



CITY OF SWEET HOME COMMUNITY HEALTH COMMITTEE MINUTES

July 20, 2020, 6:00 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.

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 6:08 PM.

Roll Call

Lisa Gourley
Jim Gourley
James Page
Chief Jeff Lynn
CSO Sean Morgan
Dave Trask
Bob Dalton
Larry Horton
Dick Knowles (call-in)

Approval of Minutes

Dick Knowles discussed two changes that should be made to the attached minutes. Those changes included changing the title that originally read City Council Meeting to Community Health Committee. He also pointed out that a video referenced under Blair Larsen and Tommy Mull was not played during that meeting.

Jim Gourley made a motion to accept minutes as amended. Bob Dalton seconded the motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

Reports of Committees:

Community Health Fair Committee

Bob Dalton began by expressing his thoughts and prayers to families of injured children at Foster Lake today. He then reiterated that the 2020 Health Fair is cancelled. He and Dick Knowles have reached out to vendors to encourage them to come back next year. Mr. Dalton said that they are still brainstorming other options to provide services to the community.

Mr. Dalton also discussed that the Samaritan Health van is not being utilized at this time. There is a need to increase numbers utilizing that service. Others reported that numbers are down everywhere according to Samaritan. This led to a discussion that numbers are down at Manna and for the lunches provided by the School District.

Western University

Dr. Larry Horton reported that he has had a Zoom meeting with the three students that he has worked with. All are now 2nd year students, moving away from the community program. The new first year students will be coming in but it could be until December or January before they start working with us (Sweet Home). This will be a slower process than he would like. In August, there will be a presentation to explain what the program has accomplished and where they would like to see the program go. They would also like input from the health committees.

Hero Banner Project

Jim Gourley reported that there are 4 more banners to be processed. The total number of Banners is approximately 82. Dave Trask led a discussion on the connection the Hero Banners have to this committee. He expressed concerns for putting staff time into the project. Lisa Gourley described that the Hero Project was about bringing community awareness and veteran suicide to light. No other organizations wanted to take the project on, so they did. She feels that this project is pulling community together. Further discussion ensued on this topic.

Old Business:

Lisa Gourley discussed mental health training that she would like to see be provided to school staff and then envisioned it being made available to the community. Because of the pandemic, this is not currently happening. She also stated that the need is still there, and she has reached out to an entity to develop a training to use.

Bob Dalton discussed some frustration with the lack of face mask usage in some of the business in town. He commented that he does not know how to address the issue but believed that a message from the Health Committee may be appropriate. Chief Lynn stated that he is aware that a regulatory agency has been in our community and has had contact with several businesses regarding safety procedures. He also mentioned that he has observed compliance at the different business that he has frequented.

Sean Morgan explained that he is the Police Department’s Homeless Liaison and has been meeting with other providers and getting a handle on what is happening in our Community. His goal is to get those who are homeless into permanent housing. He explained that one of the problems is trying to connect homeless with organizations and that there is a level of inability to move forward unless someone is directly working with them.

James Page informed the group that he has two Peer Support Specialists on board, and they are working out of the Sweet Home Clinic. The Peer Support Specialist will be attending the Community Court this week. He also described that they were still trying to determine where they can have the best success. Dick Knowles described that he is aware that many other peer supports are struggling with clients accessing their services. He encourages James to keep working at it. Mr. Page mentioned that the Lebanon residential treatment facility is opening on the 2nd of August. Probably open 8 beds rather than 16 due to COVID-19. They will be taking OHP and IHN.

New Business:

None

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Chair – Councilor Gourley

Date: