



CITY OF SWEET HOME CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

June 29, 2020, 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 Council will hold a Special City Council meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, 3225 Main Street. In order to protect residents, staff, and elected officials due to the novel COVID-19 virus, the frequency and length of public meetings, including the City Council, boards and commissions, will be minimized. Non-urgent and non-essential City business with expected public feedback will be postponed whenever possible. Individuals attending public meetings in person will be limited to the first six people, required to maintain appropriate social distancing, (6-ft.) and be free of symptoms related to COVID-19. The City of Sweet Home City Council 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 City Council meeting live, online visit live.sweethomeor.gov. If you don't have access to the internet you can call in to 541-367-5128 and you'll be asked to choose option #1 to be logged in to the call.

This video stream and call in options are allowed under Council Rules, meet the requirements for Oregon public meeting law, and has been approved by the Mayor as Chairperson of the meeting. All votes will be conducted by Roll Call Vote.

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 PM.

Roll Call

PRESENT

Mayor Greg Mahler
President Pro Tem Diane Gerson
Councilor Cortney Nash (video)
Councilor Dave Trask
Councilor James Goble
Councilor Lisa Gourley
Councilor Susan Coleman

STAFF

City Manager Ray Towry
Finance Director Brandon Neish
Administrative Assistant Julie Fisher

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.

MEDIA
Scott Swanson, The New Era

Recognition of Visitors and Hearing of Petitions:

None

New Business:

- a) Request for Council Action – AFSCME Contract Approval

City Manager Towry stated the 2019-2023 AFSCME Local 3337 and the City of Sweet Home proposed contract was a fair contract and good for both the City and staff. City Manager Towry strongly urged the Council to approve the contract.

Mayor Mahler stated the \$1000 across the board is not fair to staff. He was also not in agreement with 3.25% ceiling on wage increases and wanted less. Mayor Mahler stated his disapproval of the contract and felt he was setting a precedence.

Councilor Goble stated he was also not in agreement with the contract. Councilor Goble stated the contract is over and above what the Council had agreed to. He also was in disagreement with the \$1000 not being prorated for part time staff.

Councilor Trask stated the \$1000 was out of line and even a 3% ceiling for wage increases was too high.

Motion made by Councilor Gourley, Seconded by Councilor Nash.

Voting Yea: Mayor Mahler, Councilor Nash, Councilor Trask, Councilor Gourley, Councilor Coleman

Voting Nay: President Pro Tem Gerson, Councilor Goble

Council Business for Good of the Order

None

Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:38 PM.

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Manager – Ex Officio City Recorder