



CITY OF SWEET HOME CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

July 13, 2021, 6:30 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 regular City Council meeting at 6:30 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: 473 954 605#**

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Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was Called to Order at 6:33 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
Police Chief Jeff Lynn

The location of the meeting is accessible to the disabled. If you have a disability that requires accommodation, advanced notice is requested by notifying the City Manager's Office at 541-367-8969.

Administrative Services Manager Julie Fisher
City Attorney Robert Snyder
Public Works Director Greg Springman
Community and Economic Development Director Blair Larsen
Communications Specialist Lagea Mull

Motion to approve the absence of Councilor Gourley from the July 13, 2021 Work Session and regular City Council meeting.

Motion made by Councilor Trask, Seconded by Councilor Coleman.

Roll Call Voting Yea: Mayor Mahler, President Pro Tem Gerson, Councilor Trask, Councilor Coleman, Councilor Sanchez, Councilor Richards

Consent Agenda:

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda made by Councilor Coleman, Seconded by President Pro Tem Gerson.

Roll Call Voting Yea: Mayor Mahler, President Pro Tem Gerson, Councilor Trask, Councilor Coleman, Councilor Sanchez, Councilor Richards

- a) 2021-06-22 City Council Minutes

Recognition of Visitors and Hearing of Petitions:

- a) Police Department Swearing-In Ceremony

Chief Jeff Lynn recognized Captain Jason Ogden, Sergeant David Hickcox, and newly sworn officer Trevor (TJ) Sundquist. Captain Ogden and Sergeant Hickcox both received promotions to their current positions.

City Manager Ray Towry administered the Oath to all three officers in the Swearing In ceremony.

- b) Duane Edmondson, Order of the Moose, spoke to the Council on Moose Youth Scholarships and the opportunity to bring the program to Sweet Home.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

- a) Request for Council Action - 2020-21 Audit Contract.

Finance Director Neish introduced the request for approval of the 2020-21 Audit Contract. The Council agreed Grove, Mueller, and Swank has done an excellent job for the city, however directed staff to request bids for services to stay on top of competitive bids.

Motion made by Councilor Coleman, Seconded by Councilor Richards to accept the 2020-21 Grove, Mueller, and Swank contract and direct staff to complete a Request for Proposal for auditing services.

Roll Call Voting Yea: Mayor Mahler, President Pro Tem Gerson, Councilor Trask, Councilor Coleman, Councilor Sanchez, Councilor Richards

Ordinance Bills

Request for Council Action and First Reading of Ordinance Bills

Second Reading of Ordinance Bills

- a) Ordinance Bill No. 3 for 2021 - Willow-Yucca Street Neighborhood Local Improvement District.

Ordinance Bill No. 3 for 2021 was read by Title only.

There was a question of the portion of funding paid by the City and how it would be spent and the methodology. There was discussion among the Council regarding the work to be done and associated costs.

Motion to move Ordinance Bill No. 3 for 2021 to third and final reading.

Motion made by Councilor Coleman, Seconded by Councilor Trask.

Roll Call Voting Yea: Mayor Mahler, President Pro Tem Gerson, Councilor Trask, Councilor Coleman

Voting Nay: Councilor Sanchez, Councilor Richards

Third Reading of Ordinance Bills (Roll Call Vote Required)

Reports of Committees:

None

Reports of City Officials:

Mayor's Report

Mayor Mahler requested a meeting with the County Commissioners regarding partnering with our community.

Mayor Mahler stated concerns of the accidents on Main, especially near the cross section of 22nd. Mayor Mahler was concerned about the speeding traffic on Main. Mayor Mahler was frustrated with ODOT and the lack of response. He requested a meeting to discuss their responsibility to protect our community.

Chief Jeff Lynn reported staff has discussed how to address these exact issues. A number of different traffic calming techniques were discussed. Data has been collected and shows problematic driver issues.

Mayor Mahler thanked Public Works, Police Department, and all staff for their work to make a successful Sportsman Holiday. The Chamber was also noted in their success in the Cut the Gut event.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Towry reported he attended the OCCMA Conference, and felt it was a valuable training. He also reported that he will be out on vacation next week to celebrate his 25th Wedding Anniversary. Due to his absence, CM Towry reported staff will be creating the Council Packet without him and reminded the Council on the rules to adding items to the Agenda.

City Manager Towry reported he will be scheduling an After Action Review of the Sportsman Holiday Event. He thanked the Police Department, Public Works and additional staff, as well as the Chamber of Commerce, Sweet Home Fire and Ambulance District Volunteers, and local businesses for making the holiday so successful.

CM Towry reported on Sergeant VanEck's retirement.

It was reported the new Library Services Director Megan Dazey will begin on August 16th.

Department Director's Reports (1st meeting of the Month)

Library Services Director

Community and Economic Development Director

- a) June 2021 CEDD Monthly Report

Public Works Director

a) June 2021 PW Monthly Report

City Attorney

Council Business for Good of the Order

a) CIS Longevity Award

Sweet Home received a longevity award for 30 years with CIS.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 PM.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Manager – Ex Officio City Recorder