



CITY OF SWEET HOME CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

October 28, 2025, 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 6:30 PM.

Roll Call

Roll Call

PRESENT

President Pro Tem Josh Thorstad
Councilor Chelsea Augsburger (virtual)
Councilor Ken Bronson
Councilor Aaron Hegge
Councilor Dylan Richards
Councilor Angelita Sanchez

ABSENT

Mayor Susan Coleman

STAFF

Jason Ogden, City Manager / Police Chief
Blair Larsen, City Attorney
Angela Clegg, Planning & Building Manager
Megan Dazey, Library Services Director
Adam Leisinger, Special Projects Manager
Greg Springman, Public Works Director

VISITORS

Frank Gallagher, 1420 1st Avenue, Sweet Home, OR 97386
Kim Bowman, 1903 Kalmia Street, Sweet Home, OR 97386
Fred Bowman, 1903 Kalmia Street, Sweet Home, OR 97386
Tonni Hutchinson, 1897 Kalmia Street, Sweet Home, OR 97386

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes:

- a) 2025-10-14 City Council Executive Session Minutes
- b) 2025-10-14 City Council Work Session Minutes
- c) 2025-10-14 City Council Meeting Minutes

Councilor Richards moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilor Hegge seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Coleman

Recognition of Visitors & Hearing of Petitions

President Pro Tem Thorstad recognized those registered to speak.

Frank Gallagher provided traffic data on 1st Avenue since speed humps were installed and noted that there was not a significant reduction in traffic volume. He stated that the data indicated an overall reduction in speeds.

New Business

- a) Request for Council Action – Code Compliance Abatement Lien for 1889 Kalmia Street

City Manager Ogden reviewed the history of code compliance concerns and a resulting abatement action at 1889 Kalmia Street at cost to the City. He requested City Council approval to place a lien against the property in the amount of \$21,906.49 covering the cost of the abatement and associated administrative costs.

President Pro Tem Thorstad recognized those registered to speak.

Kim Bowman expressed concerned that the condition of the property had returned to the pre-abatement condition and that there were environmental and safety hazards present.

Fred Bowman reiterated Ms. Bowman's comments and expressed concern regarding the condition and habitability of the residential structure.

Tonni Hutchinson expressed disappointment that the condition of the property was deteriorating following the abatement.

Councilor Richards moved to approve the placement of the lien as recommended. Councilor Sanchez seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Coleman

Ordinance Bills

Third Reading of Ordinance Bills (Roll Call Vote Required)

- a) Request for Council Action – Ordinance No. 9 for 2025 – Ordinance. No. 1338 – Zone Map Amendment Application ZMA25-01

A third reading of Ordinance No. 9 for 2025 by title only was conducted.

Councilor Bronson moved to approve Ordinance No. 9 for 2025. Councilor Richards seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: Thorstad, Augsburger, Bronson, Richards, Sanchez

NAY: None

ABSENT: Coleman

RECUSE: Hegge

Reports of Committees

Charter Review Committee – President Pro Tem Thorstad

- a) • 2025-10-07 Charter Review Committee Meeting Minutes

Community Health Committee – Councilor Bronson

- a) • 2025-10-22 Community Health Committee Meeting Minutes

Park & Tree Committee – Councilor Hegge

- a) • 2022-09-17 Park & Tree Committee Meeting Minutes

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

Planning & Building

a) • Planning & Building Report – September 2025

City Manager Ogden stated that code enforcement activities were being handled by the Police Department. He noted that he applied for a grant to replace an aging telecommunications tower and support it with an automatic generator.

Director Dazey highlighted the beginning of a free pantry at the library and the donation of a new fridge and freezer unit to support the pantry.

Reports of City Officials

City Manager's Report

City Manager Ogden reported the success of a recent electronics recycling event. He noted that Public Works was currently assisting with leaf pick-up throughout the community. He invited everyone to the annual tree lighting on November 29th. He reminded City Council that there would be a single Council meeting in November on the 18th.

Mayor's Report

There was no report to be heard.

Council Business for Good of the Order

Councilor Sanchez expressed concern with food security due to upcoming changes to availability in food assistance from the federal government. She noted that there were multiple resources available locally to those needing food resources.

Adjournment

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM.

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Manager – Ex Officio City Recorder