



MINUTES

City Council Meeting

7:00 PM - Monday, July 12, 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 July 12, 2021, at 7:00 p.m., in the Leonard Almquist Council Chambers, 342 S. Main St, Union, OR 97883, with the following members present:

PRESENT: Leonard Flint, John Farmer, Susan Hawkins, Terra Richter, Tim Cox, and Heidi Denton

EXCUSED: Leslie McMillan

2. CORRESPONDENCE PERTINENT TO AGENDA BUSINESS ITEMS:

The reports on Water and Soil Conservation, information on the Chamber letter, the Economic Development report, and the invoice for the new pump for the sewer department. These all came in late and will be added to the agenda.

3. PUBLIC HEARING:

a) CDBG - Public Hearing - Water Project

The public hearing opened at 7:02 p.m.

There wasn't any public comment.

CA Wiggins said this is for Business Oregon and their block grant. This is the second part of the grant we started last year. This is for the construction process, last year was design. This is paid at 100% grant. We will match with 1% to help us get the grant. We will not be affecting low income housing or causing displacement. We will get better water services to our community.

The public hearing closed at 7:05 p.m.

4. OLD BUSINESS:

a) Chamber Letter in support of ED Funds - Tabled

After further discussion by Council and staff, it was decided that CA Wiggins and the Economic Development Committee should discuss further with the Chamber of Commerce on guidelines for this. Councilor McMillan was absent so the item remains tabled.

Leslie McMillan made a motion to table this item until further information is obtained. Terra Richter seconded the motion. Carried unanimously.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

a) Resolution 21-06

There wasn't any public comment.

CA Wiggins stated the League of Oregon Cities provides legal services to cities in Eastern Oregon. They require a resolution from the Council to provide legal help. It doesn't help with litigation, but can help with contracts or ordinances. It is included in our membership.

CA Wiggins read Resolution for the record.

John Farmer made a motion to accept the Resolution 21-06 and allow the City Administrator to sign for services. Terra Richter seconded the motion. Carried unanimously.

b) Resolution 21-07

There wasn't any public comment.

CA Wiggins said we have to do a restatement of our retirement plan. He read the Resolution for the record.

John Farmer made a motion pass Resolution 21-07 allowing the Mayor and City Administrator to sign plan documents. Susan Hawkins seconded the motion. Carried unanimously.

c) Wastewater Influent Pump

There wasn't any public comment.

CA Wiggins said we have two pumps, the primary pump's insides exploded, the secondary is running. We have another coming but it is over \$5,000. It is in the budget.

Susan Hawkins made a motion approve the purchase of the Gorman-Rupp pump. Terra Richter seconded the motion. Carried unanimously.

6. CONSENT AGENDA:

6.1. BUSINESS/SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

6.1.1. June 14, 2021 Business Minutes

6.2. WORK SESSION MINUTES

6.2.1. June 14, 2021 Work Session Minutes

6.3. INFORMATION REPORTS

6.3.1. Office Manager Monthly Report/Vouchers

6.3.2. Sheriff's Monthly Report

- 6.3.3. Ordinance Officer Report for June
- 6.3.4. Animal Control Monthly Report
- 6.3.5. Library Monthly Report
- 6.3.6. Fire/Ems Monthly Report

RES-5-2021

Tim Cox made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Terra Richter seconded the motion. Carried unanimously.

7. CITY COUNCIL WORKING COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Mayor Flint said our ordinances are still being worked on by the city attorney. She has been very busy.

8. CITY ADMINISTRATOR / PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

- a) Admin Monthly Report
- b) PW Monthly Report
- c) Wastewater Monthly Report

Mayor Flint said the odor at the sewer plant is the least its ever been. I was concerned when it got hot but it is operating much better. CA Wiggins said we are back on top of our foaming issue.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

Dick Middleton 10th Street said I know that there are supposed to be educated engineers out there, I am concerned about the corners with the new handicapped access. It is too far around the corner for one. I talked to the engineer, we had a discussion. Some of the drainage on the streets are off. I think they should have put them closer to the corner. Chances are they will be back to repair these. Let's fix it now instead of waiting. People are speeding out of town. The Council explained why this project is happening. Mr. Middleton said their grades are still wrong, they will be back to fix that.


10. UPCOMING MEETINGS AND SUGGESTIONS:

Council agreed to cancel the work session on July 26, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. Councilor Hawkins and CA Wiggins discussed looking at the weed ordinance and they are waiting to get it back from the city attorney.

- a) July 26, 2021 Work Session @ 6:00 p.m. - Canceled
- b) August 9, 2021 Work Session @ 6:00 p.m.
- c) August 9, 2021 Business Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

This meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.



Mayor



City Administrator