



CITY OF SWEET HOME CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

June 09, 2026, 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

Roll Call

PRESENT

Mayor Susan Coleman
President Pro Tem Josh Thorstad
Councilor Ken Bronson (virtual)
Councilor Aaron Hegge
Councilor Dylan Richards
Councilor Angelita Sanchez

ABSENT

Councilor Chelsea Augsburger

STAFF

Jason Ogden, City Manager / Chief of Police
Cecily Hope Pretty, Deputy City Manager
Angela Clegg, Planning & Building Manager
Ryan Cummings, Police Captain
Megan Dazey, Library Services Director
Blair Larsen, City Attorney
Greg Springman, Public Works Advisor
Dominic Valloni, Public Works Operations Manager

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Brandon Cominsky, The New Era

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes:

- a) 2026-05-26 City Council Meeting Minutes

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

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Augsburger

Recognition of Visitors & Hearing of Petitions

There were no visitors to be heard.

New Business

- a) Request for Council Action – Resolution No. 12 for 2026 – Ratifying & Acknowledging the City of Sweet Home’s Participation in the Linn County Deadly Physical Force Plan Revisions

City Manager Ogden stated that the State of Oregon requires every County to adopt a Deadly Physical Force (DPF) Plan. He noted that Linn County proposed revisions to the DPF Plan in 2019 but it was recently discovered that the City of Sweet Home did not formally adopt the revisions and the District Attorney requested a formal acknowledgement of the 2019 revisions. He stated that the Resolution would not result in any operational or budgetary impacts to the Sweet Home Police Department.

Councilor Richards moved to approve Resolution No. 12 for 2026. President Pro Tem Thorstad seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Augsburger

- b) Request for Council Action – Approving the Renewal of Workers’ Compensation Insurance with SAIF Corporation

City Manager Ogden stated that the City was required to have Workers’ Compensation Insurance and the renewal amount required City Council approval.

Councilor Bronson asked of the previous year’s premium. City Manager Ogden stated he would get that amount at a later time.

Councilor Richards moved to approve the renewal as proposed. President Pro Tem Thorstad seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Augsburger

Ordinance Bills

Third Reading of Ordinance Bills (Roll Call Vote Required)

- a) Request for Council Action – Ordinance Bill No. 1 for 2026 – Ordinance No. 1339 – Public Hearing for a Zoning Map Amendment Application ZMA26-01 and Property Line Adjustment Application PLA26-02

City Manager Ogden read Ordinance No. 1 for 2026 by title only.

Councilor Richards moved to approve Ordinance No. 1 for 2026 as proposed. President Pro Tem Thorstad seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Augsburger

Deputy City Manager Pretty stated that the previous year’s Workers’ Compensation premium totaled \$45,661.21.

Reports of Committees

Administration, Finance & Property Committee – President Pro Tem Thorstad

Community Health Committee – Councilor Bronson

- 2026-05-27 Community Health Committee Meeting Minutes

Library Advisory Board – Councilor Augsburger

Park & Tree Committee – Councilor Hegge

Planning Commission

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

Chamber of Commerce – Councilor Hegge

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

Solid Waste Advisory Council – Councilor Richards

There were no reports to be heard.

Department Reports

Library

Planning & Building

Public Works

- Public Works Report – May 2026

Finance

- Finance Department Report – May 2026

Police

City Attorney

Mayor Coleman thanked City staff for implementing the text program to notify customers before their water service is discontinued. Deputy City Manager Pretty stated that it was Financial Operations Manager Cindi Robeck's idea.

Councilor Bronson thanked Public Works for their work.

Mayor Coleman thanked Public Works for their recent installation of a bench at Clover Park.

Reports of City Officials

- a) City Manager's Report

City Manager Ogden highlighted the upcoming Safety Fair at Sankey Park this coming Saturday and the first event for Movies in the Park this coming Friday. He stated that Dumpster Days would take place from June 22nd through June 25th with free dumpster service available to the public.

Councilor Hegge asked if participants would be required to bring ID. Special Projects Manager Leisinger replied that ID with a Sweet Home address would be required.

- b) Mayor's Report

Mayor Coleman stated that the Sweet Home community provided almost \$1 million in scholarship funding to Sweet Home students this year. She noted that the Sweet Home Literacy Project recently completed its year and thanked all who volunteered.

Council Business for Good of the Order

There was no business to be heard.

Adjournment

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:43 PM.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Manager – Ex Officio City Recorder