



CITY OF SWEET HOME CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

January 27, 2026, 6:30 PM
Sweet Home City Hall, 3225 Main Street
Sweet Home, OR 97386

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.

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 PM.

Roll Call

PRESENT

Mayor Susan Coleman
President Pro Tem Josh Thorstad
Councilor Chelsea Augsburger
Councilor Ken Bronson
Councilor Aaron Hegge
Councilor Dylan Richards
Councilor Angelita Sanchez

STAFF

Jason Ogden, City Manager / Police Chief
Cecily Hope Pretty, Deputy City Manager
Blair Larsen, City Attorney
Angela Clegg, Planning & Building Manager
Adam Leisinger, Special Projects Manager
Greg Springman, Public Works Advisor

MEDIA

Sarah Brown, The New Era

GUESTS

Gary Jarvis, 2941 Foothills Drive, Sweet Home, OR 97386

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes:

- a) 2025-01-13 City Council Meeting Minutes

AYE: Coleman, Thorstad, Augsburger, Bronson, Hegge, Richards, Sanchez

NAY: None

Recognition of Visitors & Hearing of Petitions

Gary Jarvis stated that he had received incomplete information regarding the removal of an air quality monitor from the Fire District and expressed gratitude that a new one would be installed at the School District.

New Business

- a) Request for Council Action – Approving the Public Works Advisor Contract

City Manager Ogden highlighted Mr. Springman’s expertise and the advantageous arrangement to the City to retain his services on a part-time basis.

Councilor Richards moved to approve the contract as proposed. President Pro Tem Thorstad seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: Coleman, Thorstad, Augsburg, Bronson, Hegge, Richards, Sanchez

NAY: None

- b) Request for Council Action – Resolution No. 1 for 2026 – Adopting the Sweet Home Public Library Donor Naming Rights Policy

This item was pulled from consideration by staff.

Reports of Committees

Administration, Finance & Property Committee – President Pro Tem Thorstad

Community Health Committee – Councilor Bronson

Library Advisory Board – Councilor Augsburg

Park & Tree Committee – Councilor Hegge

Planning Commission

Area Commission on Transportation – Councilor Sanchez, Councilor Bronson (alternate)

Chamber of Commerce – Councilor Hegge

Council of Governments – Councilor Bronson, Councilor Sanchez (alternate)

Solid Waste Advisory Council – Councilor Richards

Councilor Bronson

Councilor Hegge stated that the Sweet Home Chamber of Commerce held their annual member meeting and voted in Shelly Larson as President and Christy Duncan as Vice President.

Department Reports

Library

Planning & Building

- a) • Planning & Building Report – December 2025

Public Works

Finance

Police

City Attorney

City Manager Ogden stated that due to increased staffing, the Traffic Safety Officer would be returning to full patrol related to traffic enforcement.

Reports of City Officials

City Manager's Report

- a) Air Quality Monitor Update

City Manager Ogden stated that he would attend Water Day at the capitol the following week to advocate on behalf of the City. He highlighted Deputy City Manager Pretty’s appointment to the League of Oregon Cities Transportation Policy Committee. He noted that the DEQ would be installing the new air quality monitor at the school district before the summer. He invited Councilors to attend the annual Chamber

Banquet in February. He highlighted the fabrication of metal fish by the Sweet Home High School metal shop class to be installed in the medians on Highway 20.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Coleman congratulated Councilor Hegge for his receipt of the Rotarian Award. She thanked Mr. Hart at the high school and highlighted the Sweet Home Ad Hoc Arts and Culture Committee's influence to support the project. She thanked staff for creating a temporary City logo highlighting the 250th anniversary of the nation's founding.

Council Business for Good of the Order

Councilor Sanchez highlighted the beginning of the short session at the state legislature and noted the work of outgoing Senator Cedric Hayden.

Adjournment

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:51 PM.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Manager – Ex Officio City Recorder

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