



CITY OF SWEET HOME CITY COUNCIL MINUTES - WS

September 09, 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: 374 461 431#

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

PRESENT

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

STAFF

City Manager Ray Towry
Communication Specialist Lagea Mull
Finance Director Brandon Neish
Administrative Services Manager Julie Fisher
Community and Economic Development Director Blair Larsen
City Attorney Robert Snyder
Community Services Officer Sean Morgan
Police Chief Jeff Lynn
Public Works Director Greg Springman
Library Services Director Megan Dazey
Police Captain Jason Ogden

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Old Business:

a) Sweet Home Sleeping Shelter Proposal

City Manager Ray Towry introduced the issue of homeless and provided the Council with various documents including House Bills and Case Law to explain the limitations the City has for excluding anyone from sitting or sleeping in public places if there is no adequate temporary shelter available. City Attorney Robert Snyder further explained Martin v. Boise "Right to Rest" and HB 3115 and HB 2006. Community and Economic Development Director Blair Larsen spoke about HB 2006 stating any emergency shelter is exempt from the Land Use Process if they comply with the provisions of the bill, noting that law is set to sunset July 1, 2022.

Staff presented photos of the current issues due to homeless camps near the Sweet Home Fire Department. Public Works Director Greg Springman explained the cost related to daily cleaning of the public spaces.

Police Chief Jeff Lynn provide Police Department statistics over the last 5 years involving homeless and the challenges the officers are dealing with.

There was at time for questions and discussion from the Council.

Nancy White, 911 6th Avenue. Concerned about how the facility would be funded.

Josh Thorstead, 1210 44th Avenue. Also concerned about how the facility would be funded and who will be accountable when the facility fails.

Robert Edger, Ridgeway Road questioned the difference between a hight barrier and low barrier facility.

Brock Byers, FAC spoke regarding funding for the Sweet Home Sleep Center.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Manager – Ex Officio City Recorder