



# MINUTES

## Council Work Session Meeting

5:00 PM - Monday, February 28, 2022

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

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

The City Council of the City of Union was called to order on February 28, 2022, at 5:00 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, and Tim Cox

**EXCUSED:** John Farmer, Terra Richter, and Councilor Heidi Denton

### 2. ORDINANCE/CHARTER REVIEW:

a) Charter

### 3. PRESENTATIONS:

a) FY 21-22 Goals

On last years goals, Mayor Flint said we made a run at the Charter a year ago, I would prefer to look at ordinances, I think it would be better for a new Mayor and Councilors to look at the Charter.

Councilor Cox and Mayor Flint discussed the fence ordinance. Mayor Flint said we got the water and sewer rate one done, and the weed ordinance done. We keep the Ranger Station on the list and keep the parks on there. On the Ranger Station work on the other two buildings on the outside and get them cleaned up. I would rather the Council work on 3 or 4 things instead of 6 or 8.

Mayor Flint and Councilor Hawkins discussed doing an ordinance review. Mayor Flint said I think we need to have an alternative plan prepared for the EMS and Fire situation just in case it doesn't pass. Councilor Hawkins agrees. Councilor Hawkins said we need to look at a plan in case the library levy doesn't pass as well.

Mayor Flint said I am nervous with the inflation rate at about 7%. We need to discuss our water and sewer rate as well. Our parts costs are going sky high. Mayor Flint discussed the system development charge with Council.

Councilor Hawkins said I would like to see money set aside to get extra help for the economic committee. I would like to see an ordinance to address the derelict buildings along Main Street. Mayor Flint said I would put together ordinance review group.

Councilor Cox said I think the maintenance plans should be reviewed and know the order of prioritization. CA Wiggins and Council discussed those lists. Council and staff discussed the new permitting process from the DEQ for the wastewater plant. CA Wiggins said we have to get out of the creek and get a lagoon. Councilor Hawkins and CA Wiggins discussed grant loans, or bonds to help with the wastewater plant.

Council and staff discussed putting RV park in at the Ranger Station. Staff and Council discussed economic development and Main Street which are two different projects.

Councilor Hawkins and CA Wiggins discussed funding street repairs and the methods for doing so.

**4. UPCOMING BUSINESS DISCUSSIONS:**

a) Goals FY 22-23 Discussion

These were the new goals set:

#1 Ordinance review committee

#2 Ranger Station fix outside of buildings continue remodels/ maybe RV Park/ landscaping

#3 Fire/EMS/ Library plan for contingencies if it does not pass at elections

#4 Hire someone to do community assessment, strategic plan for economic development

#5 Park/ CA Wiggins said the kids don't want to help on a new park, the trails program needs grant money help. I would like a Committee for Park Improvements. I would like to fence around the playground to help keep it nice and add benches and some shade. Council discussed a dog park and the work it may create.

**5. OTHER:**

**6. ADJOURNMENT:**

This meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

*Levon L. Plunk*

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Mayor

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City Administrator