



CITY OF SWEET HOME CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

April 28, 2026, 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

PRESENT

Mayor Susan Coleman
President Pro Tem Josh Thorstad
Councilor Chelsea Augsburger
Councilor Aaron Hegge
Councilor Dylan Richards

ABSENT

Councilor Ken Bronson
Councilor Angelita Sanchez

STAFF

Jason Ogden, City Manager / Police Chief
Cecily Hope Pretty, Deputy City Manager
Blair Larsen, City Attorney

GUESTS

Jamee Millard, 1901 Long Street, Sweet Home, OR 97386
Chris Millard, 1901 Long Street, Sweet Home, OR 97386

Consent Agenda

- a) Request for Council Action – Committee Appointment

Approval of Minutes:

- a) 2026-03-24 City Council Meeting Minutes
- b) 2026-04-14 City Council Executive Session Minutes

Councilor Richards moved to approve the Consent Agenda. President Pro Tem Thorstad seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: Coleman, Thorstad, Augsburger, Hegge, Richards

NAY: None

ABSENT: Sanchez

Recognition of Visitors & Hearing of Petitions

a) Student Honoree

Mayor Coleman recognized Christian Romero and highlighted his desire to complete 1,000 volunteer hours. Mayor Coleman asked him of his progress and high school status. Christian replied that he was a freshman and had 450 hours of volunteering. She presented him with a Sweet Home challenge coin.

Mayor Coleman recognized those registered to speak.

Jamee Millard expressed concern that administrative issues led to her choosing to close her business, Dad Bod Detailing. She outlined notices from the City regarding signage, change of occupancy, and water runoff. She stated that DEQ provided her with an exemption based on her water use and that the City did not recognize the exemption.

Chris Millard reiterated what Ms. Millard had said regarding Dad Bod Detailing's issues with the City. He expressed concern with the role of the City Manager being combined with the Police Chief. He noted that there were other areas not in compliance that were not being examined. He asked City Council to intervene and lift restrictions through the end of their service on June 30th.

b) Mental Health Awareness Month Proclamation

Mayor Coleman read the proclamation declaring May 2026 Mental Health Awareness Month. She thanked the Community Health Committee for bringing the proclamation forward.

c) National Day of Prayer Proclamation

Mayor Coleman read the proclamation declaring May 7, 2026 a National Day of Prayer.

New Business

a) Request for Council Action – Resolution No. 6 for 2026 – Sweet Home High School May Day Parade

City Manager Ogden stated that the Sweet Home High School requested street closures to hold a May Day parade. He noted that they anticipated over 700 student participants. He reviewed the proposed parameters of the event and the availability of staff.

Councilor Richards moved to approve Resolution No. 6 for 2026 as proposed. President Pro Tem Thorstad seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: Coleman, Thorstad, Augsburger, Hegge, Richards

NAY: None

ABSENT: Sanchez

Reports of Committees

Administration, Finance & Property Committee – President Pro Tem Thorstad

Community Health Committee – Councilor Bronson

- 2026-04-22 Community Health Committee Meeting Minutes

Library Advisory Board – Councilor Augsburger

- 2026-04-09 Library Board Meeting Minutes

Park & Tree Committee – Councilor Hegge

- 2026-03-18 Park & Tree Committee Meeting Minutes

Planning Commission

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

Councilor Hegge thanked staff for organizing the Blooms & Brews event the past weekend.

Councilor Bronson highlighted a recent presentation by Heidi Womack at the Community Health Committee regarding their diabetic nutrition services and highlighted the availability of those services once weekly at Samaritan Health in Sweet Home.

Department Reports

Library

- Library Report – March & April 2026

Planning & Building

- Planning & Building Report – March 2026

Public Works

- Public Works Report – March 2026

Finance

- Finance Department Report – 3rd Quarter & March 2026

Police

- Police Department Report – March 2026

City Attorney

City Manager Ogden highlighted the recent Child Abuse Awareness March and thanked those who attended and those who volunteered. He noted that person crimes were down 43% for the year to date and society crimes were down 36%. He stated that total crimes cleared were up 21%.

Director Dazey stated that the Safety Fair and Summer Reading Kickoff would take place on June 13th at Sankey Park.

Public Works Advisor Springman highlighted that Public Works would be doing cleanup downtown.

Reports of City Officials

a) City Manager's Report

City Manager Ogden highlighted recent paving improvements on Redwood Street by Northside Park. He stated that an e-recycling event would be held at City Hall on May 23rd. He noted that Blooms & Brews was a success and thanked staff for their hard work. He stated that Sankey Park Phase III was continuing to progress including a new sidewalk on 14th Avenue and more work on the ADA trail.

b) Mayor's Report

Mayor Coleman thanked Public Works and City staff for their work on Blooms & Brews. She noted that a citizen, Laura Lewis, was able to clean one of the park tables that had been vandalized. She highlighted the new art installation in City Hall's lobby and that a reception would be held the following day. She stated that Hoy's Hardware started a handyman service to assist with small household tasks at a reasonable price.

Council Business for Good of the Order

Councilor Richards stated that it was disgraceful the way that the City treated Dad Bod Detailing.

Mayor Coleman asked that City Manager Ogden meet with Dad Bod Detailing to discuss the issues. City Manager Ogden stated that Dad Bod Detailing had multiple opportunities to come into compliance and the City was interested in their success.

Adjournment

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:01 PM.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Manager – Ex Officio City Recorder

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