



CITY OF SWEET HOME CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

February 11, 2025, 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.

Roll Call

PRESENT

Mayor Susan Coleman
President Pro Tem Josh Thorstad
Councilor Chelsea Augsburger
Councilor Ken Bronson
Councilor Aaron Hegge
Councilor Dylan Richards
Councilor Angelita Sanchez

STAFF

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

MEDIA

Sarah Brown, The New Era

GUESTS

Dawn Miller, 331 8th Avenue, Sweet Home, OR 97386
David Lowman, 2230 Main Street, Sweet Home, OR 97386
Theresa Howard, 1253 Linden Court, Sweet Home, OR 97386
Lagea Mull, 1575 Main Street, Sweet Home, OR 97386, Executive Director, Sweet Home Chamber of Commerce

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes:

- a) 2025-01-28 City Council Work Session Minutes
- b) 2025-01-28 City Council Meeting Minutes
- c) 2025-01-29 City Council Executive Session Minutes

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

AYE: Coleman, Thorstad, Augsburg, Bronson, Hegge, Richards, Sanchez

NAY: None

Recognition of Visitors & Hearing of Petitions

Mayor Coleman recognized those registered to speak.

Dawn Miller stated that the effort to place electing the Mayor on the ballot was not rushed and expressed support for placing it on the May ballot.

David Lowman expressed support for placing the option to elect the Mayor on the May ballot.

Theresa Howard, expressed support for placing the option to elect the Mayor on the May ballot.

a) Chamber of Commerce Annual Report

Mayor Coleman recognized Lagea Mull, Executive Director of the Sweet Home Chamber of Commerce.

Ms. Mull stated that the Chamber runs the City's visitors center. She highlighted events to attract tourism including Cut the Gut and the Sportsman's Holiday Parade. She stated that there were 69 visitors from 32 different cities across the nation at the Visitors Center. She noted that she was working to update maps in various places around the City online to ensure accurate information, particularly regarding locations to attract tourists. She highlighted the installation of a new Chamber of Commerce sign to attract more attention. She thanked those who attended the Annual Chamber Banquet the past weekend.

Ordinance Bills

Request for Council Action and First Reading of Ordinance Bills

a) Request for Council Action – Ordinance No. 1 for 2025 – Amending Ordinances No. 427, 825, 975, 1224, and 1322

City Attorney Larsen stated that prior City Attorney Robert Snyder had discovered several Ordinances that lacked a proper enacting clause. He noted that updating the Ordinances would ensure their validity going forward.

President Pro Tem Thorstad moved to conduct a first reading of Ordinance No. 1 for 2025. Councilor Richards seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: Coleman, Thorstad, Augsburg, Bronson, Hegge, Richards, Sanchez

NAY: None

The first reading of Ordinance No. 1 for 2025 was conducted.

Second Reading of Ordinance Bills

Councilor Richards moved to conduct a second reading of Ordinance No. 1 for 2025 by title only. Councilor Augsburg seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: Coleman, Thorstad, Augsburg, Bronson, Hegge, Richards, Sanchez

NAY: None

Councilor Richards moved to conduct a third reading of Ordinance No. 1 by title only at the following City Council meeting. Councilor Bronson seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: Coleman, Thorstad, Augsburg, Bronson, Hegge, Richards, Sanchez

NAY: None

Reports of Committees

Administration, Finance & Property Committee – President Pro Tem Thorstad

Community Health Committee – Councilor Bronson

Library Advisory Board – Councilor Augsburg

Park & Tree Committee – Councilor Hegge

Public & Traffic Safety Committee – President Pro Tem Thorstad & Councilor Richards
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

Library Services Director

- a) Library Director Report – January 2025
- b) SHPL February 2025 Newsletter

Planning & Building Manager

- a) Planning & Building Manager Report – January 2025

Finance

- a) Finance Department Report – January 2025

Public Works Director

- a) Public Works Director Report – January 2025

Director Dazey thanked Mayor Coleman for visiting the Library of Congress and selecting books to be sent to the library by Senator Ron Wyden.

Director Springman stated that the damaged filter at the water treatment plant was scheduled for repairs beginning the following week.

Mayor Coleman thanked Planning & Building Manager Angela Clegg for her work to certify Sweet Home again through Tree City USA.

Reports of City Officials

City Manager's Report

City Manager Pro Tem Pretty stated that an engineering firm had been selected to engineer temporary speed bumps on First Avenue and staff anticipated executing a task order in the coming weeks.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Coleman thanked those who spoke on the issue of electing the Mayor. She reminded the City Council to consider input from multiple avenues. She counseled Councilors against attacking others on social media. She asked Councilors to begin thinking about their proposed goals for the community. She congratulated Sweet Home High School Seniors Ethan Malabago and Kirsten Sautel for their nominations to the Presidential Scholars Program. She congratulated the awardees at the Annual Chamber Banquet. She highlighted City employee Kevin Makinson for receiving the Community Pride and Ownership Award due to his contributions to the City. She expressed her gratitude to serve with those on the dais.

Council Business for Good of the Order

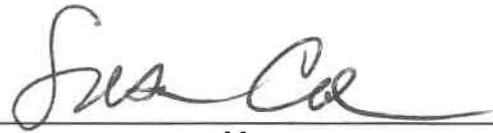
Councilor Richards thanked Ms. Mull for her work on the Annual Chamber Banquet.

Councilor Sanchez expressed her support for consideration of placing the direct Mayoral election on the next City Council agenda.

Mayor Coleman presented

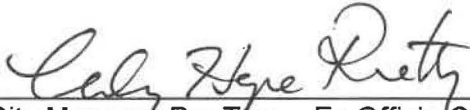
Adjournment

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:57 PM.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Manager Pro Tem – Ex Officio City Recorder