

UNION CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, June 8, 2020 - 7:00 p.m.
Leonard Almquist Council Chambers, 342 S. Main St, Union, OR 97883

This meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

There wasn't any public comment on agenda items.

Under correspondence, Mayor Flint stated we received a letter from the Rural Fire protection district, he read for record. There was also a letter from the Union Soil and Conservation District, a quick update on activities on Buffalo Flats Project.

There wasn't any old business on the agenda.

Next, on new business was Ordinance 561, Kennon Property. CA Wiggins stated this the ordinance we need to pass to create a cul-de-sac and vacate the land. This will be the 1st reading in full. Councilor Hawkins read ordinance for record.

The next item was a public hearing and Resolution 20-14, Budget Adoption. Mayor Flint opened the public hearing at 7:15 p.m. CA Wiggins stated I made the changes from the budget committee. We got another matching grant of \$20,000 from Business Oregon for helping businesses and non-profits during the COVID-19 pandemic. There wasn't any public comment. The public hearing closed at 7:19 p.m. Mayor Flint read resolution for record. Councilor Farmer motioned to approve the resolution. Councilor Blackburn second. Councilor Hawkins asked about \$60,000 from the SDC budget line. CA Wiggins answered those monies were transferred to the downtown revolving loan fund in the amount of \$40,000, and \$20,000 went to the administrative budget for Council equipment. The motion passed unanimously.

Next, was Resolution 20-15, Shared Revenues. Councilor Hawkins read resolution for the record. Councilor Farmer motioned to approve the resolution. Councilor Hawkins second. Councilor Blackburn asked why this resolution is needed. CA Wiggins answered if we want to receive our gas, cigarette, and liquor taxes we have to pass this resolution, otherwise the state won't share those monies. The motion passed unanimously.

The last item under new business was the Water/Wastewater Study Bids. CA Wiggins stated we discussed this in our work session, we are recommending to award the project to Pioneer Consulting. Councilor Hawkins motioned to award the rate study to Pioneer Consulting. Councilor Farmer second. The motion passed unanimously.

Next, under the consent agenda were the Minutes, May 11, 2020, Regular Council Meeting, Minutes, May 11, 2020, Work Session, Minutes, May 26, 2020, Work Session, Minutes, May 26, 2020, Special Meeting, Vouchers, May. There is consent.

The next item on the agenda was the informational items. On the Code Enforcement/Union Animal Report, Councilor Hawkins asked about the two people named if they are renting the property, or owners. CA Wiggins answered they live there, but they have control of the property. We will be able to place a lien, we gave a 15-day notice, we will be going before the court, and get a trespass warrant, and clean it and then put a lien on the property.

Under the City Council Working Committee Updates, Council discussed that the Charter and Rural Fire short term goals are progressing. CA Wiggins stated that they did receive the grant to have a police officer from the Union County Sheriff working in Union part time. This will begin in October and they will be going through negotiations with the Union County Sheriff's Office. This will give the City of Union and officer for four years.

CA Wiggins stated on the ATV, Weed, and Absent Business Owner Ordinances, right now the ATV is done, the others haven't been addressed yet, but we will be getting to them.

On the Ranger Station, CA Wiggins stated next Monday the asbestos should be gone, I also got permits started, I am waiting to hear we can get our permit.

The last item on working committee updates was the Walking Path. CA Wiggins stated this is one, I have run out of time, I have to get in touch with people and secure easements, we have until June 15th to finish the grant. I need to make contact with some of the people. Mayor Flint stated I am leaving the state of emergency in place to match up with the state. It makes it so we as a city can get federal funding to help during the pandemic.

Next, under public comment, Councilor Hawkins 1601 S Main stated I wanted to thank the city for the use of city vehicle to deliver senior meals. I also wanted to thank everyone who took the time to deliver those senior meals.

The last item on tonight's agenda was the Upcoming Meetings and Suggestions. The dates of meetings are listed below. Mayor Flint stated we have a lot to work on currently.

Work Session – June 22, 2020 6:00pm, Special Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Work Session – July 13, 2020 at 6:00pm

Regular Council Meeting – July 13, 2020 at 7:00pm

CA Wiggins stated I would like to add that this would have been Emilee Freeman's last meeting. The school program, while some students are very vocal and some are not, she kept me well informed, and I appreciated it. I will have you sign this Mr. Mayor. She got the Ford Family Foundation Grant, she was recognized for leadership and citizenship.

This meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Approved: _____
Mayor, Leonard Flint

Attest: _____
City Administrator/Recorder, Doug Wiggins