



CITY OF SWEET HOME ADMINISTRATION, FINANCE AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE MINUTES

June 30, 2022, 11:00 AM
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

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Call to Order

The meeting was called to order

Roll Call

PRESENT

Councilor Diane Gerson
Councilor Dave Trask
Councilor Susan Coleman

STAFF

Administrative Services Manager Julie Fisher
Library Services Director Megan Dazey
Community and Economic Development Director Blair Larsen
City Attorney Robert Snyder

New Business

- a) Interview for Library Board - Eva Journey

Eva Journey was interviewed for reappointment to the Library Advisory Board. The Committee will make a recommendation to the City Council.

- b) Community Grant Program Update

Community and Economic Development Director Blair Larsen presented an update on the Community Grant Program that was proposed by the Council. City staff discussed with the

Chamber of Commerce the possibility of the Chamber hosting the program. A model from the City of Lebanon was reviewed and could be used as a template for Sweet Home's agreement with the Chamber. It was suggested the grant be used towards events and money awarded would be graduated based upon the number of years the event has taken place. Grants would be no more than 25% of the cost of the event. The Committee would like a follow up report from the Chamber on how the monies are spent and how successful the events were. A draft will be presented to the Sweet Home Chamber during their board meeting in July.

c) Review of Council Rules

The Committee discussed the Council Rules. The wearing of political attire and how that pertains to free speech was interpreted by the City Attorney. Oregon's Free Speech laws are uniquely protected with expressions of all kinds, with the exception of incomparability. In theory, the Council, could restrict political expressions as a non partisian body. City Attorney recommended if the Committee desired that type of censoring, they add that to the rules as a recommended guideline only.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 AM.

Chair

ATTEST:

City Manager – Ex Officio City Recorder