



# CITY OF SWEET HOME CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

January 14, 2020, 6:30 PM  
Sweet Home City Hall, 3225 Main Street • Sweet Home, OR  
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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 6:30 pm.

## Roll Call

PRESENT

Mayor Greg Mahler

President Pro Tem Diane Gerson

Councilor Cortney Nash

Councilor Dave Trask

Councilor James Goble

Councilor Lisa Gourley

Councilor Susan Coleman (6:36pm)

## Consent Agenda:

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Mahler, President Pro Tem Gerson, Councilor Nash, Councilor Trask, Councilor Goble, Councilor Gourley

## Approval of Minutes:

- a) November 26, 2019 City Council
- b) November 26, 2019 City Council Work Session
- c) December 10, 2019 City Council
- d) December 18, 2019 City Council Executive Session
- e) December 18, 2019 City Council Special Meeting

## Recognition of Visitors and Hearing of Petitions:

- a) FFA Architects - Library Update Presentation

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FFA Architects presented the Council with their findings from the Library Needs Assessment. Various potential sites for a new library building were suggested. Future meetings will be held regarding the Library for continued community input and to discover the volume of community support.

Shane Thompson spoke to the Council regarding his concerns over watering the Sweet Home School District practice field. Mr. Thompson was concerned about the cost of the water and encouraged the District and the City to work towards a solution that may include drilling a well.

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

a) Request for Council Action - 9th Avenue Property Line Adjustment

Community and Economic Development Director Blair Larsen introduced the request for Council's approval of a Property Line Application for the property at 9th Avenue. CEDD Larsen explained owner signature is required on all applications and staff is asking Council's approval for signature and to proceed with the Property Line Adjustment.

Motion made to approve the Application for Property Line Adjustment by Councilor Goble, Seconded by Councilor Coleman.

Voting Yea: Mayor Mahler, President Pro Tem Gerson, Councilor Nash, Councilor Trask, Councilor Goble, Councilor Gourley

b) Information Only - Addendum to Lease of Event Center Grounds

City Attorney Snyder reported to the Council the status of the Lease for the Event Center property. The lease renewal is good for one year at a cost of \$2.00 for the 10 acres. The current owners are unsure of their future plans for the property, the year lease will allow for time for the owners to make a decision on future use.

c) Discussion Only - Council Training February 7, 8 & 9, 2020

City Manager Towry introduced the proposed dates for the annual City Council Training Session. The dates were confirmed for February 7th, 8th and 9th. City Manager Towry encouraged the Council to bring any needed training or agenda items to his attention.

d) Request for Council Action - Appointment to Committees

City Manager Towry introduced the request for appointments to the Park and Tree Committee, Budget Committee, Charter Review Committee and Planning Commission.

Motion made to appoint David Lowman to the Sweet Home Budget Committee for a three year term to expire December 31, 2022 by President Pro Tem Gerson, Seconded by Councilor Trask.

Voting Yea: Mayor Mahler, President Pro Tem Gerson, Councilor Nash, Councilor Trask, Councilor Goble, Councilor Gourley, Councilor Coleman

Motion made to appoint Lena Tucker to the Sweet Home Park and Tree Committee for a three year term to expire December 31, 2022 by Councilor Trask, Seconded by Councilor Coleman.

Voting Yea: Mayor Mahler, President Pro Tem Gerson, Councilor Nash, Councilor Trask, Councilor Goble, Councilor Gourley, Councilor Coleman

Motion made to appoint Greg Stephens to the Sweet Home Planning Commission for a four year term to expire December 31, 2023 by Councilor Goble, Seconded by Councilor Gourley.

Voting Yea: Mayor Mahler, President Pro Tem Gerson, Councilor Nash, Councilor Trask, Councilor Goble, Councilor Gourley, Councilor Coleman

Motion made to appoint Zach Lincoln to the Sweet Home Charter Review Committee until the committee can make a recommendation to the City Council by Councilor Trask,

Seconded by Councilor Coleman.

Voting Yea: Mayor Mahler, President Pro Tem Gerson, Councilor Nash, Councilor Trask, Councilor Goble, Councilor Gourley, Councilor Coleman

## Ordinance Bills

### Request for Council Action and First Reading of Ordinance Bills

- a) Request for Council Action - Ordinance No. 8 for 2019 - Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_ - Sweet Home Ordinance Pertaining to the Use of Transit Shelters in the City of Sweet Home

City Manager Towry introduced the proposed Ordinance which would prohibit any use of a transit shelter other than for boarding, disembarking, or waiting for an approved bus service.

City Attorney Snyder proposed language changes to section 3.

Motion made to move Ordinance No. 8 for 2019 for first reading with amendments by Councilor Gourley, Seconded by Councilor Goble.

Voting Yea: Mayor Mahler, Councilor Nash, Councilor Trask, Councilor Goble, Councilor Gourley, Councilor Coleman

Voting Nay: President Pro Tem Gerson

Ordinance No. 8 for 2019 was read in its entirety.

Motion to move Ordinance No. 8 for 2019 to second reading on January 24, 2020 by Councilor Trask, Seconded by Councilor Nash.

Voting Yea: Mayor Mahler, Councilor Nash, Councilor Trask, Councilor Goble, Councilor Gourley, Councilor Coleman

Voting Nay: President Pro Tem Gerson

### Second Reading of Ordinance Bills

### Third Reading of Ordinance Bills (Roll Call Vote Required)

- a) Ordinance No. 7 for 2019 - An Ordinance Pertaining to Enhanced Law Enforcement Area in the City of Sweet Home

City Manager Towry explained some language changes by Legal Counsel regarding the boundaries of the exclusion zone. The edits were to make the boundary language more clear and easier to understand.

Motion made to approve Ordinance No., 7 for 2019 - Sweet Home Ordinance Pertaining to Expulsion from Enhanced Law Enforcement Areas of the City of Sweet Home by Councilor Coleman, Seconded by Councilor Trask.

Voting Yea: Mayor Mahler, President Pro Tem Gerson, Councilor Trask, Councilor Goble, Councilor Coleman

Voting Nay: Councilor Nash, Councilor Gourley

## Reports of Committees:

Administrative and Finance/Property

- a) Minutes 12-19-19 & 12-30-19

Park and Tree Committee

Councilor Trask announced the next Park and Tree Committee will be tomorrow and there will be discussion on projects for next year, including lighting and playground equipment.

Youth Advisory Council

Chamber of Commerce

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President Pro Tem Gerson stated the Council of Governments and the Community Service Consortium may see a future merge since the two organizations provide many of the same services to residents.

Area Commission on Transportation

Solid Waste Advisory Council

Ad Hoc Committee on Health

Legislative Committee

**Reports of City Officials:**

Mayor's Report

City Manager's Report

City Manager Towry reported on the progress of a "One Stop" for WWTP financing.

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

Library Services Director

- a) Department Report November
- b) Circulation Stats September - November
- c) Patron Stats September - November
- d) Library Advisory Board Minutes 12-12-19

Community and Economic Development Director

- a) Department Report November
- b) Department Report December

Public Works Director

- a) Department Report November

**Department Director's Reports (2nd meeting of the Month)**

Finance Director

Police Chief

- a) Council Statistics 12-30-19

Police Chief

**Council Business for Good of the Order**

- a) Comcast Update

**Adjournment**

The City Council meeting was adjourned at 7:46 pm.

The foregoing is a true copy of the proceedings of the City Council at the January 14, 2020 City Council Meeting.

  
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Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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City Manager—Ex Officio City Recorder

