



MINUTES

City Council Meeting

7:00 PM - Monday, March 14, 2022

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 March 14, 2022, at 7:00 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:

a) AP City of Union Scholarship

Mayor Flint said we have a scholarship available through Anderson and Perry. Council and staff discussed the method which the applicants would be chosen.

b) Main Street Union Letter

CA Wiggins said we received a letter from Main Street. He read the letter sent for the record.

Council and staff discussed the money given to the Chamber of Commerce for economic development. CA Wiggins said we can discuss this tonight or table it for the next meeting.

Council discussed concerns with CA Wiggins like what is the plan for the future, how will they be self-sufficient?

CA Wiggins asked Donna Beverage about the money given to the Chamber of Commerce. Donna explained. Council tabled this item until the next meeting.

3. OLD BUSINESS:

a) Second Reading Ordinance 565 TLT Tax

CA Wiggins read the title of the ordinance for the record.

Donna Beverage 57843 High Valley Road said I am surprised you haven't done this sooner. I think this is good.

Councilor McMillan said I would like to see us start at 3% because a lot of surrounding towns don't charge this.

Terra Richter made a motion to pass Ordinance 565 TLT tax Susan Hawkins seconded the motion. Carried 3-1 (opposed: Leslie McMillan).

4. **NEW BUSINESS:**

a) Union Sanitation Rate Increase

CA Wiggins and Council discussed adding the fuel surcharge. CA Wiggins read the resolution for the record.

Tim Cox made a motion to pass Resolution 22-03 to allow Union Sanitation to increase their rates. Terra Richter seconded the motion. Carried unanimously.

b) City Water Rates

CA Wiggins said if you do nothing it will go up by 1.5%. You have the option to go up to 3%. You need to make a motion if it's above the 1.5%. Councilor Richter asked if COVID relief money could be used instead. CA Wiggins and Mayor Flint discussed how much the actual increase would be to the customer.

Council and staff discussed the current events and the need for an increase. CA Wiggins said we will not be able dump into the creek soon and will need to build a lagoon. We will have to get a bond to build a lagoon.

Dick Middleton 10th Street said I know the rates need to up, this is not the right time. With everything else going up as well.

Tim Cox made a motion made a motion to increase the water and sewer rates by 3%. Susan Hawkins seconded the motion. Carried unanimously.

c) Mobile CAD/Mapping for Ambulance Services

Council, Casey, and Pam discuss the Mobile CAD/Mapping for the ambulance service.

Tim Cox made a motion to allow up to \$15,000 for the purchase of the program and hardware for the installation of the services. Terra Richter seconded the motion. Carried unanimously.

d) Playground Fencing Quote

CA Wiggins said you have two quotes before you for a new fence for the playground at our park. Council and staff discussed the placement of the new fence.

Tim Cox made a motion to allow public works to purchase the heavy duty residential 6ft fencing for \$8100 and allocate an estimated additional \$3000 for

installation services. Leslie McMillan seconded the motion. Carried unanimously.

e) Generac Quotes

CA Wiggins said our insurance will pay us back on this purchase minus our \$1,000 deductible.

Tim Cox made a motion to allow the purchase of a new box through Generac for \$12,000. Terra Richter seconded the motion. Carried unanimously.

f) Goal Setting Committees assigned

Mayor Flint said we set five goals for the year. Council was assigned to the goals as follows:

#1- Ordinance review committee- Councilors Hawkins and McMillan

#2- Ranger Station- Councilors Richter and Farmer

#3- Fire/EMS/Library- Councilors Hawkins and Cox

#4- Economic Development- Councilors Cox and Denton

#5- Park- Councilors Farmer and McMillan

Tim Cox made a motion to adopt the attached sets of goals with the committee assigned. Susan Hawkins seconded the motion. Carried unanimously.

5. CONSENT AGENDA:

5.1. BUSINESS/SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

5.1.1. 02/14/22 Business Meeting

5.2. WORK SESSION MINUTES

5.2.1. 02/14/22 Work Session

5.2.2. 02/28/22 Work Session - Goal Setting

5.3. INFORMATION REPORTS

5.3.1. February 2022

Councilor Hawkins thanked city staff for their reports and the city ordinance officer putting in extra effort.

5.3.2. Ordinance Officer Monthly Report

5.3.3. Library Monthly Report

5.3.4. Fire/EMS Monthly Report

5.3.5. Sheriff's Monthly Report

5.3.6. Animal Monthly Report

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Tim Cox made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented.
Susan Hawkins seconded the motion. Carried unanimously.

6. CITY COUNCIL WORKING COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Councilor Cox and staff discussed drawing up a resolution for the new fire district.

7. CITY ADMINISTRATOR / PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

- a) Administrator's Monthly Report
- b) Public Works Monthly Report
- c) WWTP Monthly Report

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

Donna Beverage said I wanted to share with you, we just got approved to rezone 50 acres in Union County. We can't tell you what to do, we would like to see you update your comprehensive plan on land. We need the cities to look at their zoning and update it. The county also has a business assistance grant, more information is available on our website. We are hoping to get lots of applications. CA Wiggins and Donna discussed clean-up day for the City of Union. They also discussed the fireworks for the 4th of July.

CA Wiggins and Council discussed a city-wide clean-up day.

9. UPCOMING MEETINGS AND SUGGESTIONS:

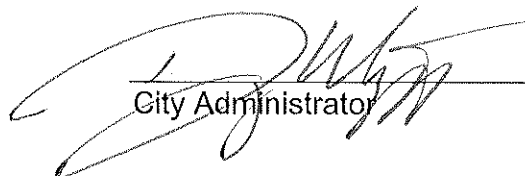
- a) March 28, 2022 Work Session - 6pm
- b) April 11, 2022 Work Session - 6pm
- c) April 11, 2022 Business Meeting - 7pm

10. ADJOURNMENT:

This meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.



Mayor



City Administrator