



MINUTES

Council Work Session Meeting

6:00 PM - Monday, August 23, 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 August 23, 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: Susan Hawkins, Leslie McMillan, Terra Richter, and Tim Cox

EXCUSED: Mayor Leonard Flint, John Farmer, and Councilor Heidi Denton

2. PRESENTATIONS:

None

3. UPCOMING BUSINESS DISCUSSIONS:

Council discussed the fences going up in town and the need for an ordinance.

4. COMMITTEE DISCUSSIONS:

CA Wiggins said at the ranger station we are waiting on the inspection on the insulation. Then we can move on. Our siding guy is getting to it, he had other business to finish up first.

5. ORDINANCE/CHARTER REVIEW:

a) Noxious Weed Changes to Ordinance

CA Wiggins said this definition will clear up what is considered noxious and what is not. I will have the city attorney review this again. Dick Middleton 10th Street said explain person. CA Wiggins answered that is the definition of person by ORS.

b) Ordinance 563 Water and sewer rates

Council and staff discussed the second reading of this ordinance and when it would go into effect.

Dick Middleton 10th Street said you need to put it out in black and white to the citizens. What about the fence at Main and Delta, made with twigs, when you start discussing looks it isn't exactly an appropriate fence. There are a lot of

them that I have seen. What happened to the fence ordinance, we had and a sign ordinance too. Stuff just disappeared and it has made your job harder.

6. OTHER:

COVID-19- CA Wiggins said our Governor issued a statewide mandate all first responders must be vaccinated. It creates a hardship for us. All but one person is vaccinated on the EMS side, on the fire side there are only two vaccinated. You can do a medical exemption or a religious exemption. There could be liability to the city if a non-vaccinated person spreads COVID. We might lose some people over this as well as facing fines for the city if we aren't vaccinated by the deadline. We aren't alone school teachers, and healthcare workers are involved. Councilor Cox asked is the city protected if the person has an adverse reaction to the vaccine. CA Wiggins answered I don't know. Council and staff discussed the COVID vaccine and the Governor's mandates.

Council and staff also discussed the possibility of all government employees being mandated to get the vaccine in the future.


Donna Beverage said I couldn't be at that meeting where you gave the Chamber of Commerce money for economic development, we will put together some paperwork and a process for you. We also need to be at the ditch moving meeting and have our say tonight at 6:30 p.m. about them moving it. Grassroots went well, vendors sold out, everyone was talking about returning next year. Senior meals is starting up and we have a food bank at the community center. I think we are getting more volunteers too.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

This meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.



Mayor



City Administrator