



# MINUTES

## Council Work Session Meeting

6:00 PM - Monday, October 11, 2021

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

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, ROLL CALL:

The City Council of the City of Union was called to order on October 11, 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:** John Farmer, Susan Hawkins, Leslie McMillan, Terra Richter, and Tim Cox

**EXCUSED:** Mayor Leonard Flint and Councilor Heidi Denton

### 2. PRESENTATIONS:

#### a) Sheriff's Report

Deputy Johnson said I have been doing my best on dividing my time. Sometimes when I am doing traffic I have to sit in one spot and just watch. I am going to work on traffic everywhere not just on Main Street. I am talking with drivers after school when they are out and about. I have done some welfare and suicide checks. We have had some more issues at the park. I am still doing my best to help with ambulance calls. Council and Deputy Johnson discussed giving him more gear to help with ambulance calls and that he welcomes questions on his report. They also discussed a problem with stolen bicycles; a few have been returned.

Deputy Johnson and Council discussed the new cameras in the park and how they will help put a stop to problems and help with other cases.

### 3. UPCOMING BUSINESS DISCUSSIONS:

#### a) Oregon Heritage Grant

CA Wiggins said we would like to apply for a grant, it is a little over \$16,000. The city would have to pay \$ 1,700 of in kind money. We are asking for a motion and a vote to assist in applying for this grant. It is to help build a comprehensive plan for the Ranger Station. It will help to conform with SHIPO to stay in line with the historical registry.

b) CDBG Public Hearing - Discussion

CA Wiggins said this is a closeout public hearing on the design for our water plant. This will help us to continue to hopefully get the construction grant for the water plant.

**4. COMMITTEE DISCUSSIONS:**

**5. ORDINANCE/CHARTER REVIEW:**

a) Ordinance 564

CA Wiggins said the city attorney cleaned up some verbiage on this. It is very close to what we will have for the second reading.

**6. OTHER:**

a) EMS and Fire Pay

CA Wiggins said we are revisiting this because it was changed 8 years ago, and hasn't been looked at since. We can't pay them by the hour because they are volunteers. We need to look at some changes in paying these people for their help.

Council discussed various options on how to look at this matter.

Pam said I don't mind the pay now on transport and calls. I would like pay for lift assist and non-transport.

CA Wiggins stated there is not a code for a lift assist. Their insurance will not pay because there is not a billing code.

Fred Hawkins said the fire department gets called on lift assists a lot.

Council and volunteers discussed the changes they would like to see in compensation for their help and time. They would like to be compensated for lift assists, mutual aid calls, and non-transport.

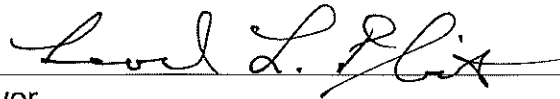
CA Wiggins I am looking at other methods to change this and make it more productive.

Council asked the volunteers which system would be more effective. Staff and Council discussed putting together examples first before decisions are made. Everyone discussed lift assists further and the problems with them.

Council and staff discussed the state mandates and fines associated with non-compliance on COVID vaccinations. Council, staff, and volunteers will collect more information on this matter.

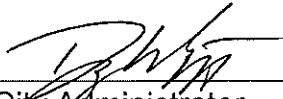
**7. ADJOURNMENT:**

This meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.



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Mayor



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City Administrator