



CITY OF LA PINE, OREGON
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, October 23, 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/83388579462>

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

Ashley Ivans – Finance Director

Kelly West – Public Works Director

Brent Bybee – Principal Planner

Amanda Metcalf – City Recorder

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Richer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADDED AGENDA ITEMS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. 10.09.2024 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

2. Financial Reports
 - a. Financial Summary – July
 - b. Interest Report – July
 - c. Financial Summary – August
 - d. Interest Report – August

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

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. USDA Wastewater Bonds
 - a. Staff Report
 - b. Resolution 2024-19 – A Resolution for USDA Wastewater Bond No. 1
 - c. Resolution 2024-20 – A Resolution for USDA Wastewater Bond No. 2

Finance Director Ivans presented the associated staff report for the acquisition of two wastewater bonds totaling, \$13,000,000. She explained that that the sewer portion of the water and wastewater expansion project is funded through grants and loans by U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ).

Councilor Ignazzitto made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-19, a resolution for the issuance and sale of Sewer Revenue Bond No. 1. *Councilor Morse seconded the motion.* Mayor Richer called for a roll call vote.

Council President Van Damme – Aye

Councilor Shields – Aye

Councilor Ignazzitto – Aye

Councilor Morse – Aye

Motion Passed unanimously.

Council President Van Damme made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-20, a resolution for the issuance and sale of Sewer Revenue Bond No. 2. *Councilor Shields seconded the motion.* Mayor Richer called for a roll call vote.

Councilor Morse – Aye

Councilor Ignazzitto – Aye

Councilor Shields – Aye

Council President Van Damme – Aye

Motion Passed unanimously.

OTHER MATTERS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

STAFF COMMENTS

Finance Director Ivans gave an update on the current audit and stated that field work will start next week.

She said that the City is recruiting for a utility biller and a civil engineer.

She said after an audit of the utility billing accounts for the water and wastewater expansion project, only 3 missed addresses were found, and this is currently being corrected.

Lastly, she introduced Kim Young from USDA and expressed the great working relationship that the City and USDA has had.

City Recorder Metcalf did not have any comments.

Principal Planner Bybee gave an update regarding the recent development on Hwy 97. He stated Starbucks has applied and the application is being reviewed for completeness. He also stated that the location where the old highway center was located does not have any applications.

He explained that the Planning Commission has recommended approval of the code amendments, and they will be presented to the City Council for approval at the November 13th meeting.

He gave an update for long range planning, La Pine 2045 is officially halfway completed and explained that there will be one more community summit, committee meeting, and public engagement. He stated that he will present to the Council a more detailed update.

Additionally, staff is working with Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) and Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) on the Transportation Growth Management (TGM) grant for the Transportation System Plan (TSP) update. He said that the update should commence summer of 2025. Once the TSP update is finalized the comprehensive plan will be amended to include the new TSP update.

He said that he is working with community planning assistance for wildfire (CPAW) and will have a more detailed update soon.

Lastly he stated that Associate Vickers presented at the recent chambers of commerce breakfast.

Public Works Director West gave the Council a staff report detailing all the updates within the public works department. He stated that the department has purchased a new sewer line jetter, and staff are currently cleaning the sewer main on Hwy 97. Additionally, he stated that within the water department a 1.2-million-gallon tank had cathodic protection placed on it. The project at the wells is moving along, and well #2 is now online.

City Manager Wullschlager expanded on the new sewer line jetter and how much it will benefit the community. He stated staff can now address sewer line issues in a timely manner, additionally, the cost is significantly lower than if it was outsourced.

He gave an update on the water and wastewater expansion project and said that Taylor Northwest is finishing the last connections to city water and sewer.

He gave an update on the industrial lift station, and that the installation should start in the spring of 2025.

He invited the Council to the land use hearing training next week. He explained that the Planning Commission requested this training and stated that it will be beneficial for the Council since they are the appeal board for the Commission.

He updated the Council regarding La Pine Parks and Recreation. He stated that the Board of County Commissioners has appointed five new board members.

He stated that he is finishing the request for a proposal (RFP) for the spec building in the industrial park.

Lastly, he stated that he sent over the areas of policy provisions, with input from the City Council to the Regional Housing Council. These included affordable housing, public improvements, transportation funding, general system updating, insurance reform and funding for social infrastructure.

MAYOR & COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council President Van Damme thanked everyone that has been apart with the expansion project. And appreciation to all the community members that attended the meeting.

Councilor Shields asked Finance Director Ivans if there were any applications for the civil engineer position.

Finance Director Ivans informed the Council that we have not had any qualified applicants apply.

Councilor Ignazzitto thanked Kim Young, and the staff that attended the League of Oregon Cities (LOC) conference and explained her experiences speaking with other small city council members.

Councilor Morse didn't have any comments.

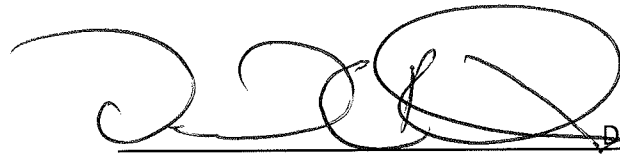
Mayor Richer thanked everyone for attending and welcomed the public to make comments at future meetings.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: per ORS 192.660 if necessary

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Richer adjourned the meeting at 5:57 p.m.

SIGNATURE PAGE TO FOLLOW


Date: 13 NOV 24
Daniel Richer, Mayor

ATTEST:


Date: 11/13/24
Amanda Metcalf, City Recorder