



MINUTES

Council Work Session Meeting

6:00 PM - Monday, May 10, 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 May 10, 2021, at 6:04 p.m., in the Leonard Almquist Council Chambers, 342 S. Main St, Union, OR 97883, with the following members present:

Present: Leonard Flint, Susan Hawkins, Leslie McMillan, Terra Richter, Tim Cox, and Heidi Denton

Excused: John Farmer

2. UPCOMING BUSINESS DISCUSSIONS:

- a) ROW Vacate - Second Reading
- b) CLG Grant & Ranger Station Registry

CA Wiggins stated this is a grant we applied for. We are working on putting the Ranger Station on the National Historic Register. We have to pay 20% of this process but the grant covers 80%. It will take about a year to register the station. That is what we will ask in the meeting. Council asked about the details of the grant. Councilor Hawkins asked is it in the budget. CA Wiggins answered yes, there is money for this.

3. COMMITTEE DISCUSSIONS:

- a) Fire Committee

Councilor Cox said we are waiting on word on how to proceed. CA Wiggins said we had a meeting, they are getting documents put together to let us know how to do this. We also have to figure the budget out.

- b) Economic development

Councilor Richter stated we have a meeting this Thursday at the community center to talk about activities we can do during the summer. We hope to do events during the 4th of July and Stock Show. Councilor McMillan said Cherie coordinated a clean up day at Catherine Creek and it went well and they hope to do it yearly.

- c) Ordinance Committee - Water/Sewer Rates

CA Wiggins stated I reviewed the water and sewer ordinance and using the water/sewer rate study and made some changes with the original; so this is a first draft for you to look at and consider. Council and staff discussed the annual increase. CA Wiggins explained a Council can do no more than 3% per year. I also changed the wording on decreases as well so that the decrease is justified. This is for your review and ask questions about. Councilor Hawkins said there are components of these ordinances that need to stay to help with clarification.

d) Parks

CA Wiggins said I am waiting on the lights I ordered, and then I will get together with our electrician. We are waiting on 8 lamps.

4. ORDINANCE/CHARTER REVIEW:

CA Wiggins stated there will be a resolution for review at the meeting tonight as well. Mayor Flint said I would also like to look at an ordinance to make it illegal to be in possession of illegal drugs and usage of those illegal in the park and near the library. We also want to reaffirm 2nd Amendment rights.

5. PRESENTATIONS:

a) Sheriff's Report

Deputy Johnson said I am still educating the public. I have been diligent in logging traffic hours. I haven't heard new issues at the park. I am still helping with mutual aid on the ambulance calls. I have seen more trespasses lately. I have had reports of stolen pop cans. There have been more calls about dogs terrorizing cats and neighbors. Please be patient with our animal control.

I have been very social with the community and I expected that in a small town. I do need to meet with the ordinance officer and make sure I know how to cite for ATV offenses. There have been several accidents and two deaths from ATV accidents in the surrounding areas lately. There was drug paraphernalia at the high school and it was disposed of. Most people just dispose of it, I will come remove it if you aren't comfortable disposing of it. Councilor McMillan and Deputy Johnson discussed his hours and what he does during those hours.

6. OTHER:

CA Wiggins said the Mayor was contacted by Samn Diller sometime ago and they are working on putting together a farmers market. At that time the Council asked them to work out some details and a business plan. I didn't get an updated plan.

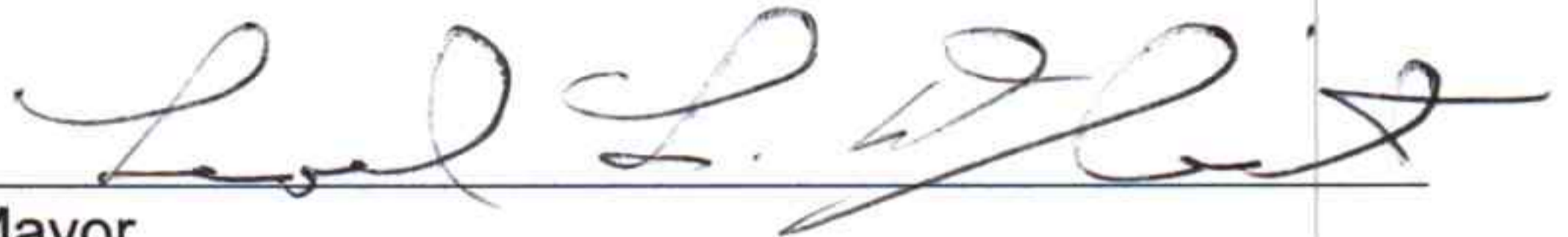
Mayor Flint stated I would like a business plan. Councilor Richter said they want to move it to the community center. They want to start off small. We are looking at the Chamber of Commerce to help with insurance and managing any seed money. They just want to help spread the word to get something started.

Councilor Hawkins asked what entity are we funding? Councilor Richter answered they are working with the Chamber and Economic Development. They want to be their own entity. CA Wiggins said I think this is a Main Street Project. Councilor Hawkins and Councilor Richter discussed insurance.

Mayor Flint said we need a business plan and we need to understand what is going to keep it going. We need more information. CA Wiggins said this sets a president on how others will be able to apply for seed money from the city. Councilor Richter asked can the economic development community have the farmers market as a program and have someone chair the program. CA Wiggins explained that they need to become a 501c3 non profit entity.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

This meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.



Mayor



City Administrator