



MINUTES

Council Work Session Meeting

6:00 PM - Monday, March 14, 2022

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

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:

The City Council of the City of Union was called to order on March 14, 2022, 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, John Farmer, Susan Hawkins, Leslie McMillan, Terra Richter, and Tim Cox

EXCUSED: Councilor Heidi Denton

2. PRESENTATIONS:

- a) Sheriff's Report

3. UPCOMING BUSINESS DISCUSSIONS:

- a) Generac Quote

CA Wiggins said this is a quote for the automatic transfer switch at the wastewater plant. We had an electrical fire at the wastewater plant, and it burned up the switch and box. I turned this into insurance and they will cover the cost of this. We are on a back up method right now.

- b) Park Fencing

CA Wiggins said this was on our goal setting session last year, we wanted to fix the fencing around the playground. Right now, the existing border is rotted and broken. This next year we would work on putting in benches with shade. The sand is being used as a litter box by stray cats so eventually we would like to replace that. Council talked about the height of the fence.

Councilor Hawkins asked if this fits in for the plan on the park. CA Wiggins answered Main Street is looking at picking this project up. They are looking at grants.

Councilor Cox said I think a six-foot fence will help keep the deer out. Mayor Flint we need to do something because it doesn't look good right now.

- c) Mobile CAD - EMS

CA Wiggins said the ambulance crew is looking at a mobile CAD. They would get their information from dispatch more quickly. It helps by providing a map for those who aren't familiar with the area and shows road closures as well. It would make their job safer because of the additional information. I will have to get a new tablet and upgrade our data plan. This will fit in their equipment budget. If the new district is created this does this go with them

Pam said it gives us more information, we ran into a situation where La Grande responded, and we didn't because we couldn't see the information that it was safe to enter.

CA Wiggins said it provides accurate address to have right in front of you. Pam said there is less double checking in case numbers or street names aren't heard.

Council and Pam discussed the length of time ambulance calls can take. They also discussed the potential for a merger into one district.

d) Sanitation Rates

CA Wiggins said their rates have to be approved by Council, they have had several increases on their business and fuel. The 68-gallon can is \$28 per month in the increase.

Councilor Cox said this is a minimal increase compared to the county. Council discussed the rate and the current state of things.

Staff and Mr. George discussed a fuel surcharge. Mr. George and Councilors discussed the fuel surcharge further and how it works for the trash company.

4. COMMITTEE DISCUSSIONS:

5. ORDINANCE/CHARTER REVIEW:

a) Water/Sewer Rates

CA Wiggins said if we do nothing it will go up by 1.5%. Pipe is up by 40%. Our parts cost a lot more, tools went up as well. We have to do something to overcome that cost. I am encouraging the full 3% increase because of the cost of materials. Mayor Flint said that we have been waiting months for parts we ordered.

6. OTHER:

7. ADJOURNMENT:

This meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

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Mayor

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City Administrator