



CITY OF SWEET HOME CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

January 25, 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 (absent)
Councilor Angelita Sanchez
Councilor Dylan Richards

STAFF

City Manager Ray Towry
Finance Director Brandon Neish
Community and Economic Development Director Blair Larsen
City Attorney Robert Snyder
Public Works Director Greg Springman
Police Chief Jeff Lynn
Library Services Director Megan Dazey
Administrative Services Manager Julie Fisher
Engineer Technician Trish Rice

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MEDIA

Benny Wolcott, The New Era

Motion to approve Councilor Coleman's absence.

Motion made by Councilor Trask, Seconded by Councilor Gourley.

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

Consent Agenda:

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion made by President Pro Tem Gerson, Seconded by Councilor Richards.

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

- a) 2022-01-11 City Council Meeting Minutes

Recognition of Visitors and Hearing of Petitions:

Larry Angland spoke on behalf of the residents of Ironwood requesting new blacktop on their street.

Several members of the public spoke in opposition of the Managed Outreach and Resource Facility: Seele, Chirstine Rogers. Leih Landrock, Ernie Carpenter, and Michelle Gains.

Caterina Rennfeldt spoke in favor of the site.

- a) Police Officer Swearing In Ceremony - Officer Jake Castadio

Captain Jason Odgen introduced Jake Castido. City Manager Towry conducted the Swearing-In Ceremony for Officer Castido.

Old Business:

- a) Water Treatment Plant Emergency Generator Project Update

Motion to authorize City staff to send a letter to the Linn County Commissioners regarding the Mill Property and the Council's desire for a PPE with DEQ.

Motion made by President Pro Tem Gerson, Seconded by Councilor Richards.

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

- b) Preston Van Meter, Engineer with West Yost gave an update on the Water Treatment Plant Emergency Generator Project. There was time for question and answers.

- c) Request for Council Action - Agreement and Lease with FAC for Managed Outreach and Community Resource Facility

Motion to Table the Request for the Agreement and Lease with FAC for Managed Outreach and Community Resource Facility until after the town hall on January 26, 2022. (Sanchez/Mahler)

Motion made by Councilor Sanchez, Seconded by Mayor Mahler.

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

Voting Nay: President Pro Tem Gerson, Councilor Gourley

- d) Mayor's Selection of City Council's Managed Outreach and Community Resource Facility Policy Board Member

Mayor Mahler appointed Councilor Sanchez as Council liaison for the FAC Policy Board.

New Business:

- a) Proclamation - Denouncing Racism in Sweet Home
Mayor Mahler read the proclamation Denouncing Racism in Sweet Home.
- b) FY22 2nd Quarter Financial Update
Finance Director Brandon Neish presented Council with the Fiscal Year 2022 2nd Quarter update.
- c) SHEDG Spring Event Discussion
Robert Shamek updated the Council on the upcoming Oregon Jamboree and plans for the 30th Anniversary.

The Jamboree is also planning a Spring Event, which would be a Music and Brews event open to the general public during the day, and ticket holders would have access to concerts at night. The Oregon Jamboree and SHEDG requested a partnership from the City similar to the Tune Up Tuesday events which will again happen in June.

Motion to authorize \$10K from Economic Development funds to partner with the Oregon Jamboree and SHEDG for upcoming events. (Gourley/Richards)

Motion made by Councilor Gourley, Seconded by Councilor Richards.
Voting Yea: Mayor Mahler, President Pro Tem Gerson, Councilor Trask, Councilor Gourley, Councilor Sanchez, Councilor Richards

Ordinance Bills

Request for Council Action and First Reading of Ordinance Bills

- a) Request for Council Action – Ordinance Bill No. 1 for 2022 Sweet Home Ordinance Amending Certain Sections of the Building Code

Motion to move Ordinance Bill No. 1 for 2022 to first reading made by Councilor Trask and seconded by Councilor Richards

Voting Yea: Mayor Mahler, President Pro Tem Gerson, Councilor Trask, Councilor Gourley, Councilor Sanchez, Councilor Richards
Ordinance Bill No. 1 for 2022 was read in its entirety.

Motion to move Ordinance Bill No. 1 for 2022 to second reading made by Councilor Gerson and seconded by Councilor Richards

Voting Yea: Mayor Mahler, President Pro Tem Gerson, Councilor Trask, Councilor Gourley, Councilor Sanchez, Councilor Richards
Ordinance Bill No. 1 for 2022 was read in its entirety.

Second Reading of Ordinance Bills

- Motion to move Ordinance Bill No. 1 for 2022 to second reading during this meeting made by Councilor Gourley and seconded by Councilor Gerson

Ordinance Bill No. 1 for 2022 was read by title only.

Motion to move Ordinance Bill No, 1 for 2022 to third and final reading made by Councilor Gerson and seconded by Councilor Richards.
Voting Yea: Mayor Mahler, President Pro Tem Gerson, Councilor Trask, Councilor Gourley, Councilor Sanchez, Councilor Richards

Third Reading of Ordinance Bills (Roll Call Vote Required)

Reports of Committees:

No Reports

Reports of City Officials:

Mayor's Report

Mayor Mahler reported he will be absent for the February 8th City Council meeting and Pro Tem Gerson will conduct the meeting.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Towry announced the need for an Administrative, Finance, and Property Committee meeting to interview candidates. An Executive Session for the City Manager Review also needs to be scheduled.

City Manager Towry stated he will be out of the office to attend a funeral part of next week and will be on vacation for Spring Break March 18th thru the 25th. He will not be at the Council meeting on March 22nd.

City Manager Towry announced Finance Director Brandon Neish has a birthday today.

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

Finance Director

- a) Finance Monthly Report - December 2021
- b) Discussion on purchase of microphones for Council Chambers

Finance Director Neish discussed the purchase of new microphones and upgraded technology for the Council Chambers at an estimated cost of \$80k. Council consensus was the purchase amount was far more than they were willing to spend.

Police Chief

A written report was included in the packet. There were no questions from the Council.

- a) Police Department Monthly Report

City Attorney

No Report

Council Business for Good of the Order

Councilor Sanchez thanked the Council for the Proclamation Denouncing Racism in Sweet Home. Councilor Sanchez stated racism is one issue she felt strongly about and vowed to make a change regarding racism in our community.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Manager Pro Tem – Ex Officio City Recorder