



# CITY OF SWEET HOME CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

November 09, 2021, 5:30 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.

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## Meeting Information

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## Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 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

Commissioner Sherrie Sprenger  
Commissioner Will Tucker  
Commissioner Roger Nyquist

City Manager Ray Towry  
Public Works Director Greg Springman  
Communications Specialist Lagea Mull  
Administrative Services Manager Julie Fisher  
Finance Director Brandon Neish  
Community and Economic Development Director Blair Larsen  
Staff Engineer Joe Graybill

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City Attorney Robert Snyder  
Police Chief Jeff Lynn  
Community Services Officer Sean Morgan  
Linn County Administrative Officer Darrin Lane  
Operations Supervisor Tristan Davis  
Linn County Parks and Rec Dena Barawis  
Linn County Communications Officer Alex Paul  
Community Health Committee Member Larry Horton

Family Assistance Center Coordinator Brock Byers  
Family Assistance Center Shirley Byrd

**MEDIA**

Benny Wolcott, The New Era  
Unkown Reporter Albany Democrat Herald

**New Business:**

a) Managed Homeless Facility Discussion

The City Council and the Linn County Commissioners discussed a managed homeless facility and RV dump and fill station located off of 24th Avenue, south of the railroad tracks. The property is currently owned by Linn County. A draft Sleep Center Policy Manual was presented, followed by discussion and questions to Family Assistance Center Coordinator Brock Byers. Funding options were discussed.

The Linn County Commissioners agreed to commit to record the deed to the property from the County to the City at no cost, if the City Council desires.

Consensus of the Council was to accept the property from the County. The City Council thanked the Linn County Commissioners for their support.

b) Old Mill Property Discussion

There was discussion regarding the property known as the Old Mill Property which is in the City limits and owned by Linn County thru foreclosure. The discussion revolved around how to best market and sell the property to get it back on the tax rolls. Commissioner Nyquist asked to put the land up for auction to take advantage of the real estate market conditions. City Council agreed by consensus. The city will submit a rough "Master Plan," which would guide potential purchasers for development that would be agreeable the Council. The City Council and Linn County Commissioners agreed that this "Master Plan" would be in the form of a fact sheet that would be included when the property was listed.

There was additional discussion regarding property's environmental clean-up efforts, which the City Council opined had been slow. Commissioner Tucker reported on the successes to date.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:31 PM.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Manager – Ex Officio City Recorder