



CITY OF SWEET HOME CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

October 12, 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 of Sweet Home is streaming the meeting via the Microsoft Teams platform and asks the public to consider this option. There will be opportunity for public input via the live stream. To view the meeting live, online visit <http://live.sweethomeor.gov>. If you don't have access to the internet you can call in to 541-367-5128, choose option #1 and enter the meeting ID to be logged in to the call. Meeting ID: 473 954 605#

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

Mayor Mahler stated masks are being provided to the public and asked that everyone wear one to avoid unnecessary OSHA fines.

A statement was read explaining how to participate in the meeting for those joining online or via phone.

Roll Call

PRESENT

Mayor Greg Mahler
President Pro Tem Diane Gerson
Councilor Dave Trask
Councilor Susan Coleman
Councilor Angelita Sanchez (phone)

ABSENT

Councilor Lisa Gourley
Councilor Dylan Richards

STAFF

Community and Economic Development Director Blair Larsen
Finance Director Brandon Neish
Communications Specialist Lagea Mull
Administrative Services Manager Julie Fisher
City Attorney Robert Snyder
Library Services Director Megan Dazey (online)

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.

Public Works Director Greg Springman (online)
Police Chief Jeff Lynn (online)
Staff Engineer Joe Graybill
City Manager Ray Towry (online)

MEDIA

Benny Wolcott, The New Era

Motion to approve the absence of Councilor Gourley and Richards from the meeting.

Motion made by President Pro Tem Gerson, Seconded by Councilor Sanchez.

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

Consent Agenda:

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

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

Approval of Minutes:

- a) 2021-09-28 City Council - WS
- b) 2021-09-28 City Council Minutes

Recognition of Visitors and Hearing of Petitions:

None

Old Business:

None

New Business:

- a) Presentation on Current ODOT Projects
Brandon Burbank and Christine Hildebrandt, with ODOT, presented an update on the Highway 20 ADA ramp/22nd Avenue Pedestrian Safety project and Highway 20 sidewalk project from 53rd to 60th Avenue.
There was discussion regarding the railroad overhead crossing.
- b) Request for Council Action - Intergovernmental Agreement for ODOT US 20/OR 228 ADA Curb Ramps
This item was tabled until the next meeting.

Ordinance Bills

Request for Council Action and First Reading of Ordinance Bills

None

Second Reading of Ordinance Bills

None

Third Reading of Ordinance Bills (Roll Call Vote Required)

- a) 3rd Reading of Ordinance Bill No. 7, Ordinance No. 1299 for Zone Map Amendment Application ZMA21-03
Ordinance Bill No. 7 for 2021 was read by title only.
Motion to approve Ordinance Bill No. 7 for 2021 - Ordinance No. 1299

Motion made by President Pro Tem Gerson, Seconded by Councilor Coleman.
Roll Call Voting Yea: Mayor Mahler, President Pro Tem Gerson, Councilor Trask, Councilor Coleman, Councilor Sanchez

Reports of Committees:

Youth Advisory Council

Councilor Gerson stated she met with the Jr. High principal and discussed the Youth Advisory Council. A YAC meeting is scheduled for next week.

Reports of City Officials:

Mayor's Report

Mayor Mahler made a recommendation to Councilors who cannot make the meeting in person to try using MS Teams.

Mayor Mahler stated he appreciated City Staff for all their hard work to make the Harvest Festival a great event. He added some feedback on adding an onsite mobile ATM and additional food and drink vendors.

City Manager's Report

Community and Economic Development Director Blair Larsen reported the Harvest Festival was well received and was a great event with no issues for staff. An After Action meeting has been scheduled.

City Manager Ray Towry and CED Director Blair Larsen attended the ICMA Conference in Portland.

CEDD Larsen reported Phase 2 of the Overlay Project began today.

The official RR Crossing Order was received from ODOT for 24th Avenue with Albany Eastern RR. Councilor Trask suggested staff contact Linn County for help in building the crossing. Councilor Gerson requested staff reach out to the railroad regarding the overhead crossing in Foster.

The City received a Housing Needs Analysis Grant.

Staff requested an Administrative, Finance, and Property Committee meeting to review the City Council Rules. The Council will reply to staff with some possible dates.

Department Director's Reports

Library Services Director

- a) September 2021 Monthly Report
A written report was included in the packet.

Community and Economic Development Director

- a) September 2021 Monthly Report
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Public Works Director

- a) September 2021 Monthly Report
A written report was included in the packet.

Council Business for Good of the Order

Councilor Gerson announced Friday from 3pm - 5pm will be the opening of the Showcase Art Gallery.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 PM.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Manager – Ex Officio City Recorder