



CITY OF SWEET HOME CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

October 14, 2025, 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 6:31 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

GUESTS

Robert Egner, 28628 Ridgeway Road, Sweet Home, OR 97386
Bill McKinnon, 1450 54th Avenue, Foster, OR 97386

Mayor Coleman requested a moment of silence in honor of free speech and peaceful public discourse in recognition of a recent assassination.

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes:

- a) 2025-09-23 City Council Work Session Minutes
- b) 2025-09-23 City Council Meeting Minutes

Councilor Richards moved to approve the Consent Agenda. President Pro Tem Thorstad second the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: Coleman, Thorstad, Augsburger, Bronson, Hegge, Richards, Sanchez
NAY: None

Recognition of Visitors & Hearing of Petitions

Mayor Coleman recognized those registered to speak.

Robert Egner thanked City Council for their Declaration of Emergency regarding the Green Peter Drawdown. He recognized the Charter Review Committee for their work recommending Charter changes and expressed his support for the City Council's future consideration of the changes.

Bill McKinnon expressed concern with the number of vehicles driving with expired registrations or no license plates

Ordinance Bills

Request for Council Action & First Reading of Ordinance Bills

- a) Public Hearing & Request for Council Action – Ordinance No. 9 for 2025 – Zone Map Amendment Application ZMA25-01

Mayor Coleman opened the Public Hearing at 6:40 PM.

Planning & Building Manager Clegg provided the staff report regarding ZMA25-01.

Mayor Coleman asked for any declarations of personal bias, conflicts of interest, or ex parte information. Councilor Hegge declared a conflict of interest.

Councilor Bronson asked of the zoning for the parcel to the south. Manager Clegg replied that the zoning was already changed to R-3, Residential High Density.

Mayor Coleman invited testimony for the Public Hearing. There was none to be heard.

Mayor Coleman closed the public hearing at 6:46 PM.

Councilor Richards moved to conduct a first reading of Ordinance No. 9 for 2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAY: None

RECUSE: Hegge

A first reading of Ordinance No. 9 for 2025 was conducted. It was noted that the text should be corrected to reflect it as Ordinance No. 9 rather than No. 7.

Second Reading of Ordinance Bills

Councilor Richards moved to conduct a second reading of Ordinance No. 9 for 2025 by title only. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAY: None

RECUSE: Hegge

City Attorney Blair stated that the title should be corrected to state "an Ordinance amending the official Zoning Map."

Councilor Richards moved to conduct a first reading of Ordinance No. 9 for 2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAY: None

RECUSE: Hegge

Councilor Richards moved to conduct a third reading of Ordinance No. 9 for 2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAY: None

RECUSE: Hegge

Reports of Committees

Charter Review Committee – President Pro Tem Thorstad

Community Health Committee – Councilor Bronson

- a) • 2025-09-24 Community Health Committee Meeting Minutes

Library Advisory Board – Councilor Augsburg

- a) • 2025-10-09 Library Board Meeting Minutes

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

- a) • CWACT 2025 Meeting Calendar

Chamber of Commerce – Councilor Hegge

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

Solid Waste Advisory Council – Councilor Richards

Mayor Coleman stated that Charter Review Committee concluded its work. President Pro Tem Thorstad, representing the Committee as Chair, stated that recommendations would be brought to City Council. Mayor Coleman thanked the Committee for their work.

Department Reports

Library

- a) • Library Report – September 2025

Public Works Department Report

- a) • Public Works Department Report – September 2025

Finance

- a) • Finance Department Report – September 2025

Police

- a) • Police Department Report – September 2025

City Manager Ogden stated that overall calls were down slightly and person crimes were down significantly. He highlighted that vehicular crashes were down 31% over the previous year.

Reports of City Officials

City Manager's Report

- a) • October 2025 Newsletter

City Manager Ogden stated that the fall leaf collection program had begun. He highlighted an upcoming electronics recycling event at City Hall on October 25th. He invited the public to the annual tree lighting celebration on November 29th. He recognized staff for their work to host Harvest Festival and highlighted the coordination by Planning & Building Manager Clegg. He thanked the title sponsors Tony and Shelly Larson and Travis Luttmmer. He reviewed some recent and upcoming grant submissions.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Coleman thanked staff for their work to keep many projects in progress. She highlighted the upcoming Sip & Stroll and SHOCASE Showdown. She encouraged everyone to vote for Lebanon High School in the T-Mobile competition to restore their football stadium. She expressed relief for the release of hostages in Israel.

Council Business for Good of the Order

Councilor Richards thanked staff for their work on Harvest Festival.

Adjournment

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:01 PM.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Manager – Ex Officio City Recorder

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