



MINUTES

City Council Meeting

7:00 PM - Monday, August 9, 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 9, 2021, at 7:01 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, and Tim Cox

EXCUSED: John Farmer and Councilor Heidi Denton

2. CORRESPONDENCE PERTINENT TO AGENDA BUSINESS ITEMS:

None

3. 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.

Councilor McMillan motioned to take the item off the table. Councilor Hawkins second.

CA Wiggins said we had discussed giving money to the Chamber of Commerce to disperse money for projects, and giving the businesses a say on what businesses want worked on. There is \$10,000 for economic development. Councilor Richter said I would recommend \$5,000 for the Chamber to handle.

Councilor Cox motioned to give \$4,000 to the Chamber of Commerce, Councilor Richter second. Councilor Hawkins asked is that money already allocated to something. CA Wiggins answered some of it is.

CA Wiggins and Councilor Richter discussed the Christmas lights.

Council discussed what the money should be used for, and if there should be requirements on the money or not.

Council discussed whether or not the Chamber should disperse money for the fireworks and if there should be restrictions on the money.

Councilor Cox motioned to give \$4,000 to small economic development and Main Street development. Councilor Richter second.

Gary Graham said the fireworks is not economic development, we need a definition. We shouldn't be handing some entity like a blank check. Mayor Flint and Mr. Graham discussed definition and problems around this issue.

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

4. **NEW BUSINESS:**

a) **Planning Commission Appointment**

Tim Cox made a motion to accept the nomination by Mayor Flint for Dan Hall to the Planning Commission. Terra Richter seconded the motion. Carried unanimously.

b) **Resolution 21-08**

Councilor Hawkins asked CA Wiggins about the amount of money. CA Wiggins answered \$32,650 total balance it is right.

Tim Cox made a motion to pass Resolution 21-08 and accept the grant funding from State Parks Susan Hawkins seconded the motion. Carried unanimously.

c) **Water and Sewer Rate Ordinance**

Dick Middleton 10th Street said I know you explained some of this, I think that myself and others are confused. I think put it down into numbers of cost is more informational than sitting here listening to you talk about it. So the rest of the year it goes up \$12.50.

CA Wiggins said we are giving you more water for a lower rate during the summer.

Mr. Middleton said I would like to see examples go out with this, it would make more sense. Council and Mr. Middleton continued to clarify the proposed rate to the current rate.

Councilor Hawkins read the ordinance title.

Tim Cox made a motion to adopt ordinance 563 on first reading as a result of the rate study had in 2020. Leslie McMillan seconded the motion. Carried unanimously.

d) **Headworks Screen Improvements- Influent Screen**

CA Wiggins said we had talked about this and budgeted for this. They have given me this proposal for design and construction. This would give us options to choose from, then they would design and construct. We expect the final cost of this project will be \$200,000.

Tim Cox made a motion to execute this contract for the new screens at the sewer plant. Terra Richter seconded the motion. Carried unanimously.

5. CONSENT AGENDA:

5.1. BUSINESS/SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

5.1.1. Business Meeting Minutes 07-12-2021

5.2. WORK SESSION MINUTES

5.2.1. Work Session Minutes 07-12-2021

5.3. INFORMATION REPORTS

5.3.1. Office Manager Monthly Report - Vouchers - Revenue/Expense Report

5.3.2. Library Monthly Report

5.3.3. Sheriff's Report

5.3.4. Animal Control Report

5.3.5. Fire/EMS Report

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Tim Cox made a motion to accept the consent agenda as written.
Terra Richter seconded the motion. Carried unanimously.

6. CITY COUNCIL WORKING COMMITTEE UPDATES:

a) Economic Development/Mainstreet Report

Councilor Richter said we want more public activity and involvement.

7. CITY ADMINISTRATOR / PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

a) July Monthly Wastewater Report

CA Wiggins said we haven't had to use city water at the golf course until just this month. They haven't been using city water, it saved us a million gallons of water.

b) July Monthly Public Works Report

c) July City Admin Report

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

Dick Middleton 10th Street said I brought this up at the last meeting, I did some checking, the engineer that designed these corners and curbs. I think its a mess, someone is going to get hurt and I hope the city doesn't get sued for it.

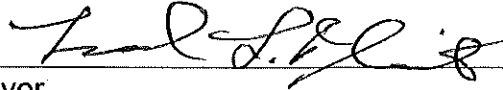
Mayor Flint said we have lost our ordinance officer, we need someone to step up and do this job. We made some progress with our last officer. I would like to see that work continued.

9. UPCOMING MEETINGS AND SUGGESTIONS:

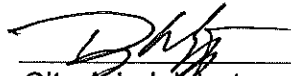
- a) August 23, 2021 Work Session 6pm
- b) September 13, 2021 Work Session 6pm
- c) September 13, 2021 Council Business Meeting 7pm

10. ADJOURNMENT:

This meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.



Mayor



City Administrator