



CITY OF SWEET HOME CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

September 14, 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:

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

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 (phone)
Councilor Dylan Richards (phone)

STAFF

City Manager Ray Towry
Finance Director Brandon Neish
Administrative Services Manager Julie Fisher
Communications Specialist Lagea Mull
Public Works Director Greg Springman
Community and Economic Development Director Blair Larsen
City Attorney Robert Snyder
Library Services Director Megan Dazey

Consent Agenda:

Mayor Mahler moved the YAC Appointments from Committee Reports to the Consent Agenda. Pro Tem Gerson requested that Mailey Brewer's appointment be changed from liaison to the City Council to liaison to the Library Advisory Board.

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

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

- a) Request for Council Action – Appointment to the Library Advisory Board
- b) YAC Appointment Request: Mailey Brewer and Bea Reeve to Youth Advisory Council, Mailey Brewer as an ex officio position to the City Council, and Bea Reeve as an ex officio member of the Community Health Committee

Approval of Minutes:

- a) 2021-08-30 Administrative, Finance, Property Committee Minutes
- b) 2021-08-30 City Council Meeting Minutes - WS
- c) 2021-08-25 City Council Meeting Minutes
- d) 2021-09-07 City Council Meeting Minutes - SP

Recognition of Visitors and Hearing of Petitions:

Dave VanDerlip, Courtney Creek Drive, spoke to the Council regarding the mask mandate stating the hospitals are overflowing with COVID patients who are there because they refuse to wear masks, making it difficult for anyone else to access needed health care. The anti-mask movement is killing people.

Lori Martin, 37675 Sunset Lane, spoke against the mask mandate stating it is a mandate not a law, but it is a freedom of choice. Ms. Martin stated that the "unvaccinated" numbers in the hospitals are skewed.

Pam Darling, 39862 Misty Lane, encouraged the City Council to work together, especially in this time. Ms. Darling also spoke regarding the mask and vaccination mandate stating she believes in individual choice.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

- a) Public Hearing for Zone Map Amendment Application ZMA21-03
The Public Hearing was opened at 6:45 pm.
Mayor Mahler explained the Public Hearing process.
Mayor Mahler asked of the Council if there was any Exparte Information, Conflict of Interest or Personal Bias. There was none.
Community and Economic Development Director Blair Larsen presented the staff report. There was a time for questions of staff.
Testimony from the applicant: Hayden Wooton, Reese and Associates, stated the zone change will bring the property in conformance with the Comprehensive Plan.
There was no testimony in favor, in opposition, or neutral.
The Public Hearing was closed at 6:54 pm.
Motion made to approve the application by Councilor Gourley, Seconded by Councilor Coleman.
Roll Call Voting Yea: Mayor Mahler, President Pro Tem Gerson, Councilor Trask, Councilor Gourley, Councilor Coleman, Councilor Sanchez, Councilor Richards

b) Request for Council Action - The Woods Roadhouse PA Permit Application

City Manager Ray Towry introduced the application for the Public Address permit for the Woods Roadhouse.

Theresa Brown, 27919 Riggs Hill Road explained the application and the reason for the permit request.

Motion made by Councilor Gourley, Seconded by President Pro Tem Gerson to approve the PA Permit with no expiration date but to be reviewed upon any issues.

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

Ordinance Bills

Request for Council Action and First Reading of Ordinance Bills

a) First Reading of Ordinance Bill No. 7 for 2021: ZMA21-03 (see "New Business")

Motion to move Ordinance Bill No. 7 fro 2021: ZMA 21-03 to first reading by Councilor Gerson, Seconded by Councilor Gourley.

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

The ordinance was read in its entirety.

Motion made by Councilor Trask, Seconded by Councilor Gourley to move Ordinance Bill No. 7 to second reading.

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

Second Reading of Ordinance Bills

None

Third Reading of Ordinance Bills (Roll Call Vote Required)

None

Reports of Committees:

Chamber of Commerce

Councilor Gerson reported the Chamber will meet on Thursday, Sept. 16th.

Council of Governments

Councilor Sanchez reported the COG will meet on Thursday, Sept. 16th.

Youth Advisory Council

Councilor Gerson reported applications for two new members for the YAC will come before Council at the next meeting.

Reports of City Officials:

Mayor's Report

Mayor Mahler reminded the Council of the upcoming training in McMinnville. Mayor Mahler met with the new School Board Superintendent to discuss collaboration between the board and the

Council moving forward. Mayor Mahler appointed Councilor Gourley, and Councilor Gerson to join him during the quarterly meetings.

Mayor Maher announced he attended the Ridgeway Medical Facility ribbon cutting ceremony and was excited of the services added to our community.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Towry reminded the Council of the upcoming training September 17 - 19.

City Manager Towry stated he will be out of the office Monday and Tuesday next week.

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

Library Services Director

- a) Library Statistics and Monthly Report

Community and Economic Development Director

- a) CEDD Monthly Report for August 2021

Councilor Gerson asked a question regarding mill property owned by County. Mayor Mahler added that the County Commissioner are not listening to what the community needs are. Commissioner Sprenger was the most inline with what is best for Sweet Home. Mayor Mahler stated the decision made by the County Commissioners has set the City back. Council requested staff set a meeting with the Commissioners.

Public Works Director

- a) Public Works Department Monthly Report of Activities - August 2021

City Attorney

Council Business for Good of the Order

Councilor Trask again apologized for behavior during an earlier meeting.

Councilor Gerson noted a free concert sponsored by the Rotary and SHOCASE for Dr. Carmen Hall, pianist.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:17 pm.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Manager – Ex Officio City Recorder