



# CITY OF SWEET HOME CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

September 28, 2021, 6:30 PM  
Sweet Home City Hall, 3225 Main Street  
Sweet Home, OR 97386

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## **Mission Statement**

The City of Sweet Home will work to build an economically strong community with an efficient and effective local government that will provide infrastructure and essential services to the citizens we serve. As efficient stewards of the valuable assets available, we will be responsive to the community while planning and preparing for the future.

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## **Meeting Information**

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City Attorney Snyder stated the phone participation for the meeting is approved by the Mayor as Chairman of the meeting.

## **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM.

## **Roll Call**

### **PRESENT**

Mayor Greg Mahler  
President Pro Tem Diane Gerson  
Councilor Dave Trask  
Councilor Lisa Gourley  
Councilor Susan Coleman  
Councilor Angelita Sanchez

### **ABSENT**

Councilor Dylan Richards

### **STAFF**

City Manager Ray Towry  
Communication Specialist Lagea Mull  
Administrative Services Manager Julie Fisher  
Finance Director Brandon Neish  
City Attorney Robert Snyder  
Library Services Director Megan Dazey  
Community and Economic Development Director Blair Larsen

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Public Works Director Greg Springman  
Chief of Police Jeff Lynn

MEDIA  
Benny Wolcott

**Consent Agenda:**

Motion made by President Pro Tem Gerson, Seconded by Councilor Trask to approve the Consent Agenda.

Roll Call Voting Yea: Mayor Mahler, President Pro Tem Gerson, Councilor Trask, Councilor Gourley, Councilor Coleman, Councilor Sanchez

**Approval of Minutes:**

- a) 2021-09-09 City Council Minutes - WS
- b) 2021-09-14 City Council Minutes

**Recognition of Visitors and Hearing of Petitions:**

- a) Samaritan Health Services

Doug Boysen, CEO Samaritan; Marty Cahill, SHS Lebanon CSO; Milt Moran, SHS Board Chair, Lebanon Hospital Board Chair; Christy Duncan, SHS Foundation; and Brandy O'Bannon, SHS Foundation Director, presented an update on the urgent care clinic to be located on the Wiley Creek Senior Care Campus. The team noted they were attempting to meet the health care goals identified by the Sweet Home City Council during the Council Goal Setting Session: Long Term Care, Memory Care, Physical Therapy, Behavioral Health, and Urgent Care.

The team also spoke to the challenges of recruiting and retaining clinicians during the pandemic.

Vince Adams, 809 Mt. View Road. Spoke against the Homelessness Sleep Center and the use of taxpayers dollars for this purpose.

Robert Egner, 28628 Ridgeway Road, also spoke opposed to the Homelessness Sleep Center and was concerned about the City's responsibility when FAC fails.

Jeff Young, 1363 Clark Mill Road, also spoke against the Homelessness Sleep Center and how it will effect property values.

David VanDerlip, 37990 Courtney Creek Drive, Brownsville, addressed the Council regarding the mask mandate stating the mandate is not being followed in our community.

Lori Kurster submitted written comments against the Homelessness Sleep Center.

Joan Scofield submitted written comments with suggestions for the Homelessness Sleep Center.

**Old Business:**

- a) Request for Council Action - Resolution No. 23 for 2021 - A Resolution Adopting a Supplemental Budget for the State Gas Tax and Public Transit Funds

Finance Director Neish presented the resolution codifying the previously approved request for the street sweeper and Linn Shuttle Program Grant revenues and expenditures, adding revenue and expenditure authority.

Motion made by President Pro Tem Gerson, Seconded by Councilor Coleman to Approve Resolution No. 23 for 2021.

Roll Call Voting Yea: Mayor Mahler, President Pro Tem Gerson, Councilor Trask, Councilor

Gourley, Councilor Coleman, Councilor Sanchez

b) Homeless Facility Discussion

City Manager Towry presented a request to submit a written request to Linn County to work toward an agreement to utilize County property for the use of a Homeless Sleep Center.

There was discussion regarding an Economic Impact Study which would be costly and take several months to complete.

Concensus of the Council was to move forward with a written letter to Linn County to further discuss potentially using the property.

**New Business:**

a) Request for Council Action - City Engineer of Record Contract Extension

Public Works Director Greg Springman and Trish Rice, Engineer Technician, presented the request for a contract extension with West Yost.

The Council had no objections to the extension that has already been executed.

b) Public Works Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Projects Update - Information Only

Public Works Greg Springman, Engineer Technician Trish Rice, and West Yost Engineer Preston VanMeter, presented an update on City projects being worked on by West Yost.

Finance Director Brandon Neish gave an update on the Water Meter Replacement Project.

c) Request for Council Action - Resolution No. 24 for 2021 - A Resolution to Designate City Equipment as Surplus and Authorize its Lawful Disposal

Finance Director Brandon Neish presented the request to surplus items from the public library.

Motion made by Councilor Coleman, Seconded by Councilor Trask to approve Resolution No 24 for 2021.

Roll Call Voting Yea: Mayor Mahler, President Pro Tem Gerson, Councilor Trask, Councilor Gourley, Councilor Coleman, Councilor Sanchez

**Ordinance Bills**

Request for Council Action and First Reading of Ordinance Bills

Second Reading of Ordinance Bills

a) Ordinance No. 7 for 2021 - Zone Map Amendment Application ZMA21-03

Motion made by President Pro Tem Gerson, Seconded by Councilor Coleman to read Ordinance No. 7 for 2021 by title only.

Roll Call Voting Yea: Mayor Mahler, President Pro Tem Gerson, Councilor Trask, Councilor Gourley, Councilor Coleman, Councilor Sanchez

Ordinance Bill No. 7 for 2021 was read by title only.

Motion made by Councilor Gourley, Seconded by Councilor Coleman to move Ordinance No. 7 for 2021 to Third and Final reading October 12, 2021.

Roll Call Voting Yea: Mayor Mahler, President Pro Tem Gerson, Councilor Trask, Councilor Gourley, Councilor Coleman, Councilor Sanchez

Third Reading of Ordinance Bills (Roll Call Vote Required)

**Reports of Committees:**

None

**Reports of City Officials:**

**Mayor's Report**

Mayor Mahler announced the Annual Harvest Festival at Sankey Park on Saturday, October 2, 2021. The event is free and over 80 vendors have already registered.

**City Manager's Report**

City Manager Towry presented a written draft response to Oregon OSHA regarding a complaint received by the City.

City Manager Towry stated staff is still working with Project Falcon and hope to know more information soon.

The annual ICMA Conference is next week. Both City Manager Towry and CEDD Larsen will be attending.

City Manager Towry gave a quick Council Training review.

**Department Director's Reports (2nd meeting of the Month)**

**Finance Director**

- a) August 2021 Monthly Report

A written report was included in the packet. Finance Director Neish explained the check written to CH2M (Jacobs) was the final check.

**Police Chief**

- a) Police Department Monthly Report

A written report was included in the packet. There were no question from the Council.

**City Attorney**

None


**Council Business for Good of the Order**

Councilor Trask thanked staff for the Council Training.

Councilor Gerson announced the SHOWCASE Art Soft Opening October 15th.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:21 PM.

  
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ATTEST:

  
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City Manager – Ex Officio City Recorder