



MINUTES

Council Work Session Meeting

6:00 PM - Monday, June 14, 2021

Leonard Almquist Council Chambers, 342 S. Main St, Union, OR 97883

1. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, ROLL CALL:

The City Council of the City of Union was called to order on June 14, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., in the Leonard Almquist Council Chambers, 342 S. Main St, Union, OR 97883, with the following members present:

PRESENT: Mayor Leonard Flint, Susan Hawkins, Leslie McMillan, Terra Richter, and Tim Cox

EXCUSED: John Farmer and Councilor Heidi Denton

2. UPCOMING BUSINESS DISCUSSIONS:

Councilor McMillan asked about the property tax form. CA Wiggins answered I have to submit this form in order to collect the property taxes.

Councilor McMillan asked about the letter regarding the economic development money. CA Wiggins answered we are looking at donating some money to the Chamber of Commerce to be distributed to help small programs. The small programs will have to go through the Chamber to get the money.

Councilor Richter said part of this is misguided, I think Council should have more say in this issue. CA Wiggins said there will be stipulations on the money, the businesses have a say in what will help business in Union.

Councilor Hawkins said we know as a Council the money would be put to good use, perhaps a liaison between the Chamber and Council should be created.

Council and staff discussed that Council is in place to facilitate and not do these things because of the many factors involved. CA Wiggins stated if we were in charge of distributing this money it would make our auditing process a nightmare. It is simpler to do it this way, if we don't like it we only try it this one year.

After further discussion, Council and staff agreed that this needs more guidelines and discussion. The Economic Development Committee also needs a stronger definition as to its purpose.

3. **COMMITTEE DISCUSSIONS:**

4. **ORDINANCE/CHARTER REVIEW:**

- a) Water/Sewer Rates - Updates

CA Wiggins said I sent the draft over to the attorney for review, hopefully it will be back for our review soon and a first reading in July.

5. **PRESENTATIONS:**

- a) Sheriff's Report

Sheriff Cody Bowen said we are getting good feedback on Deputy Johnson. We staffed the stock show with full time deputies, we had one fight at the carnival and one heavily intoxicated person who went home with a loved one. Councilor Richter asked about the recent graffiti and what could be done about that. Sheriff Bowen said we can take a report and investigate it, I believe that Deputy Johnson is already investigating this.

Deputy Johnson said stock show went well, I was able to manage my time between my different duties well this month. I had one DUI and there has been more drug activity around the park. I also responded to an over dose. I have been educating people on the ATV ordinance a lot too. Council and Deputy Johnson further discussed the graffiti problem and how to resolve it.

6. **OTHER:**

7. **ADJOURNMENT:**

This meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.



Mayor



City Administrator