



CITY OF SWEET HOME CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

September 26, 2023, 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.

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to Order at 6:30 PM

Roll Call

PRESENT

Councilor Dylan Richards
Councilor Lisa Gourley
Councilor Angelita Sanchez
Mayor Susan Coleman
President Pro Tem Greg Mahler
Councilor Josh Thorstad
Councilor Dave Trask

STAFF

Jason Ogden, Police Chief
Greg Springman, Public Works Director
Robert Snyder, City Attorney
Blair Larsen, Community and Economic Development Director
Matt Brown, Finance Director
Kelcey Young, City Manager
Adam Leisinger, Communications Manager
Angela Clegg, Tourism and Economic Development Coordinator

MEDIA

Benny Westcott, New Era

GUESTS

Tina Naumann, 1546 41st Avenue, Sweet Home, OR 97386

Consent Agenda:

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Pro Tem Mahler, Seconded by Councilor Trask.

Voting Yea: Mayor Coleman, Councilor Gourley, Councilor Sanchez, Councilor Richards, Councilor Thorstad, Pro Tem Mahler, Councilor Trask

Approval of Minutes:

- a) 2023-08-22 City Council Meeting Minutes
- b) 2022-09-12 City Council Meeting Minutes

Recognition of Visitors and Hearing of Petitions:

Tina Naumann, 1546 41st Avenue, Sweet Home, OR 97386 discussed the recent vacancy and clean up of the property located at 1333 13th Avenue, Sweet Home.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

- a) Request for Council Action - Resolution No. 25 for 2023, A Resolution for 14th Avenue Street Closure for Harvest Festival
Director Larsen presented Resolution No. 25 to the Council.
A motion to approve Resolution No. 25 for 2023 was made by Councilor Trask, Seconded by Councilor Richards.
Voting Yea: Mayor Coleman, Pro Tem Mahler, Councilor Trask, Councilor Gourley, Councilor Sanchez, Councilor Richards, Councilor Thorstad
- b) Request for Council Action - Resolution No. 26, A Resolution Setting Rates for Stormwater Drainage Utility Services
Director Brown and City Manager Young presented Resolution No. 26 to the Council.
A motion to approve Resolution No. 26 for 2023 was made by Councilor Trask, Seconded by Councilor Sanchez.
Voting Yea: Mayor Coleman, Pro Tem Mahler, Councilor Trask, Councilor Gourley, Councilor Sanchez, Councilor Richards, Councilor Thorstad
An amendment was proposed by Councilor Gourley to enact the rates for three years with an annual review, Seconded by Councilor Trask
Voting Yea: Mayor Coleman, Pro Tem Mahler, Councilor Trask, Councilor Gourley, Councilor Sanchez, Councilor Thorstad
Voting Nay: Councilor Richards
- c) Request for Council Action - Resolution No. 27, A Resolution Setting Rates for Water Utility Services
Director Brown presented Resolution No. 27 to the Council.
Councilor Sanchez requested a safeguard for low income community members, using \$20,000.00 of the State grant money. City Manager Young recommended that it be brought back to the Council at the next meeting when staff can give a report regarding the amount of funding that was received from the State and how much revenue will be available for low income community members.
A motion to approve Resolution No. 27 for 2023 was made by Councilor Sanchez, Seconded by Councilor Gourley.

Voting Yea: Mayor Coleman, Pro Tem Mahler, Councilor Trask, Councilor Gourley, Councilor Sanchez, Councilor Thorstad
Voting Nay: Councilor Richards
- d) A Resolution Setting Rates for Sewer Utility Services
Request for Council Action - Resolution No. 28, A Resolution Setting Rates for Sewer Utility Services

Director Brown presented Resolution No. 28 to the Council. City Manager Young discussed percentages and the reserve.

A motion to approve Resolution No. 28 for 2023 was made by Councilor Sanchez, Seconded by Councilor Trask.

Voting Yea: Mayor Coleman, Pro Tem Mahler, Councilor Trask, Councilor Gourley, Councilor Sanchez, Councilor Thorstad

Voting Nay: Councilor Richards

e) Request for Council Action - Purchase of Bathroom/Shower and Laundry Trailers

Community and Economic Development Director Larsen and City Manager Young presented the purpose and purchasing options to the Council.

A motion to approve the purchase of bathroom/shower and laundry trailers was made by Councilor Sanchez, Seconded by Councilor Trask.

Voting Yea: Mayor Coleman, Pro Tem Mahler, Councilor Trask, Councilor Gourley, Councilor Sanchez, Councilor Thorstad, Councilor Richards

Ordinance Bills

None

Reports of Committees:

Traffic Safety Committee

Councilor Richards gave an update to the Council.

Library Advisory Board

Pro Tem Mahler gave an update to the Council.

Youth Advisory Council

Councilor Sanchez gave an update to the Council.

Reports of City Officials:

City Manager's Report

City Manager Young gave a report to the Council.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Coleman gave her report to the Council.

Department Director's Reports (1st meeting of the Month)

Library Services Director

- a) Library Monthly Report

Public Works Director

- a) Public Works Monthly Report

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

Police Chief

Chief Ogden gave a report to the Council.

- a) Police Department Monthly Report

Council Business for Good of the Order

Councilor Sanchez thanked City Manager Young for her service.

Councilor Sanchez asked that an agenda item be added to the next meeting to discuss funding for vulnerable citizens in regards to paying their utility bills. There was a consensus of the Council.

Councilor Sanchez asked that a formal thank you go to Commissioner Tucker for his efforts with homelessness issues and funding. There was a consensus of the Council.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Manager – Ex Officio City Recorder