

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

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

Roll Call: Councilor Leslie McMillan arrived at 6:05 p.m., Councilor Brian McDowell excused, Councilor Jay Blackburn excused, Mayor Leonard Flint, Councilor Susan Hawkins, Councilor John Farmer absent, Councilor Terra Richter arrived at 6:12 p.m., and City Administrator Doug Wiggins.

The first item on tonight's agenda was City Surplus Sale of Real Property Update. CA Wiggins stated we have some other issues there; it will create a driveway issue for Bobby Burton. We might have to put an easement on the property to make it work. I don't want anyone to be harmed with the sale, we want to make sure he has access to his property. He would lose his main access point.

The next item was the Noxious weeds ordinances, Chapter 98 and 71. CA Wiggins stated these are our current ordinances. We would look at the definition of weeds or noxious weeds. Noxious vegetation, is how it is defined now, maybe it could be defined better. Separate weeds from fire hazard as well. These ordinances don't include agricultural crop. We may need to cite noxious weeds in ORS. More work at next work session. Mayor Flint asked for state statute and county law.

The next discussion topic was COVID-19. Mayor Flint stated our Governor made more rules. CA Wiggins stated city hall is still closed to the public, we will remain closed and continue with appointments. We can look it again next month. We got our grant amendment from the state, we have to submit expense report during this.

CA Wiggins stated on Police Services, we still are at 4 years, we are trying to balance the budget. We will get a little over 3/4 time of the new officer. We also need to get an office set up. The new officer could possibly start as early as September. I should have a draft contract by the end of the week from the sheriff's office. There have been many complaints on the 4 wheelers and we are working with the sheriff's office on that.

We also discussed the new ATV Ordinance and how it impacts those who can't obtain a license. We looked at how the state does hardships for those who go without a license. The sheriff is willing to do that on a local level. He will approve or deny their applications and not be harassed by anyone. They will train and track those that get approved for driving an ATV without a license, it is a good set up for our small town. They will do the online ATV Permit.

Council asked about what will occur when our dedicated deputy has days off. CA Wiggins stated we will have another deputy from the sheriff's office at those times, when he is back on duty, he will be briefed on what occurred and take over.

CA Wiggins stated we have issues coming up with pigs in town. Our current laws don't allow pigs to be owned within city limits, unless you have a permit for 4H programs or FFA. It does

bring up the question if certain breeds of pigs should be allowed in city limits. We have a couple families in town, we had to ask them to remove their pigs because the law is in our zoning code. We will have to get a registration system if we allow certain breeds.

Mayor Flint stated I don't want to see us needing to train our ordinance officer on pig breeds, their waste is very noxious, we want to support FFA but I don't want to see the city full of pigs. Councilor Richter stated I think you have to have space for that animal. You would have to take care of it.

CA Wiggins stated I don't know of any towns around us that allow pigs without a permit or regulation.

Councilor Hawkins stated there are little pigs that live in people's homes.

CA Wiggins stated with pigs they have to meet acreage, and have a permit from 4H or FFA, they have to be gone a month after EOLS. They can't have them for more than 9 months. They can't breed either.

Councilor Hawkins stated we need to discuss this, I would like more information.

Mayor Flint stated pigs eat everything, they are a risk around small children.

Councilor McMillan stated I think we should treat it like livestock, and require the owners have acreage.

Councilor Richter stated also maybe making regulations to keep animals away from property lines.

This meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Approved: _____
Mayor, Leonard Flint

Attest: _____
City Administrator/Recorder, Doug Wiggins