

SWEET HOME CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES

April 12, 2016

Mayor Gourley called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall Annex. The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Staff Present: City Manager Craig Martin, City Attorney Robert Snyder, Public Works Director Mike Adams and Recording Secretary Julie Fisher

Registered Visitors: Justin Cherrington, Linda Iljin, Bill Davis, DJ Fox, Tim Riley, Jay Byers, Katrina Crabtree,

Media: Sean Morgan, The New Era

Roll Call:	Councilor Goble	P	Councilor Mahler	EX
	Councilor Goodwin	EX	Councilor Trask	P
	Mayor Gourley	P	Councilor Underwood	P
	Councilor Hobbs	P		

Swearing-In New Council Appointment – James Goble

Approval of March 21, 2016 City Council Executive Meeting Minutes and March 22, 2016 City Council Meeting Minutes: **Councilor Hobbs made a motion to approve the March 21, 2016 City Council Executive Meeting Minutes and the March 22, 2016 City Council Meeting Minutes with Councilor Trask seconding. Question was called and the motion passed with 5 ayes, 0 opposed, 2absent (Goodwin, Mahler).**

Old Business:

New Business:

Recognition of Visitors & Hearing
of Petitions

Justin Cherrington
2150 Nugent Ct. SE
Salem, OR 97306

Justin Cherrington introduced himself and explained to Council that he purchased the property at 1240 & 1250 Nandina which is a seven unit rental. He stated he has cleaned up the property and even has evicted 5 tenants who had been dealing drugs. Mr. Cherrington stated he is working with the Police Department on the situation of the neighboring property at 1237 Nandina. Mr. Cherrington stated the owner of those rental units are not screening the tenants and are renting to criminals. Mr. Cherrington introduced a Police Department Call Log which shows 59 calls to 1237 Nandina Street in the last year and 19 arrests.

He believes that by Council enforcing the Chronic Nuisance Property Code the people causing the issues will relocate. Mr. Cherrington urged the Council to enforce the Chronic Nuisance Code at 1237 Nandina and throughout Sweet Home and wanted to see the Council take action and initiate court action as stated in SHMC 8.12.060. He feels the property owner will only change the situation at that property if fines are imposed. Mr. Cherrington stated that he believes Sweet Home is a great place to invest and a great place to live and he hopes to work closely with the City Council.

Bill Davis
1635 9th Avenue
Sweet Home, OR 97386

Bill Davis introduced himself and Thanked Mr. Cherrington for purchasing that property and cleaning it up. He also thanked the Council for the implementing the Chronic Nuisance Property Ordinance and the most recent ordinance banning drinking and smoking in public parks.

Jay Byers
1354 13th Avenue
Sweet Home, OR 97386

Jay Byers introduced himself and stated his wife Gaye has been working for the past 10 years to clean up that neighborhood.

Presentation – Executive Director Jason Greene and Deputy Director Mike Collier – OAWU Presentation

Jason Greene Executive Director of Oregon Association of Water Utilities presented the City with two awards; one for Best Surface Water in Oregon for 2016 and Overall Best Drinking Water in Oregon for 2016. Mr. Greene congratulated all staff stating that it is a collective effort in the plant, distribution, meter reading, and staff at the office that make this possible. Mr. Greene added that in February 2017 they will be shipping a gallon of water Sweet Home to Washington D.C and will be entered in the national contest representing the State of Oregon.

Proclamation

Mayor Gourley read an Arbor Day Proclamation, proclaiming April 29, 2016 as Arbor Day.

Legislation

Council Reports

Committee Reports:

Administration & Finance

CM Martin stated an Administration and Finance Committee meeting has been requested to discuss the court facilities renovation/remodeling with updated cost estimates. The meeting was scheduled for 04/26/16 immediately following City Council.

Property Committee Councilor Hobbs stated there will be a Property Committee meeting immediately after City Council.

Public Safety Councilor Trask stated there will be a Public Safety Committee meeting following the Property Committee Meeting.

Public Works Public Works Director stated there will be a work session on April 13, 2016 to discuss utility rates and requested an Executive Session as authorized by ORS 192.660 (2) (f) to consider and discuss advice provided by legal counsel about compliance issues related to the City's NPDES permit and wastewater treatment plant. The Executive Session was scheduled for April 26, 2016 at 6:30pm.

City Boards/Committees:

Chamber of Commerce

Katrina Crabtree
Executive Director
1575 Main Street
Sweet Home, OR 973865

Katrina Crabtree introduced herself and announced the first Sweet Home Chamber Visitor's Guide and Business Directory.

Ms. Crabtree announced the annual spaghetti feed dinner and auction benefitting Sunshine Industries will take place on Saturday, April 16, 2016 at 4pm.

The Sweet Home Ranger District will conduct a hike on the Santiam Wagon Road to the Walton Farm as part of their Heritage Tours. For more information and to register contact the Sweet Home Ranger District office.

Ms. Crabtree announced on April 27, 2016 at the City Hall Annex, the Chamber will host a lunch and learn with a presentation by LBCC on the iLearn Program. Lunch is provided and the event starts at 12:30pm.

Fire District None

Park Board Councilor Underwood stated there is a Park Board meeting on Monday, April 18th at 8:30am.

Traffic Safety None

Tree Commission Councilor Trask announced the next Tree Commission meeting will be on April 20th at 9:00am.

Y.A.C. City Manager Martin announced the Youth Advisory Council is scheduled to meet next Tuesday, April 19th at 6:30pm.

Regional Boards/Committees:

Area Commission on
Transportation (ACT) None

COG None

Solid Waste Advisory
Council (SWAC) None

Ad Hoc Committee/
Community Health Care Mayor Gourley announced there is a Community Health
Care Committee meeting scheduled for April 18, 2016 at
6:30pm.

Mayor's Report None

City Manager's Report CM Martin announced that the Willamette National Forest
and the Sweet Home Ranger District is considering bidding
on the opportunity to provide the Nation's Christmas Tree in
2018 including the tree that is at the Capitol building and an
additional 60 trees that are placed in federal buildings. The
Sweet Home Ranger District has asked if the City is
interested in supporting and endorsing that effort. The
Forest Service would be the lead in the community based
effort. The community and forest could receive national
recognition for providing that Christmas Tree. There is some
cost but typically those are borne by donations and
fundraising through community efforts.

**Councilor Trask made a motion to prepare a Resolution
to support the Capitol Christmas Tree effort with a
second by Councilor Underwood.**

A Resolution will be brought forward on the Agenda for the
City Council meeting scheduled for 04/26/16.

Department Directors Reports:

Finance Director None

Library Director None

Planning Services
Manager None

Police Chief None

Public Works None

City Attorney

City Attorney Robert Snyder stated there will be a Property Committee meeting and a Public Safety Committee meeting immediately following City Council.

Adjournment:

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm.

The foregoing is a true copy of the proceedings of the City Council at the April 12, 2016 regular City Council Meeting.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Manager – Ex Officio City Recorder