

UNION CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, September 14, 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: Mayor Leonard Flint, Councilor Jay Blackburn, Councilor John Farmer excused, Councilor Susan Hawkins, Councilor Brian McDowell, Councilor Terra Richter arrived at 7:01 p.m., Councilor Leslie McMillan, and City Administrator Doug Wiggins.

Mayor Flint stated we will add an item under 5. This will be item c, Memorandum of Understanding between the City and Friends of the Historic Community Hall.

There weren't any public comments on agenda items.

Under Correspondence, Mayor Flint stated we received a letter from Willard Bertrand. CA Wiggins stated he wrote that we put out propaganda. We had the attorney look at it, she didn't see a true violation there. If he would like to send it to the secretary of state he can. He said we are violating our own Charter. Our Charter currently reads that all resolutions, laws, motions, that deal with fees, or changing of the law, must have 30-day notice mailed to all residents of the city. It has not been done that way in a very long time. It would require countless hours to abide by this and lots of money. That is one of the rules we are working to change with this election. There are two ways to fix this, one is to pull it off and start over and pay for a special election. Or move forward, and then let him challenge it in court. We have been following Oregon State Law with our meetings and posting about meetings and the subjects that will be discussed.

Council and staff discussed the issue, and the sheer amount of work that would be undone if this rule was followed. CA Wiggins stated we have had only one negative comment on the Charter changes and it stated that you shouldn't vote for it if you don't understand it.

The next item was old business, Police Contract with UCSO. CA Wiggins stated we had some suggestions for minor changes. We will need a special meeting to vote on this if I can't get it passed tonight. The deadline is quickly approaching and I need this in place by October 1, 2020. If I can get the language changed in the next couple of days, we accept this tonight I can proceed. Councilor Blackburn motioned to accept with a dedicated officer for the City of Union language being added to the contract. Councilor Hawkins second. The motion passed unanimously.

The next item was new business, Grant Administrator Contract. Council discussed the three bids. **Councilor Blackburn motioned to accept Bearmont.** Councilor McDowell second. The motion passed unanimously.

The next item under new business was Resolution 20-19 Fire Ban. Councilor Hawkins read the Resolution for the record. Councilor Blackburn motioned to approve. Councilor Hawkins second. The motion passed unanimously.

The last item under new business was the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Union and Friends of the Historic Community Hall. Councilor Richter has a possible conflict

because she works with the Friends of the Historic Community Hall. Councilor Blackburn motioned to accept. Councilor McDowell second. The motion passed unanimously.

Next, was the Consent Agenda which contained:

Minutes – August 10, 2020 – Regular Council Meeting

Minutes – August 10, 2020 – Work Session

Minutes – August 24, 2020 – Work Session

Vouchers – August

Informational Items:

- Office Manager Report
- EMS/Fire Report
- Code Enforcement/Union Animal Report
- Library Report
- Planning/Buffalo Flats Update

There is consent.

Also, on the agenda were updates on the City Council Working Committees. The Police item was covered. CA Wiggins stated he would get in touch with the Fire Board. The City Charter is going to the election.

CA Wiggins and the city attorney are still working on the weed ordinance.

On Economic Development, Councilor we are doing an event in the park. Saturday, September 19, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

On the Ranger Station, CA Wiggins stated we got the lumber and we are going to build on the inside to prepare it for electrical and plumbing.

Lastly, on the Walking Path, CA Wiggins stated we submitted a grant. We are working on easements, and the details that come with them.

Under the City Administrator/Public Works Report, Councilor McDowell asked about the sewer department and the pumps that were ordered. CA Wiggins answered we had to order two new pumps. The first two pumps came that were broken when they arrived. We are waiting on another pump. We have a flow meter that came in, they put the wrong part number and we are waiting on that part to come in. The system is up and going but isn't running efficiently as it could.

The next item was public comment. Sally **Stuzman** 821 N. College stated the bathrooms are very clean. We have been hearing some loud booms recently. I think the sheriff is looking into it. Sally also stated there are people wandering around town at night. They have been using my camp trailer because I don't lock it. This has happened more than once, I found a half-eaten can of food, someone has been in our trailer. Everyone is putting up fences to keep the deer out and it would be sad if we had to put up higher fences to keep people out. What can be done about this? I think it's important to let others know that people are trespassing on private property. I don't think it's okay and needs to be addressed.

CA Wiggins stated there is lots of this going around at night. Council and staff discuss disturbances throughout the city.

These are the Upcoming Meetings:

Work Session – September 21, 2020 6:00pm

Hearing – September 23, 2020, 2020 at 7:00pm, Planning appeal

Work session – October 12, 2020 at 6:00pm

Regular Council Meeting – October 12, 2020 at 7:00pm

This meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Approved: _____
Mayor, Leonard Flint

Attest: _____
City Administrator/Recorder, Doug Wiggins