

**UNION CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION**  
**Monday August 10, 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 excused, Councilor Brian McDowell, Councilor Jay Blackburn arrived at 6:03 p.m., Mayor Leonard Flint, 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 WMCP, Anderson and Perry. Dave Wildman with Anderson and Perry stated we have a draft water conservation plan in front of you. It is a requirement because of the city's water rights. You have more water rights than we can deliver to the system. We justify why you have more water rights than you can deliver currently. We have updated the usage tables for the future. We are using more water, so we are updating our water right permit, this will help us get that.

In measuring and reporting, we are compliant, the conservation element actions table is very good and the city is compliant in maintaining required maintenance and goals in conservation. Council, staff, and Mr. Wildman discuss the irrigation at the Golf Course. There is \$2,090 fee to review these plans.

Next, was the Water Rate Study Update. CA Wiggins stated I have been talking with Doug Gardener, and he wants to present the results of the study on September 21, 2020. He will do a live presentation that includes how much water we include in the base rate. Right now, we are giving away water, basically residential users are supplementing the bigger meters. Over a million gallons a year you are giving away. Our rates are low on water, they should be \$47 to \$50, we have to submit this to CDBG and we are moving closer to some concrete numbers on the sewer side. On waste water we will see a decrease on residential and an increase on the bigger users. This will meet CDBG Grant requirements.

The next item tonight was the UCSO Police Services Contract. Mayor Flint and CA Wiggins discuss that the contract is being negotiated and what is in the packet is not the final draft. Our attorney is working with the county attorney to make a better contract. We have to get this done before the end of September.

Next, was the Property behind City Hall. CA Wiggins stated I was approached by Superintendent Carter Wells about our building. They wanted to see if we could still let them use the building, they still want it. They will move it and install it another location. We will put a dollar value in the contract about the building currently on it. They have no problem with that. Almost all of our stuff is moved out.

Mayor Flint stated they had to store tables because they don't meet social distance requirements. Councilor Farmer stated I would hate to see them do that for very long. Mayor Flint stated we can negotiate a lease price; we need to make a decision.

CA Wiggins stated it will probably be storage this year, they want to add on to the metal shop next summer to prepare it completely next fall. We don't have to put it out for public bid because we are selling it to the school.

Next, on tonight's agenda was Miriam Hess and Microwave Pathway. CA Wiggins stated she is not here, she wanted to tell you it interferes with her well-being. Mayor Flint tabled this item.

On the topic of Weed Ordinance, CA Wiggins stated we need to make a distinction between a nuisance weed and noxious weed. We just need to update our definitions. We also need to define nuisance weeds.

Also, on the agenda was the update on the City Surplus Sale of Real Property. CA Wiggins stated I haven't gotten much further. We found everything out there was way off and, could cause significant damage to the one homeowner. If we were to follow the proper property lines it would take out almost all of his yard. We will have to develop a good solution. We can partition the property or, we can get a permanent easement, I have more to work through. We can't do damage to a homeowner's property. I will be visiting with our attorney and it is complicated.

The last item on tonight's agenda was the COVID-19, Discussions and/or Updates. CA Wiggins stated we just got our second reimbursement from the CARES ACT. We bought a hands-free system for the bathroom for washing and drying hands.

Coy Wilde 3<sup>rd</sup> and Beakman asked about the weed ordinance definitions. Council and Wilde discussed the exemption on agriculture.

This meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

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

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