

**UNION CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES**  
**Monday June 22, 2020 – 6:00 P.M.**  
**Leonard Almquist Council Chambers, 342 S. Main St, Union, OR 97883**

This meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Councilor Leslie McMillan, Councilor Brian McDowell, Councilor Jay Blackburn arrived at 6:01 p.m., Mayor Leonard Flint excused, Councilor Susan Hawkins, Councilor John Farmer arrived at 6:01 p.m., Councilor Terra Richter, and City Administrator Doug Wiggins.

The first item on tonight's agenda was the final Charter Review for comments and suggestions. CA Wiggins and Council discussed that this is the document that will be presented to the public and all changes have been looked over by the city attorney.

CA Wiggins stated this will hold up better over time and we have removed things that should have been ordinances or passed by resolution.

Council discussed how much nicer it reads and that it has been a long time coming. They also discussed the two public hearing that will be held. Then they will pass a resolution to put it on the ballot for voter approval.

The next item on the agenda was the City Property and the procedures to sell. CA Wiggins stated we have to follow state law on this because we don't have an ordinance about this. We will start by putting out an intention to sell, and then we will put it on the Sheriff's auction. It is a cash only auction and if someone doesn't buy it then we can do silent bids where people can secure a loan.

Council discussed notifying the surrounding property owners. They also discussed that they can decide not to sell it as well. Councilor Farmer asked about including it in the walking path. CA Wiggins stated we could but it would be a lot more work in securing easements.

Councilor Farmer asked Coy Wilde if he would keep the property a residential. Mr. Wilde answered yes, and I want to build a home and remove all the dead trees. Mr. Wilde and Councilor Farmer discussed the neighbors use of a driveway on the property in question.

Council and Mr. Wilde also discussed the estimated cost of \$3,000 to pay for the tree removal and Mr. Wilde's conversation with the neighbors about the possible sale of the city property.

Dick Middleton 575 10<sup>th</sup> Street asked how long have the neighbors been using that piece of property. They kind of have eminent domain. I am not going to argue about it but I wanted to bring it up.

Councilor Blackburn asked how much of the property were the neighbors using. CA Wiggins and the Council discussed the use of it, and notifications to all people who border the property. Mr. Wilde discussed his experience with property issues like this. Council also briefly discussed the ditch that runs through the property.

This meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor, Leonard Flint

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Administrator/Recorder, Doug Wiggins