



CITY OF SWEET HOME CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES

June 09, 2026, 5:30 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 5:30 PM.

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
Blair Larsen, City Attorney
Greg Springman, Public Works Advisor
Dominic Valloni, Public Works Operations Manager

PRESS

Brandon Cominsky, The New Era

Work Session – Business Registry

City Manager Ogden stated that City Council requested a Work Session to discuss the possibility of a business registry. He requested Council direction regarding what they wanted to see in a registry.

Mayor Susan Coleman stated that the topic came up due to recent interactions with a local business owners and that other business owners might benefit from an early interaction with the City via a business registration.

Councilor Richards stated that he was opposed to a business registry.

Councilor Hegge stated that as a business owner, he saw the value of information for businesses but expressed concern with the challenge of setting up and maintaining a registry. He noted that the Chamber of Commerce was already an available resource.

Mayor Coleman stated that there was a registry available through the Secretary of State but that the information was frequently inaccurate.

Councilor Bronson asked if the intent was to have a list of local businesses maintained by the City or to be able to offer resources to local businesses.

Councilor Sanchez asked what had occurred recently with a local business owner that triggered the Work Session. City Manager Ogden replied that he had mentioned it might help connect business owners with information related to potential regulations for their businesses. Councilor Sanchez stated that she felt an FAQ would be sufficient.

President Pro Tem Thorstad stated that in his experience, it was not possible for a business owner to do all the necessary research themselves, and a business registry would assist.

Mayor Coleman added that having a business registry would bring businesses to the City to be able to access resources. She expressed concern that an FAQ would not be specific enough to each business' unique needs.

Discussion ensued regarding provision of resources rather than implementing a registry or permit. Deputy City Manager Pretty stated that the City already maintains a webpage with business resources.

City Attorney Larsen stated that in 2020 when the City was attempting to assist businesses, the lack of a registry made contacting all businesses challenging and the State's registry was unhelpful.

There was no consensus to move forward with any items.

Adjournment

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:50 PM.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Manager – Ex Officio City Recorder