



MINUTES

Council Work Session Meeting

6:00 PM - Monday, September 13, 2021

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

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL:

The City Council of the City of Union was called to order on September 13, 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

Deputy Johnson said we are finishing up summer. I just finished up a burglary case in Union. We had a lot of events in the city park. The new lights in the park help a lot. I have seen a decrease in use of recreational vehicles. Please don't report crimes to my cell phone. You need to call 911 or call dispatch. I do need time off and I don't carry my work phone with me when I am off work. Grassroots and the music festival went well. I will continue to adjust my hours to better serve the City of Union. Councilor Hawkins and Sheriff Johnson discussed how juvenile system work when minors break the law. Councilor Richter and Deputy Johnson discussed having a group of kids at the community center and asked if the sheriff's office would like to come build positive relationship. Deputy Johnson said he would like to help. Councilor McMillan asked about a 15 hour day. Deputy Johnson explained there was an emergency he had to help with.

b) Anderson and Perry - Dave Wildman

Dane Maven said I am a staff engineer for Anderson and Perry. We did a feasibility study on this in 2018. I will run through the product design, we will have a block building there, and back up power generator. There will be three rooms in total. We have worked with staff to add a shop and maintenance area.

Dave Wildman said the costs went up when we added a room. The chlorine analyzers you will have a heads up before there is an issue. We have talked to

other cities and to avoid issues with construction we will consider not only price but qualifications for the contractors for these city projects. Council discussed going to tour the wells to be able to fully understand this project.

Mr. Wildman said I think we will hear around December, then we will come back with a contract, and then we take bids for construction at that point. Construction will continue probably into 2022.

Council and Mr. Maven go over the plan for these improvements.

Council and staff discussed the funding for the project.

CA Wiggins said we have also green energy in this project which will give us bonus points.

Mr. Maven explained that there will be solar powered reservoir.

Dick Middleton 10th Street asked what can we do about the hard water. Mr. Wildman answered in order to help with that we have to add more chemicals and no one knows how those effect the body. It was suggested that Mr. Middleton install a water softener in his home.

3. UPCOMING BUSINESS DISCUSSIONS:

Water/Sewer Rate Ordinance is up for the second reading tonight.

4. COMMITTEE DISCUSSIONS:

5. ORDINANCE/CHARTER REVIEW:

a) Noxious Weed Ordinance Revision/Review

CA Wiggins said at the request of our attorney we were asked to review this about a year ago. I have discussed this with the attorney. I am hoping to have our first reading next month but it may be November before we have our first reading. Council discussed the proposed changes to the ordinance. They clarified what would be a problem and what wouldn't be.

Then Council discussed the reason why this ordinance is being reviewed.

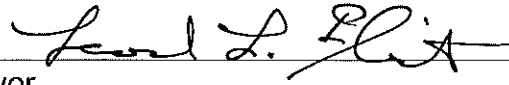
6. OTHER:

On the COVID-19 update, Mayor Flint said we are following the guidelines on the new mandate that all emergency responders have to be vaccinated.

Dick Middleton 10th Street will this ordinance revision take into account overhanging trees? CA Wiggins answered if it became a safety issue yes it would be covered with the changes to this ordinance.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

This meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.



Mayor



City Administrator