

UNION CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES
Monday, April 27, 2020 – 6:00 P.M.
Leonard Almquist Council Chambers, 342 S. Main St, Union, OR 97883

This meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

Roll Call: Councilor Leslie McMillan, Councilor Brian McDowell, Councilor Jay Blackburn, Mayor Leonard Flint, Councilor Susan Hawkins, Councilor John Farmer absent, Councilor Terra Richter excused, Student Liaison Emilee Freeman, and City Administrator Doug Wiggins.

Mayor Flint stated there will be a slight change to tonight's agenda. CA Wiggins stated we have been discussing what to do with the System Development Charges. We would like to use some of those funds to cover costs due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We would pay back those funds with funds from FEMA.

Mayor Flint stated we consulted the attorney and she told us we can and how to do it. We are also looking at buying tablets for the Council to conduct city business and creating a fund to help our small businesses during this pandemic. CA Wiggins explained the quote on the tablets that would be purchased by the city for Council to conduct business.

Mayor Flint, Council, and CA Wiggins discussed the paper saving a tablet would provide and would allow all city documents like agendas can be delivered electronically. The League of Oregon Cities will be broadcasting their seminars so Councilors can attend with the tablets or laptops provided by the city.

Council and staff discussed the small business loans for the business' in town effected by the COVID-19 pandemic. CA Wiggins stated that the state is talking about matching any funds the city would put forth for these small business loans. He will find out more information. Mayor Flint stated there will be a review board to review applications to make sure the businesses truly need the funds. He also discussed the fact that the city is looking at running low on finances because of people being laid off and delaying tax payments.

Council and staff discussed the attorney's recommendation on the fund being used and the reimbursement from FEMA. They also discussed the impact of the pandemic on the businesses throughout town. Councilor Hawkins stated the attorney also recommends not to use personal equipment is because it can be taken from you if there is an information request by the court.

Dick Middleton 10th Street asked about the other laptops that were purchased. Mayor Flint answered they were not good and we fought with them all the time. They are now very outdated.

Council discussed the old laptops and how horrible they were. Council also discussed the small business loans further on making it forgivable or low interest loans.

Mayor Flint stated I would like to table the Charter review until Council has a chance to review the attorney's suggestions on terminology. CA Wiggins stated we need to review section 42; the

attorney doesn't even know how that section got in there. She will start the process of getting a ballot title.

On the ATV Ordinance, Council and staff discussed the time it takes to advertise before the reading. They discussed doing a full reading twice as well.

This meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Approved: _____
Mayor, Leonard Flint

Attest: _____
City Administrator/Recorder, Doug Wiggins