



CITY OF SWEET HOME CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

May 24, 2022, 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

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Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 PM.

Roll Call

PRESENT

Mayor Greg Mahler
President Pro Tem Diane Gerson
Councilor Dave Trask
Councilor Lisa Gourley
Councilor Susan Coleman
Councilor Angelita Sanchez
Councilor Dylan Richards

STAFF

City Manager Pro Tem Christy Wurster
Administrative Services Manager Julie Fisher
Communications Specialist Lagea Mull
Community and Economic Development Director Blair Larsen
Public Works Director Greg Springman
Police Chief Jeff Lynn
Police Captain Jason Ogden
Engineer Technician Trish Rice

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MEDIA

Benny Westcott, The New Era

Mayor Mahler stated he was saddened to learn about the school shooting in Texas and asked for a Moment of Silence for those affected by the tragedy.

Consent Agenda:

Motion made to approve the Consent Agenda by Councilor Richards, Seconded by Councilor Coleman. Voting Yea: Mayor Mahler, President Pro Tem Gerson, Councilor Trask, Councilor Gourley, Councilor Coleman, Councilor Sanchez, Councilor Richards

- a) Request for Council Action – Appointment to Youth Advisory Council

Approval of Minutes:

- a) 2022-05-10 City Council Minutes
- b) 2022-05-11 City Council Minutes - ES

Recognition of Visitors and Hearing of Petitions:

Mayor Mahler recognized Nick Tyler, the new Sweet Home Fire Chief. Chief Tyler took a few minutes to introduce himself.

- a) OCWCOG County Wide Data Report 2021

Ryan Vogt presented the annual report to the Council for the Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments. There were no questions of the Council.

- b) Sweet Home High School Wood Shop Student Recognition

Sweet Home High School Wood Shop Teacher Will Coltrin introduced Casey Valloni and Lewis Conn, two students who have been building shelters as part of a class service learning project. A video was presented showing the class working on the huts for the unsheltered to present to Family Assistance and Resource Center (FAC). Each Council member thanked the students for being a part of such a good project and for their service to our community. There was a standing ovation in recognition of their work.

Old Business:

- a) Request for Council Action – Resolution No. 15 for 2022- Naming Public Facilities

Mayor Mahler stated his family was caught off guard by the request to name the treatment facility after his family. The Mahler family has always served the community without any expectation of recognition and extremely humbled by the request.

City Manager Pro Tem Christy Wuster introduced the request to name the facility the Mahler Water Reclamation Facility.

Motion to proceed with the application process, public notification, and public hearing to name the facility the Mahler Water Reclamation Facility made by Councilor Gourley, Seconded by Councilor Coleman.

Voting Yea: President Pro Tem Gerson, Councilor Trask, Councilor Gourley, Councilor Coleman, Councilor Sanchez, Councilor Richards

Voting Abstaining: Mayor Mahler

- b) Discussion Only: FAC Managed Outreach and Community Resource Facility Update

Community and Economic Development Director Blair Larsen gave an update on the site for the Managed Outreach and Community Resource Facility. It was reported the water lines and other development is under way. The train depot that is being stored at the maintenance yard will have to be moved and staff is seeking public input on the future of

that structure.

c) Discussion Only - Oregon Jamboree Council Updates

Oregon Jamboree Director Robert Shamek gave the Council an update on the Music and Brews event reporting on the success of the first time event.

Tune it Up Tuesdays will be held in June. This year will include a Battle of the Bands for a spot on the Main Stage at the Oregon Jamboree.

This will be the 30th Anniversary of the Oregon Jamboree. Campsites are sold out. The Thursday night street party is free and open to the community. This year the attendance is expected to be over 16,000 people.

New Business:

a) Request for Council Action - Resolution No. 16 for 2022 - Tune It Up Tuesdays Special Events Application and PA Permit

Community and Economic Development Director Blair Larsen stated the Oregon Jamboree's Tune it up Tuesday Event would be the first event to try the 13th Streetscape plan. The concept of a festival street designed for regular events would require the closure of a single block of 13th Avenue. The request was a resolution authorizing a temporary street closure as well as the approval of a Public Address Permit for the event.

Councilor Gerson stated that she would vote no because the business owners had not been contacted, not because she was opposed to the event.

Motion made by to approve Resolution No. 16 for 2022 by Councilor Gourley, Seconded by Councilor Richards.

Voting Yea: Mayor Mahler, Councilor Trask, Councilor Gourley, Councilor Coleman, Councilor Sanchez, Councilor Richards

Voting Nay: President Pro Tem Gerson

b) Request for Council Action – Travel Reimbursement for City Manager Candidates

City Manager Pro Tem Wurster introduced the request for travel reimbursement for City Manager finalists.

Motion to reimburse finalists \$1000 for out of state candidates and \$500 for in state candidates traveling over 100 miles as a one time reimbursement for qualified expenses made by Councilor Coleman, Seconded by President Pro Tem Gerson.

Voting Yea: Mayor Mahler, President Pro Tem Gerson, Councilor Trask, Councilor Gourley, Councilor Coleman, Councilor Sanchez, Councilor Richards

c) Request for Council Action - Resolution No. 17 for 2022 - Sweet Home High School Senior Parade

Community and Economic Development Director Blair Larsen presented the request for a Senior Class Procession which would require a partial road closure during staging. There were concerns by the Council regarding staff time and costs. Chief Lynn volunteered exempt staff to help with the event reducing any cost to the City.

Motion to approve Resolution No. 17 for 2022 made by Councilor Gourley, Seconded by Councilor Richards.

Voting Yea: Mayor Mahler, President Pro Tem Gerson, Councilor Trask, Councilor Gourley, Councilor Coleman, Councilor Sanchez, Councilor Richards

d) Discussion Only – Sportsman’s Holiday Fireworks Display

Police Chief Lynn led discussion on allowing the public to view the annual fireworks display from the quarry property. There was discussion on egress and ingress, liability, and fire danger. Fire Chief Tyler stated the area deemed a safe area with a low fire potential. Police Chief Lynn said the Sweet Home Rotary and the Sweet Home Chamber are willing to provide additional insurance and to accept management of the event.

Consensus of the Council was to allow staff to further research the potential use of the quarry property.

e) Wastewater Treatment Plant Project 1A _REVISED

Public Works Director Greg Springman presented multiple scenarios for moving forward with the Wastewater Treatment Plant project. Moving forward with Phase 1A requires additional funding and one option would be to redistribute \$1.0 million in American Rescue Act funds from the Water Treatment Plant Generator project to the Wastewater Treatment Plant project.

Motion made to redistribute \$1.0 million in American Rescue Act funds from the Water Treatment Plant Generator project to the Wastewater Treatment Plant project and allow the City Manager Pro Tem to submit the FY 21-23 Direct Legislative Appropriation Information Form to Business Oregon by Councilor Gourley, Seconded by Councilor Richards.
Voting Yea: Mayor Mahler, President Pro Tem Gerson, Councilor Trask, Councilor Gourley, Councilor Coleman, Councilor Sanchez, Councilor Richards

Ordinance Bills

Second Reading of Ordinance Bills

a) Ordinance Bill No. 3 for 2022 - A Zone Map Amendment

Ordinance Bill No. 3 for 2022 was read by title only.

Motion to move Ordinance Bill No. 3 for 2022 to third and final reading made by Councilor Coleman, Seconded by Councilor Richards.

Voting Yea: Mayor Mahler, President Pro Tem Gerson, Councilor Trask, Councilor Gourley, Councilor Coleman, Councilor Sanchez, Councilor Richards.

Reports of Committees:

Youth Advisory Council

Councilor Gerson reported two YAC Members have been appointed and Tea Herrera has requested to be the City Council liaison. Mayor Mahler agreed.

Reports of City Officials:

Mayor's Report

The Mayor reminded the Council of the Executive Session for May 26th and a Work Session for May 31st. Councilor Gourley stated she will not be able to attend due to other obligations.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Pro Tem Wurster also reminded the Council of the upcoming meetings.

The Council wished Councilor Coleman a Happy Birthday.

Department Director's Reports (2nd meeting of the Month)

Police Chief

A written report was included in the packet.

- a) Police Department Monthly Report

Council Business for Good of the Order

Councilor Sanchez and Councilor Trask reported a potential safety concern at the intersection of Pleasant Valley Road and Hwy 20. Construction crews have equipment on both sides of the intersection and are blocking views. Because there is not a flagger there, pulling out onto the highway is dangerous. Staff has reached out to the project manager.

Councilor Gerson was concerned about the number of RVs that are parked throughout town. She also had a concern of traffic not obeying the 35 MPH limits on Main due to construction. The police department noted her concerns.

Councilor Gourley announced the Hero Banners are being put up by Public Works staff.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Manager Pro Tem– Ex Officio City Recorder