

SWEET HOME CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES

July 24, 2018

Mayor Mahler called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Sweet Home Police Department. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Staff Present: City Manager Ray Towry, Community and Economic Development Director Jerry Sorte, Library Services Director Rose Peda, Finance Director Brandon Neish, Public Works Director Greg Springman, Police Chief Jeff Lynn and Recording Secretary Julie Fisher.

Visitors Registered to Speak:

Media: Sean Morgan, The New Era
Alex Paul, Albany Democrat Herald

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 submitted. (Trask/Goble) Motion passed with 7 Ayes, 0 Opposed, 0 Absent

Items on the consent agenda are as follows:
Approval of Minutes: July 10, 2018 – City Council
July 10, 2018 - WS

Recognition of Visitors & Hearing of Petition: None

Old Business: None

New Business:

Request for Council Action – Sweet Home City Hall Financing. Finance Director Neish presented the Council with various Debt Service Options for consideration to complete the new City Hall Project. Options included Inter-fund loan, General Bond, and Full Faith and Credit Bond. Pros and Cons were discussed for each option and Legal authority was presented for each type of option.

Motion to request City Staff prepare an inter-fund loan with current LGIP interest rate in accordance with ORS to be repaid over 10 years (Gerson/Gourley)

ROLL CALL VOTE

Councilor Gourley	Aye
Mayor Mahler	Aye
Councilor Trask	Aye
Councilor Briana	No
Councilor Coleman	Aye
Councilor Gerson	Aye
Councilor Goble	No

Motion passed with 5 Ayes and 2 Opposed (Briana/Goble)

Request for Council Action – City Acceptance of Property.

City Manager Towry introduced the request for Council consideration on whether they wished to pursue acquiring property on Long Street next to the Skate Park that Cross Development LLC (Dollar General) wishes to gift to the City. Discussion ensued on research of limitations of use of the property as well as title and lien search prior to any action.

Motion to accept the property from Cross Development LLC (Dollar General) (Briana) Motion dies for lack of a second.

Motion to direct staff to further evaluate this matter (Gourley/Gerson). Motion passed with 6 Ayes, 0 Opposed and 1 Abstain (Goble, Conflict of Interest)

Introduction, First and Second Reading of Ordinance Bills:

Introduction: None

First Reading: None

Second Reading: None

Third and Final Reading of Ordinance Bills:

Ordinance Bill No. 2 for 2018; an Ordinance Amending Title 17 of Sweet Home Municipal Code and Declaring a need for an Expediency Clause.

Community and Economic Development Director Jerry Sorte read by title only, Ordinance Bill No. 2 for 2018 – An Ordinance Amending Title 17 of Sweet Home Municipal Code and Declaring a need for Expediency Clause as Amended on Exhibit A.

Motion to approve Ordinance Bill No. 2 for 2018 as Amended on Exhibit A – An Ordinance Amending Title 17 of Sweet Home Municipal Code and Declaring a need for an Expediency Clause (Gourley/Goble)

ROLL CALL VOTE

Mayor Mahler	Aye
Councilor Trask	Aye
Councilor Briana	Aye
Councilor Coleman	Aye
Councilor Gerson	Aye
Councilor Goble	Aye
Councilor Gourley	Aye

The motion passed with 7Ayes and 0 Opposed.

Resolutions:

Resolution No. 12 for 2018 – A Resolution Regarding Street Closures and Restrictions.

Chief Lynn introduced the request for a street closure to hold National Night Out event on Mimosa Circle.

Motion to approve Resolution No. 12 for 2018 – A Resolution regarding Street Closures and Restrictions (Gerson/Briana). Motion passed with 7 Ayes and 0 Opposed.

Resolution No. 13 for 2018 – A Resolution Concerning the Oregon Jamboree, Park Closures and Restrictions.

Chief Lynn introduced the Oregon Jamboree request. Robert Shamock with the Oregon Jamboree answered questions regarding concerns from Council. Councilor Trask had specific concerns regarding fire access. Chief Lynn stated Fire Chief Barringer and the Fire Marshall both reviewed the issue and will monitor the required 20’ fire access. Councilor Gerson had a concern over process and request the Jamboree present a written financial agreement with the City prior to the next event. Councilor Goble wanted to see more efforts from volunteers regarding pressure washing and cleaning of sidewalks prior to the Jamboree. Councilor Briana was opposed to the closing of Sankey Park to the public.

Eva Journey
982 Pinetop
Sweet Home, OR 97386

Eva Journey presented to the Council her concerns regarding the information in the staff Request for Council Action memo specific to budget related items that she felt should be brought up during the City of Sweet Home Budget process and included as a line item in the City Budget.

Motion to approve Resolution No. 13 for 2018 – A Resolution Concerning the Oregon Jamboree, Park Closures and Restrictions (Trask/Goble) Motion passed with 5 Ayes and 2 Opposed (Gerson, Briana)

Committee Reports:

Administration & Finance/ Property Committee	None
Public/Traffic Safety	None
Public Works	None

City Boards/Committees:

Chamber of Commerce	Councilor Coleman reported there were 44 entries to the Sportsman Holiday Parade and the parade was enjoyable to watch.
Fire District	Councilor Trask reported fire crews have joined efforts to fight fires on I-84 and in Grants Pass.

Park & Tree Commission	Councilor Trask reported the meeting was cancelled for lack of a quorum.
Y.A.C.	Councilor Gourley announced a Rural Youth Leadership Summit on August 17 th .
Ad Hoc Committee Community Healthcare	Councilor Gourley announced the Community Health Fair on August 18 th .
Capitol Christmas Tree	Councilor Coleman suggested the Council discuss the trip to D.C and the details.

Regional Boards/Committees:

Area Commission on Transportation (ACT)	None
COG	Councilor Gerson referred to her written report.
Solid Waste Advisory Council (SWAC)	Councilor Goble reported a committee comprised of Councilor Goble, Councilor Briana and Councilor Gerson met with Sweet Home Sanitation for a Work Session and learned more about the world-wide recycling crisis issue. The committee recommended to the Council an 8% rate increase.
Scott Gagner Sweet Home Sanitation	Scott Gagner with Sweet Home Sanitation stated the proposed 8% increase would be effective August 1, 2018. They asked for consensus of the Council of the increase, so they could be proactive in beginning the process to initiate the change in rates. Consensus of the Council was favorable Sweet Home Sanitation to begin the process. The Sweet Home Sanitation Rate Increase will be an agenda item on the August 14, 2018 City Council Agenda. Scott Gagner agreed to present to Council monthly updates on the situation and if the crisis resolves, rates would decrease accordingly.

Mayor's Report	None
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City Manager's Report	<p>City Manager Towry reported he will be out of the office the remainder of the week.</p> <p>City Manager Towry announced the League of Oregon Cities Conference is coming up in September. If any Councilor is interested in attending the Council training, please let him know.</p> <p>A reminder to City Council of the upcoming November Election. Four positions are expiring. Forms are on the website or can be picked up in the City Manager's office to run for office. The deadline is August 28th.</p>
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Department Directors Reports:

Finance Director	Finance Director Neish reviewed reports included in the packet and gave a brief presentation on revenue vs expenses.
Library Director	Library Services Director Peda announced 277 children have signed up for the Summer Reading Program. LSD Peda announced the next three programs: Michael Albert, Pop Artist;

Didgeridoo Down Under, Australian Music; and Matthew Guernsey, Irish and Scottish Music.

Community and Economic Development Director

Community and Economic Development Director Jerry Sorte announced Angela Clegg was hired as the new Associate Planner for the CEDD. Recreation planning to include the Harvest Festival is underway. Planning and Building permits are keeping the Planning Commission and department busy.

Police Chief

Chief Lynn update the Council on the Department's preparation for the Oregon Jamboree.
Chief Lynn stated a plan to address traffic issue in the downtown area is being developed and will be brought to Council.

Public Works

Public Works Director Springman reported on the continued raw water testing for Cyanotoxins with negative results. Testing will continue and PWD Springman will update the Council on those results.

Councilor Briana asked if funds could be used from the Parks Budget for improvements to the parking lot at Strawberry Park. Discussion ensued. Mayor Mahler urged Councilor Briana to approach the Park and Tree Committee who would make recommendations of Capital Improvement Projects to the Council.

Councilor Trask asked for discussion on a Charter Amendment.

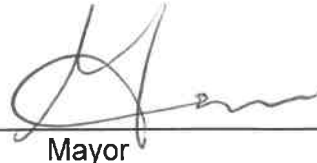
City Attorney

None

Adjournment:

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:29 PM.

The foregoing is a true copy of the proceedings of the City Council at the July 24, 2018 regular City Council Meeting.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Manager – Ex Officio City Recorder