and recommended action on how the Council would like to proceed with this issue.

Chief Edmiston presented information (attached) regarding calls involving animals, from complaints of running at large, barking, maintaining vicious dog(s), etc. Procedures in place to handle these complaints, criminal citations against owners and those associated citation fee amounts, as well as conversations about animal control officers.

Annual Goal Prioritization

City Manager Smith and Sara Singer-Wilson of SSW Consulting reviewed the Council Goals as delineated at the Goal Setting Session in February and asked for clarification on specific goal items.

City Manager Smith and Sara Singer-Wilson stated this item would be discussed during the regular City Council meeting where the Council will categorize their goals into priorities through live polling.

Adjournment

Mayor Drotzmann adjourned the work session meeting at 6:49pm and stated the Council will take a short break before starting the regular City Council meeting at 7:00pm.