



CITY OF LA PINE, OREGON
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday June 26, 2024, 5:30 p.m.

La Pine City Hall: 16345 Sixth Street, La Pine, Oregon 97739

Available online via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/kcs1iC1zop>

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Richer called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ESTABLISH A QUORUM

Council

Mayor Richer

Council President Van Damme – Excused

Councilor Shields

Councilor Ignazzitto

Councilor Morse

Student Councilor Marston – Excused

Staff

Geoff Wullschlager – City Manager

Ashley Ivans – Finance Director

Brent Bybee – Principal Planner

Rachel Vickers – Associate Planner

Amanda Metcalf – City Recorder

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Richer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sue Gabriel, that lives on Settler Dr., made a public comment regarding fireworks. She explained how she watched the Darlene 3 fire grow over night and is concerned that fireworks will cause another fire. She is asking the Council to consider banning fireworks due to the dry climate the city is experiencing. Lastly, she listed surrounding cities that do not allow fireworks.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Financial Reports
 - a. April Financial Report
 - b. April Interest Report

Councilor Ignazzitto made a motion to approve the consent agenda. *Councilor Shields seconded the motion.* Motion passed unanimously.

ADDED AGENDA ITEMS

City Manager Wullschlager added to the agenda an intergovernmental agreement with Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council (COIC). In addition, Resolution 2024-12 Declaring an emergency due to the imminent threat of wildfire.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Resolution 2024-11, A resolution making appropriations and declaring the tax rate for the FY 2024-25 Budget.

Finance Director Ivans presented Resolution 2024-11 that adopts the FY 2024-2025 Budget.

Councilor Ignazzitto made a motion to adopt Resolution 2024-11, a resolution making appropriations and declaring the tax rate for the FY 2024-25 Budget. *Councilor Morse seconded the motion.* Mayor Richer asked for roll call vote.

Councilor Shields – Aye

Councilor Ignazzitto – Aye

Councilor Morse – Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

OTHER MATTERS

City Manager Wullschlager presented an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with COIC regarding the construction of the spec building in the industrial park. He asked that the Council review the IGA and if they approve it, allow him to sign the agreement with COIC.

Councilor Shields asked who would be responsible in the event of litigation. City Manager Wullschlager read the agreement regarding liability aloud to the Council and it was concluded that he will get further clarification and a motion will be tabled until the next council meeting.

He presented Resolution 2024-12 and stated the passing of this resolution will allow the city to apply for FEMA funds if needed. He explained that in addition to declaring a state of emergency, the Council can decide to be prohibitive or deterrent with the use of fireworks within the City's limits. He explained specific fireworks and firearms that would be prohibited to use and stated that it does not include display fireworks. He concluded that this decision does not include the sale of fireworks only the use.

There was discussion regarding both options and their effects. There was a clarification that if it was decided to be prohibited, it would be a class C misdemeanor.

Councilor Morse made a motion to adopt Resolution 2024-12 declaring an emergency due to the current state of imminent threat of wildfire and deters the use of fireworks within the city. *Councilor Shields seconded the motion.* Mayor Richer asked for a roll call vote.

Councilor Shields – Aye

Councilor Ignazzitto – Aye

Councilor Morse – Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Zorba Stathakis, that lives at highlander trailer park, made a comment asking for the council to have a town meeting to allow a comment and rebuttal session with citizens and the Council.

He stated that a few years ago there was a student from U of O regarding a multi-use study, and how it affects the city.

He explained that he would like more bicycle and pedestrian use within the city. He stated that there are resources available for grants to help with the cost of installing bike stands for business owners. He expressed his dissatisfaction and would like the Council to help with the above issues.

STAFF COMMENTS

Associate Planner Vickers stated that she has not received new land use applications since the last Council meeting and does not have any updates at this time.

Finance Director Ivans did not have any comments.

City Recorder Metcalf did not have any comments.

Principal Planner Bybee stated that 3J is currently digitizing all the maps that were created during the community summit. He explained that they will all be combined together to see similarities between them.

He stated that staff and 3J are working together to prepare their application to submit to Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) and Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) for the transportation plan update grant. This application is due at the end of July, and he will present a letter of support for the Council to review and sign next month.

Lastly, he stated that Community Planning Assistance for Wildfire (CPAW) is starting their public engagement for their program in reviewing the City’s wildfire preparedness.

City Manager Wullschlager gave an update on the Public Works facilities and how they have been affected by the Darlene 3 fire. He stated that our fire district has saved our town with their efforts and listed the task forces that have been dispatched to help fight the fire. He said that staff have been working closely with Midstate to make sure that the wells have power, so water is still available for use.

He gave an update that there is a grant program through ODOT which the City can apply for, if granted the funds can be used to build the east sidewalk project.

MAYOR & COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Shields asked about the water wastewater expansion project with the connections on Willow. Finance Director Ivans stated that staff should be receiving the last easement from the property owner on Willow. Once she receives it then all easements will be received.

Councilor Morse asked about her specific land use project, there wasn't an update.

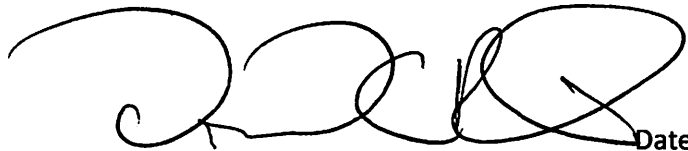
Councilor Ignazzitto made a comment that she is so thankful for all the resources that responded to the wildfire.

Mayor Richer stated that he was asked by a State Senator Wyden if his office can help our community during this time. He explained that he accepted Senator Wyden's offer and will reach out if anything is needed. He thanked the community for attending the Council meeting and giving their comments to help shape our city.

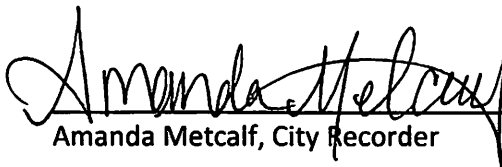
EXECUTIVE SESSION: per ORS 192.660 if necessary

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Richer adjourned the meeting at 6:23 p.m.


Date: 24 July 24
Daniel Richer, Mayor

ATTEST:


Date: 7/24/24
Amanda Metcalf, City Recorder