



CITY OF SWEET HOME CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

March 24, 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. (1:31 in video)

Roll Call

PRESENT

President Pro Tem Josh Thorstad
Councilor Chelsea Augsburger
Councilor Ken Bronson
Councilor Dylan Richards
Councilor Angelita Sanchez

ABSENT

Mayor Susan Coleman
Councilor Aaron Hegge

STAFF

Jason Ogden, City Manager / Police Chief
Blair Larsen, City Attorney
Angela Clegg, Planning & Building Manager
Megan Dazey, Library Services Director
Adam Leisinger, Special Projects Manager
Greg Springman, Public Works Advisor

GUESTS

Les Poole,

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes:

- a) 2026-03-10 City Council Work Session Minutes
- b) 2026-03-10 City Council Meeting Minutes

Councilor Richards moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilor Bronson seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: Thorstad, Augsburger, Bronson, Richards, Sanchez

NAY: None

ABSENT: Coleman, Hegge

Recognition of Visitors & Hearing of Petitions

President Pro Tem Thorstad recognized those registered to speak.

Les Poole expressed concern with the funds dedicated to the new fitness park. He asked City Council to be thoughtful as they consider the upcoming budget.

- a) Student Honoree

This item was not heard.

- b) 2026 Arbor Day Proclamation

President Pro Tem Thorstad read the Arbor Day Proclamation on behalf of Mayor Susan Coleman.

New Business

- a) Request for Council Action – Sankey Park Bandstand Contract Approval

City Manager Ogden stated that staff was seeking approval to move forward with construction of a new bandstand as a required component of the grant awarded for the Sankey Park Phase III project. He noted that \$70,000 had already been received for the project and it would have to be paid back if the City did not fulfill the requirements of the grant. He highlighted the project's compatibility with the City's Park System Plan.

Councilor Sanchez asked of other funding that might be lost if the City did not approve the bandstand. Planning & Building Manager Clegg replied that the total amount of the grant that would be lost was \$177,080. Councilor Sanchez asked of the deadline to decide. City Manager Ogden replied that a decision was needed quickly in order to meet the completion deadline of June 30, 2026.

Councilor Augsburger asked if it was confirmed that the contractor could meet the deadline. City Manager Ogden replied that they could.

Councilor Bronson moved to approve the contract as proposed. Councilor Richards seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: Thorstad, Augsburger, Bronson, Sanchez

NAY: Richards

ABSENT: Coleman, Hegge

- b) Request for Council Action – Resolution No. 5 for 2026 – Adopting FY 2026-2027 City Council Goals

City Manager Ogden reviewed the development of the proposed goals for the next fiscal year. He noted the following goals:

DESIRABLE COMMUNITY

Weddle Bridge Restoration

Mountain View Pedestrian Improvements

Quarry Park Improvements

Northside Park Amenities Evaluation

EFFICIENT GOVERNMENT

Review Council Rules

Old City Hall Plan

INFRASTRUCTURE

Willow-Yucca Local Improvement District (LID)

Wastewater Treatment Plant Updates & Construction

ESSENTIAL SERVICES

Water Treatment Plant Generator

Canyon Creek Pump Station

ECONOMIC STRENGTH

Santiam Feed Store Plan

Fund Commercial Exterior Improvement Program (CEIP)

Councilor Bronson asked of old City Hall and potential demolition. City Manager Ogden stated that there was currently a Request for Proposals (RFP) open to get costs for demolition.

Councilor Sanchez noted the importance of preserving the Weddle Bridge before it needs to be torn down due to disrepair.

Councilor Richards moved to approve the goals as presented. Councilor Sanchez seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: Thorstad, Augsburger, Bronson, Richards, Sanchez

NAY: None

ABSENT: Coleman, Hegge

Reports of Committees

Administration, Finance & Property Committee – President Pro Tem Thorstad

Community Health Committee – Councilor Bronson

Library Advisory Board – Councilor Augsburger

Park & Tree Committee – Councilor Hegge

- 2026-02-18 Park & Tree Committee Meeting Minutes

Planning Commission

- 2026-03-05 Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

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

There were no reports to be heard.

Department Reports

Planning & Building

- Planning & Building Manager Monthly Report – February 2026

Planning & Building Manager Clegg stated that her reports would now be reported by fiscal year rather than calendar year.

Reports of City Officials

City Manager's Report

City Manager Ogden stated that staff established a traffic complaint procedure as required by Resolution No. 22 for 2024 in order to formalize a standard process for investigating traffic complaints. He highlighted the upcoming annual Child Abuse Awareness Walk. He stated that Blooms & Brews would take place on April 25th at Sankey Park. He noted that there would be another free electronic recycling event at City Hall on May 23rd.

Mayor's Report

There was no report to be heard.

Council Business for Good of the Order

Councilor Richards stated that he received concerns regarding road construction at 43rd Avenue. Planning & Building Manager Clegg stated that the road would be restored to its previous condition when the subdivision construction was completed. Councilor Richards thanked City Manager Ogden for a tour of the Police Department.

Councilor Sanchez wished everyone a happy Passover and Easter.

Adjournment

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:52 PM.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Manager – Ex Officio City Recorder

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