



CITY OF SWEET HOME CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

June 08, 2021, 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

The City Council will hold a Regular City Council meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, 3225 Main Street. Individuals attending public meetings in person will be required to maintain appropriate social distancing, (6-ft.) and be free of symptoms related to COVID-19. The City of Sweet Home City Council is streaming the meeting via the Microsoft Teams platform and asks the public to consider this option. There will be opportunity for public input via the live stream. To view the City Council meeting live, online visit live.sweethomeor.gov. If you don't have access to the internet you can call in to 541-367-5128 and you'll be asked to choose option #1 to be logged in to the call. Meeting ID: 473 954 605#

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Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 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 Ray Towry
City Attorney Robert Snyder
Finance Director Brandon Neish
Communication Specialist Lagea Mull

The location of the meeting is accessible to the disabled. If you have a disability that requires accommodation, advanced notice is requested by notifying the City Manager's Office at 541-367-8969.

Administrative Assistant Julie Fisher
Police Chief Jeff Lynn
Public Works Director Greg Springman
Community and Economic Development Director Blair Larsen

Consent Agenda:

Approval of Minutes:

- a) 2021-05-19 City Council Training Meeting Minutes
- b) 2021-05-25 City Council Minutes - ES
- c) 2021-05-25 City Council Minutes

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda made by Councilor Gourley, Seconded by President Pro Tem Gerson.

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

Recognition of Visitors and Hearing of Petitions: None

Old Business:

- a) Request for Council Action - Willow/Yucca Street Neighborhood Local Improvement District (LID)

Community and Economic Development Director Blair Larsen gave a history regarding the Local Improvement District (LID) on Willow Street. The LID came to staff as a petition from residents of the Willow/Yucca Street neighborhood to extend City water infrastructure and service to the neighborhood, construct sidewalks, and street improvements. As per SHMC 3.16, three unbiased members of the public volunteered and investigated the LID. They made their recommendation of methodology in a Viewer's Report per SHMC. Public meetings were held on April 20 and April 29. An additional public meeting was held during a city council meeting. CEDD Larsen provided maps and updated estimated costs that proposed \$300,000 be paid by the City. CEDD Larsen explained without a cost share from the City, the cost would be excessive to the homeowners.

There was a time for questions of staff from the Council. Staff Engineer Joe Graybill gave a history on the property which was annexed in 1977.

Kari Jones, 1877 Yucca Street, was opposed to the LID. She noted there would be additional cost to homeowners not included in the LID.

Carmen Espinosa, 2009 18th Avenue, was also opposed to the LID. She noted the area is populated by many elderly and low income families who cannot afford to live elsewhere, nor can they afford any additional payment. Mrs. Espinosa did agree that water is needed in the area.

David Jones, 1803 Yucca Street, stated he has never had an issue with his well or septic. He understands the needs for hydrants, especially due to the closeness of neighboring manufacture homes. He is opposed to the LID.

Josh Victor, 4404 Wiley Creek, spoke regarding the dry wells, noting he pumps water to many of the neighbors because their wells have gone dry. He spoke to the advantages of having streets and sidewalks. Mr. Victor was in favor of the LID. Mr Victor stated he owns many of the properties in the area and has forfeited any city contribution to his properties so that the cost would be less for the surrounding neighbors.

James Mellein, 1805 Willow Street, thanked the Council and staff for coming back with a more reasonable approach. He also thanked Josh Victor for being willing to bear a third of the LID cost. He stated the area is without paved streets and sidewalks. He spoke of the difficulty of elderly or disabled traversing the roads which are gravel. He stated this is a

livability issue. He reminded the Council the neighborhood has asked for the LID via petition. He encouraged the Council to consider the LID, locking in the construction cost now, with the third of the cost being born by a developer.

Council discussion ensued regarding the differences between a loan versus a bond.

Douglas Henthmon (online participant) 2000 18th Avenue was against the LID. His opinion was that the City should pay for the entire project or not do it at all.

Rebuttal: Carmen Espinosa stated there is a water need, but sidewalks can wait. She is willing to pay for water that is necessary for life.

Josh Victor spoke regarding a LID on Vine street that opted water only and noted there are still no sidewalks. He encouraged the project to be completed in full for livability.

Kari Jones spoke to livability and her opinion was that sidewalks and streets won't help the neighbor with the older manufacturing homes coming in.

Motion to direct staff to proceed with the preparing the ordinance for the LID as currently proposed made by Councilor Trask, Seconded by Councilor Gourley.

Roll Call Vote: Voting Yea: Mayor Mahler, President Pro Tem Gerson, Councilor Trask, Councilor Gourley, Councilor Coleman

Voting Nay: Councilor Sanchez, Councilor Richards

New Business:

a) Request for Council Action - Regional Emergency Management Agreement

City Manager Towry introduced the request for the Regional Emergency Management Agreement. There were no additional questions from the Council.

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

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

b) Request for Council Action - 2021 Oregon Jamboree

Chief Jeff Lynn introduced the request for the Oregon Jamboree. Representatives of the Jamboree were not in attendance.

Motion to table until the next meeting made by President Pro Tem Gerson, Seconded by Councilor Gourley.

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

c) **Public Hearing** - Resolution No. 16 for 2021 - Adopting a Budget for 2021-2022, Making Appropriations and Levying Taxes

The Public Hearing was opened at 8:33pm.

Mayor Mahler asked of the Council if there were any Personal Bias, ExParte Information, or Conflict of Interest. There were none.

Staff Report: Finance Director Neish gave a history of the budget process and the Budget Committee meetings, included the Budget Committee adoption of the presented budget. The Public Hearing for adoption will follow on June 22, 2021. The required LBI notice was posted in the New Era May 19, 2021 and May 26, 2021.

Councilor Gourley recommend the marijuana money go to the housing needs for the homeless and any remainder put into the General Fund. There was discussion on the marijuana money and how it could be used.

Public Comment: None

The Public Hearing was closed at 8:55 pm.

Motion to make a priority to add expenditure authority to spend \$50,000 of the marijuana funds to the homelessness issue and return to the Council for any additional funds. Motion made by Councilor Gourley, Seconded by Councilor Richards.

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

Ordinance Bills

Request for Council Action and First Reading of Ordinance Bills

- a) Request for Council Action – Ordinance No. 5 for 2021 - Manufactured Home Code Changes with an Expediency Clause.

Motion to move Ordinance Bill No. 5 for 2021 to first reading made by President Pro Tem Gerson, Seconded by Councilor Coleman.

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

Ordinance Bill No, 5 for 2021 was read into the record in its entirety.

Motion to move Ordinance No. 5 for 2021 to second reading with expediency made by Coleman, Seconded by Councilor Gourley.

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

Second Reading of Ordinance Bills

Ordinance No. 5 for 2021 – Manufactured Home Code Changes was read by title only.

Motion to move Ordinance No. 5 for 2021 to third and final reading made by Councilor Coleman, Seconded by Councilor Gerson.

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

Third Reading of Ordinance Bills (Roll Call Vote Required)

Reports of Committees:

Ad Hoc Committee on Health

Administrative and Finance/Property

Area Commission on Transportation

Chamber of Commerce

Charter Review Committee

Council of Governments

Legislative Committee

Library Advisory Board

Park and Tree Committee

Solid Waste Advisory Council

Youth Advisory Council

Reports of City Officials:

Mayor's Report

Mayor Mahler announced a first-place winner in the State "If I Were Mayor" poster contest. Madelyn Coleman has been announced as the State winner and will be recognized at the Oregon Mayor's Association Conference.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Towry reported it has been discovered that several properties along the South Hills Trails, have encroached upon the property with the addition of fencing and some have even removed trees. CM Towry stated the Code Compliance Officer will be notifying property owners of the need to move from City owned property.

Department Director's Reports (1st meeting of the Month)

Library Services Director

a) Library Use Statistics

A written report was included in the packet.

Community and Economic Development Director

a) CEDD Monthly Report

A written report was included in the packet.

Public Works Director

a) Public Works Monthly Report of Activities - May 2021

A written report was included in the packet.

City Attorney

None

Finance Director Neish reported 61 accounts are scheduled for shut off tomorrow.

Council Business for Good of the Order

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM.

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Manager – Ex Officio City Recorder