



# MINUTES

## Council Work Session Meeting

6:00 PM - Monday, August 9, 2021

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

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL:

The City Council of the City of Union was called to order on August 9, 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. PRESENTATIONS:

#### a) Sheriff's Report

Sheriff Cody Bowen said 60% time on patrol. Today we worked with Oregon State Police to get 2100 plants, a gun, and finished product out of two illegal grows. We still have suspects outstanding. They claimed to be a hemp farm but didn't have any paperwork. That was eradicated. Councilor McMillan asked about the number plants. Sheriff Bowen answered 1,800 in one and 300 in another both were way over the limit. It was complete eradication. Councilor Cox asked about some vandalism of kids stealing a scooter and setting it on fire. Sheriff Bowen answered I haven't heard about that.

### 3. UPCOMING BUSINESS DISCUSSIONS:

#### a) Ordinance 563

Staff and Council discussed the changes to the ordinance since the committee and the attorney have reviewed it. There will be summer rates to encourage watering to keep the fire danger down in town. We needed to review our water and sewer rate to make equitable rates, and we needed to implement a water conservation plan. Councilor McMillan asked about new business and their rate. CA Wiggins answered it did go up a little for business but the residents are paying for the business water and sewer rates currently. Council and Staff discussed the local car wash business rate.

Councilor Richter and CA Wiggins discussed the stock show grounds. Staff and Council also discussed the school. This was thoroughly advertised to the public. Staff also pointed out that the annual increase on the rate has been decreased to 1.5% for water and sewer individually. Making the total increase 3% per year with Council approval.

**4. COMMITTEE DISCUSSIONS:**

**5. ORDINANCE/CHARTER REVIEW:**

**6. OTHER:**

Mayor Flint with COVID-19 there has been a lot going on. We applied to receive some money.

CA Wiggins said I received emails from League of Oregon Cities and the Governors office, they would like a plan incentivize people to come get vaccinated for COVID-19. We would like to sponsor a clinic out here to help people get vaccinated. Council discussed the image that portrays for the city.

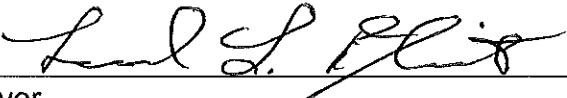
Councilor Hawkins said as elected officials and the city I don't think it is a good idea to be encouraging vaccination because it is a personal choice.

Councilor Cox said we could be giving out information in the water bill where they could get the vaccine. Dick Middleton 10th Street said shouldn't the hospital being helping out with this.

CA Wiggins said House Bill 2081 it made it legal to incentivize the public to get vaccinated.

**7. ADJOURNMENT:**

This meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

  
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Mayor

  
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City Administrator