

**SWEET HOME CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES**

February 27, 2018

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, Police Chief Jeff Lynn, Community and Economic Development Director Jerry Sorte, Public Works Director Greg Springman, Finance Director Brandon Neish and Recording Secretary Julie Fisher

Visitors Registered to Speak: Theresa Brown, Duncan Tuomi, Ken and Cathy Collins.

Media: Sean Morgan, The New Era

Roll Call:	Councilor Briana	P	Councilor Gourley	P
	Councilor Coleman	P	Mayor Mahler	P
	Councilor Gerson	P	Councilor Trask	P
	Councilor Goble	P		

Consent Agenda:

Motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. (Gerson/Coleman) Motion passed with 7 Ayes, 0 Opposed.

Items on the consent agenda are as follows:
Approval of Minutes: February 13, 2018 – WS
February 13, 2018

**Recognition of Visitors & Hearing
of Petition:**

Theresa Brown
27919 Riggs Hill Rd
Foster, OR 97345

Theresa Brown addressed the Council with concerns in light of the recent tragic school shooting and questioned what processes or lack thereof are in place, how the community can report "red flags", and if there is a catastrophic event plan. Mayor Mahler referred Ms. Brown to staff for an update. Chief Lynn reported the Sweet Home School District is discussing a community forum in March to address community concerns.

Duncan Tuomi
300 Sandridge Court
Lebanon, OR 97355

Duncan Tuomi addressed the Council representing Sweet Home Oregon Coalition for Artistic and Scholastic Enrichment (SHOCASE) and requested the Council consider a dedicated area in the new City Hall to display work of local artist with the goal of expanding understanding and appreciation of the Arts. The Consensus of the Council was the project was a great idea and for SHOCASE to also consider displays at local schools, businesses and the library.

Ken and Cathy Collins
351 Strawberry Loop
Sweet Home, OR 97386

Ken and Cathy Collins also representing SHOCASE expanded on what Mr. Tuomi presented, that they were indeed looking for a dedicated space.
Mr. and Mrs. Collins also added to concerns expressed by

Theresa Brown informing the Council that they are part of the Linn Benton Emergency Co Ad who work during disasters in Linn and Benton Counties. The Co Ad is affiliated with the Salvation Army Church and they are in need of a partnership with the Sweet Home School District to be able to use their kitchen during a time of disaster. Sweet Home Volunteer Emergency Services Coordinator Tommy Mull stated they have worked with the Co Ad thru SHEM.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Introduction, First and Second Reading of Ordinance Bills: None

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First Reading: None

Second Reading: None

Third and Final Reading of Ordinance Bills: None

Resolutions: None

Committee Reports:

Administration & Finance/
Property Committee None

Public/Traffic Safety Councilor Coleman stated she did not have a Public/Traffic Safety report but did request a Work Session on Committees and asked for consideration for a Capitol Christmas Tree Committee be formed and volunteered to chair that committee. Councilor Gerson stated she would support that request as a second.

Public Works None

City Boards/Committees:

Chamber of Commerce Councilor Coleman announced the Awards Banquet on April 7th.

Fire District None

Park & Tree Commission Councilor Trask stated work is being done at upper Sankey Park.

Y.A.C. None

Ad Hoc Committee
Community Healthcare Mayor Mahler reported on the recent Community Health Committee meeting and stated there were two homeless individuals that came to the committee to discuss solutions to homelessness and ideas of ways those effected by homelessness

can have access to essentials such as power, showers and meals. Councilor Gourley expanded on the report adding current projects the committee is focused on and an update on the Hero Banner Project.

Regional Boards/Committees:

Area Commission on
Transportation (ACT) None

COG Councilor Gerson stated the next meeting is scheduled for March.

Solid Waste Advisory
Council (SWAC) None

Mayor's Report Mayor Mahler reported on the Medal of Honor Highway/City dedication ceremony and encouraged visits to view the sign near Shea Point.

City Manager's Report City Manager Ray Towry thanked the Council for their time spent while attending the City Council Training. There will be a debriefing with speaker Michael Grayum this week and City Manager Towry encouraged the Council to submit any feedback. A summary of topics including the Dot Count Report will be in the minutes.
City Manager Towry asked the Mayor of Councilor Coleman's request. The Mayor assigned Councilor Briana with the Public/Traffic Safety Committee and the Area Commission on Transportation Committee. The formation of a Capitol Christmas Tree Committee will be addressed at the next meeting.

Department Directors Reports:

Finance Director Finance Director Neish reviewed the Municipal Court report and presented the monthly review of revenues vs. expenses compared to the past 5 years. Both the revenues and expenses followed past trends.

Library Director None

Community and Economic
Development Director CEDD Sorte reported a joint Work Session was held between the Planning Commission and Sweet Home Active Revitalization Efforts (SHARE). Bill Matthews, Sweet Home Chamber of Commerce President shared ideas the committee is working on. Mr. Matthews stated the committee is chaired by Scott Swanson, and has representatives from the USFS, SHSD, LBCC and the City. The purpose of the joint Work Session was for Economic Development Strategy and Action Plan, investing the Economic Development Funds the Council adopted in the Budget. The Council voiced a concern of the lack of downtown parking.

Police Chief None

Public Works Public Works Director Greg Springman reported the contract between Murraysmith is being finalized for the WWTP and should

be before the Council on the next agenda. There was a question from staff on striping at the WTP and PWD Springman explained Comcast is doing some upgrades to increase the bandwidth. The upgrades are estimated to be \$13,000 but will be paid by Comcast.

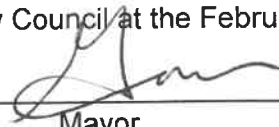
City Attorney

None

Adjournment:

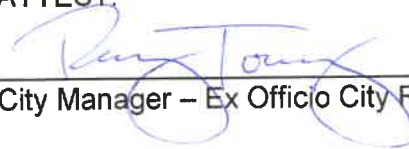
With no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

The foregoing is a true copy of the proceedings of the City Council at the February 27, 2018 regular City Council Meeting.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Manager – Ex Officio City Recorder