



CITY OF LA PINE, OREGON
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, October 9, 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/86379481127>

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

Councilor Shields

Councilor Ignazzitto

Councilor Morse

Staff

Geoff Wullschlager – City Manager

Kelly West – Public Works Director

Brent Bybee – Principal Planner

Rachel Vickers – Associate Planner

Amanda Metcalf – City Recorder

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Richer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADDED AGENDA ITEMS

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. 09.25.2024 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

Councilor Ignazzitto made a motion to approve the consent agenda. *Council President Van Damme seconded the motion.* Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING:

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:**1. Regional Housing Council Policy Consideration**

City Manager Wullschlager presented the associated staff report for the Regional Housing Council (RHC). He stated that as of September 2024, the RHC has derived a set of potential policy priorities by which to guide the legislative promotion for the upcoming 2025 legislative session. He presented the policy matrix to the Council for review.

He asked the Council to garner input and present a response to the areas of policy interest that the City would like the RHC to focus on. He clarified that these selections are not binding and do not subscribe the City of La Pine to any advocacy effort.

Lastly, he stated no formal legislative action is to be taken, however, if the Council does conclude upon a selected list that a motion be made.

The Council stated that they would like to review the policy matrix further and will report back to City Manager Wullschlager via email.

2. Deschutes Soil and Water Conservation District

Erin Kilcullen with Deschutes Soil and Water Conservation District (DSWCD) gave a presentation regarding their organization. She listed the district's projects and accomplishments, which included irrigation water management, forest health, and urban agriculture. She also stated that their organization is fully funded by federal and local grants applied for by DSWCD.

Andrew Aasen with DSWCD presented to the Council measure #9-176. He explained that if approved the measure would be a permanent tax rate limit authorizing levy of \$0.06 per \$1000.00 of assessed property value. If approved the funding source would be dedicated to conservation efforts through projects for urban and rural communities.

There were no questions or comments from the Council.

OTHER MATTERS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

STAFF COMMENTS

Associate Planner Vickers gave an update on current land use applications. These include Walgreens, and a 10-lot subdivision on Antler Ln. An affordable housing complex on Drafter Rd. and currently the Planning Commission is reviewing a text amendment. She also listed the site plan reviews which include Starbucks, Wetlands and an RV park which also has a conditional use. She stated that an application for a partition was received but staff are still waiting for payment.

Lastly, she stated that recently two buildings have been torn down on Highway 97 and she assured the Council that all demolition permits were correctly applied for and issued through the Deschutes County building department.

City Recorder Metcalf did not have any comments.

Principal Planner Bybee explained further about the text amendment. He stated that the public hearing was continued from last month and the continuation will be at the next Planning Commission meeting.

He stated that the City was awarded the Transportation Growth and Management (TGM) grant. This grant will fund the Transportation System Plan (TSP) update

Lastly, he gave an update on La Pine 2045 and the community summit that happened last week. He said that there is a survey on La Pine 2045's website, and staff will start moving forward with policy updates. He stated that the deadline for the comprehensive plan update is May 2025.

Public Works Director West gave an update on the water and wastewater expansion project. Additionally, he said that the public works department is currently preparing for the winter.

City Manager Wullschlager expanded on the water and wastewater expansion project and stated that Willow Ln. is the last residential road to be connected to city utilities.

He also gave an update on the Industrial lift station, and the projected installation date will be spring of 2025. Additionally, the Newberry lift station will have a projected installation date of spring or summer of 2025.

He informed the Council that interviews have finished for the position of utility clerk, and the position for engineer is still open.

He gave an update on the Sunriver La Pine Economic Development (SLED) mixer that was at Legend Cider.

He gave an update on the archway project with the Urban Renewal Agency (URA). He stated that the URA recently had a very productive meeting with open concept architecture regarding the design of the archway.

He stated that both the State Police and Deschutes County Sheriff's office are currently investigating the body that was found north of La pine.

He updated the Council regarding the La Pine Parks and Recreation (LPRD) and the recent resignation of their board. He clarified that LPRD is not affiliated with the City and that they are their own district. He said that since there isn't currently an appointed board, the County is now managing this district and will soon appoint a new board.

MAYOR & COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council President Van Damme had no comments.

Councilor Shields had no comments.

Councilor Ignazzitto wanted clarification on the amount of community members that attended the La Pine 2045 community summit. Principal Planner Bybee informed her that approximately 50 members attended.

Councilor Morse thanked everyone for coming out to the meeting. She also thanked staff for their hard work.

Mayor Richer thanked the public for coming to the meeting and stated that if anyone has any questions to please contact city staff or the Council.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: per ORS 192.660 if necessary

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Richer adjourned the meeting at 6:13 p.m.


Date: 23 OCT 24
Daniel Richer, Mayor

ATTEST:


Date: 10/23/24
Amanda Metcalf, City Recorder