SWEET HOME CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

August 22, 2017

Mayor Mahler called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Annex. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Staff Present: City Manager Ray Towry, City Attorney Robert Snyder, Police Chief Jeff Lynn, Staff Engineer Joe Graybill, Public Works Director Greg Springman and Recording Secretary Julie Fisher

Visitors Registered to Speak: Gary Jarvis, Mary Jane Hildreth, Dale Jenkins and Larry Willett

Media: None

Roll Call: Councilor Coleman P Mayor Mahler P
Councilor Gerson P Councilor Trask P
Councilor Goble P Vacant

Councilor Gourley P

Mayor Mahler stated that Councilor Goble would need to be excused from the meeting early.

Consent Agenda:

Motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda. (Gerson/Trask) Motion carried 6 Ayes, 0 Opposed, 1 Vacant

Items on the consent agenda are as follows:

Approval of Minutes:

August 07, 2017 City Council Minutes – WS August 08, 2017 City Council Minutes – WS August 08, 2017 City Council Minutes August 10, 2017 City Council Minutes August 15, 2017 City Council Minutes – WS

Recognition of Visitors & Hearing of Petitions

Larry Willard 4426 Live Oak St. Sweet Home, OR 97386 Mr. Willard introduced himself and stated he is working with Linn County Parks Department to make improvements to the dog park at Sunnyside. He listed many improvements that have been made and are planned for the dog park. Mr. Willard is seeking support from the Council for the project through Council networks to connect with partners who would be interested in being involved in the project. Mayor Mahler referred the topic to the Park Board.

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Gary Jarvis PO Box 284 Sweet Home, OR 97386 Mr. Jarvis introduced himself and stated he is before Council to acknowledge the good work the City has done to prepare for the 2017 Solar Eclipse. He thanked everyone who was involved to make Sweet Home a welcoming community.

Mary Jane Hildreth 920 14th Avenue Sweet Home, OR 97386 Ms. Hildreth introduced herself and stated she would like to address issues regarding the Oregon Jamboree. She hoped the Jamboree would look for an alternative site that is not in a residential neighborhood and would be less of an impact on the residents.

Commander Dale Jenkins 1530 Tamarack #53 Sweet Home, OR 97386 Commander Jenkins stated he owns the American Legion building next to City Hall. The building is in poor repair and needs to be demolished. Commander Jenkins stated he is asking for support.

Old Business:

New Business:

Declaration of Council Vacancy

City Manager Towry stated Councilor Underwood resigned during the last meeting and explained the process to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term.

Declaration of Council Vacancy Request for Council Action – Local Agency Agreement Multimodal Transportation Enhance Program City Manager Towry introduced the Request for Council Action for the Local Agency Agreement Multimodal Transportation Enhance Program.

Motion to Accept Local Agency Agreement and authorize the contract with ODOT (Gourley/Gerson)

Councilor Gerson voiced concerns on the total cost of the project exceeding the estimate amount due to the age of the estimate.

City Engineer Graybill explained the elements of the project have to be documented within the original ODOT project scope. He suggested Brendon Burbank, local Agency Liaison, ODOT, Region 2, come before Council to explain the financials.

Motion and second were both withdrawn.

Sweet Home Police Department Agency Review

Chief Lynn stated he was pleased with the results from the Agency Review and will use the suggestions as a roadmap for improvements moving forward. Chief Lynn discussed with Council recommendations that were made and steps the department is making based on those suggestions. Chief Lynn stated a work session with Council to discuss some of the topics would be beneficial.

Introduction, First and Second Reading of Ordinance Bills:

Introduction:

First Reading:

Second Reading:

Third and Final Reading of **Ordinance Bills:**

Resolutions:

Council Reports

Committee Reports:

Administration & Finance/

Property Committee

None

Public/Traffic Safety

None

Public Works

Mayor Mahler reported they had a nice tour of the WWTP and it was a good eye opener on the facilities.

City Boards/Committees:

Chamber of Commerce

Bill Matthews

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Board Chairman

Bill Matthews reported on the busy weekend with the Community Health Fair as well as staffing the Chamber with volunteers to be open to the public in response to forest fires in nearby communities.

Fire District

None

Park Board

Councilor Trask reported the next meeting is Monday,

August 28th.

Tree Commission

None

Y.A.C.

Councilor Gourley reported the YAC is meeting on the 29th

with the City Manager.

Ad Hoc Committee Community Healthcare

Councilor Gourley reported the meeting was scheduled for the day of the Eclipse and was cancelled.

Bob Dalton

Dalton reported the attendance at the Community Health Fair doubled from that of last year. The combination City of Sweet Home City Council Meeting Minutes – August 22, 2017

of the Safety and Health Fair complemented each other very well. 15 cancer screenings were conducted and 1 individual was found to have skin cancer, Blood Sugar testing was also conducted.

Mr. Dalton thanked the committee, Public Works Department and the Police Department for their work for the event.

Dick Knowles Sunset Lane

Sweet Home, OR 97386

Dick Knowles added that 15 or more contacts were received from parents seeking mental health services for their children.

Regional Boards/Committees:

Area Commission on Transportation (ACT)

None

COG None

Solid Waste Advisory

Council (SWAC)

None

Mayor's Report None

City Manager's Report City Manager Ray Towry reported on actions that were taken

by City staff to prepare for the Eclipse. This event tested the City's emergency response and went very well; however there have been a few items that have been identified to

improve upon.

City Manager Towry reported the new Community and Economic Development Director (CEDD) will start next week.

Department Directors Reports:

Finance Director None

Library Director None

Community and Economic

Development Director

None

Police Chief None

Public Works Public Works Director Greg Springman reported the Park

Lead position is open internally and will be posted to the

public next week.

City Attorney None

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Adjournment:

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

The foregoing is a true copy of the proceedings of the City Council at the August 22, 2017 regular City Council Meeting.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Manager – Ex Officio City Recorder