



CITY OF SWEET HOME CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

July 13, 2021, 5:30 PM
Sweet Home City Hall, 3225 Main Street
Sweet Home, OR 97386

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Mission Statement

The City of Sweet Home will work to build an economically strong community with an efficient and effective local government that will provide infrastructure and essential services to the citizens we serve. As efficient stewards of the valuable assets available, we will be responsive to the community while planning and preparing for the future.

Meeting Information

The City Council will hold a City Council work session at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, 3225 Main Street. The City of Sweet Home City Council is streaming the meeting via the Microsoft Teams platform. There will be opportunity for public input via the live stream. To view the City Council meeting live online, visit live.sweethomeor.gov. If you don't have access to the internet you can call in to 541-367-5128 and you'll be asked to choose option #1 to be logged in to the call. **Meeting ID: 663 999 581#**

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Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM.

Roll Call

PRESENT

Mayor Greg Mahler
President Pro Tem Diane Gerson
Councilor Dave Trask
Councilor Susan Coleman
Councilor Angelita Sanchez
Councilor Dylan Richards

ABSENT

Councilor Lisa Gourley

STAFF

City Manager Ray Towry
Finance Director Brandon Neish
Communications Specialist Lagea Mull
Administrative Services Manager Julie Fisher

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Operations Manager Steven Haney
Engineer Technician Trish Rice
Public Work Director Greg Springman
Community and Economic Development Director Blair Larsen

Old Business:

a) Debt & Capital Project Discussion

Finance Director Brandon Neish presented a list of Capital Projects with estimated cost for each. The projects were all from the Public Works Division to include Water, Wastewater, Stormwater, Streets, and Parks. Staff gave a quick description of each project.

There was discussion on how the estimated allocation of \$2,214,794.64 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding should be used. Projects were reviewed and prioritized by the Council.

There was additional discussion on taking on debt to complete projects in water and streets more timely and taking advantage of low interest rates.

Consensus of the Council was to not take on additional debt at this time until the Wastewater Treatment Plant funding is secure. The Council will hold another work session in two weeks to continue the discussion on the ARPA funds and continue the Capital Plan Review.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:27 PM.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Manager – Ex Officio City Recorder