

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Michael Preedin Mayor
Nancy Connolly Council President
Andrea Blum Councilor
Jennifer Letz Councilor

STAFF PRESENT:

Cory Mисley City Manager
Paul Bertagna PW Director
Joe O'Neill Finance Director
Scott Woodford CDD Director
Kerry Prosser City Recorder

GUESTS:

Matt Hastie Angelo Planning

Councilor Ross joined the meeting during Other Business.

1. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Preedin at 6:33 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken, and a quorum was established.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilor Blum made a motion to approve the agenda. Council President Connolly seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

4. VISITOR COMMUNICATION-None

5. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes

1. September 08, 2021-Workshop

B. Bills to Approve.

1. September 17, 2021- Accounts Payable

Councilor Blum made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Council President Connolly seconded the motion. The motion carried 4 -0.

6. COUNCIL BUSINESS

- A. Consideration of Ordinance 517: AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE 2040 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO REPLACE AND SUPERSEDE ALL PRIOR COMPREHENSIVE PLANS.**

Director Woodford said the changes Council had requested to the Comprehensive Plan document at the last meeting were updated in the final Plan.

Councilor Blum asked how long it would take for the Plan to be acknowledged by the State. Matt Hastie of Angelo Planning replied once the Plan was submitted, there was a 21-day appeal period before the State would acknowledge the Plan.

Council President Connolly moved to have the City Manager read Ordinance 517 by title only. Councilor Blum seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken; the motion passed 4-0.

City Manager Misley read Ordinance 517 by title.

Council President Connolly made a motion to approve and adopt Ordinance 517. Councilor Blum seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken; the motion passed 4-0.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Follow-up Conversation on the Early Child Care Business Start Accelerator Program.

Mayor Preedin spoke with Ken Betschart, Director, Small Business Development Center at Central Oregon Community College, about how the Council could best support the Early Child Care Business Start Accelerator Program and target people in our community. They suggested a grant to cover part of the region's program cost and then create a seed grant for Sister's participants who had completed the program and were certified. They suggested a \$6,000 grant and perhaps \$5,000 for each local person who completed the program.

Mayor Preedin noted if Council was supportive of the project, they could pick any funding level they would like. They thought this program was a good way to support childcare in our community. Mayor Preedin said Council had two decisions to make; did we want to support the program, and what level of financial support would we like to contribute. They thought this was a simple way to help the region and our community with childcare.

Councilor Blum agreed this sounded like a good program and was supportive but was not sure the best way for us to participate. They would like more data on what was currently available and needed in Sisters and how many families they were turning away.

Councilor Letz knew this was a big issue for both our economy and child development. They would like to see some data about our communities' specific needs. Councilor Letz noted we had some time to look into this and perhaps see how the first cohort did in the program. They said there might be an opportunity to get matching funds from local employers.

Councilor Ross joined the meeting.

Council President Connolly thought this was an important topic that we needed to support. They believed we needed infant and preschool care in Sisters.

City Manager Misley said it might be challenging to find the data Council was requesting; most of the information might be anecdotal.

Mayor Preedin would reach out to Ken Betschart for more information.

B. Staff Comments

Finance-Director O'Neill

- The lodging tax audit would be completed by the end of September.
- Staff continued audit fieldwork.

Public Works-Director Bertagna

- The Water and Wastewater Master Plan project kicked off today with a facilities tour with staff and representatives from Anderson Perry and Associates.
- The contract for the Solar Panel project will come before Council in October.
- The instream work on the Locust Street Sewer Line Replacement Project was complete; staff would begin working on the bypass this week.

Community Development Department-Director Woodford

- Staff thanked Council for their support of the Comprehensive Plan project.
- Next steps for the Comprehensive Plan included working on a request for proposal for a consultant for work on efficiency measures.
- Staff was working on Development Code Text Amendments that would come before Council in the new year.
- The Planning Commission reviewed the Historic Preservation program at their last workshop.

City Manager's Office- Recorder Prosser, City Manager Misley

- Staff continued to work on the Destination Management Initiative; a workshop would be held on October 18th to review the Phase I work.
- City Manager Misley would attend the Regional Administrators meeting tomorrow and the Vision Implementation Team meeting next week.
- Staff met with the County to discuss houselessness in Sisters Country and would meet with the Sisters Cold Weather Shelter (SCWS) next week.
- City Manager Misley would be participating in the ICMA conference in Portland on October 4-6.

Council President Connolly asked about caps on Short Term Rentals (STR's). City Manager Misley replied we did not have a cap but did have a 250 ft buffer between STR's. They said staff would put information together regarding STR's in the next month for Council's review.

8. MAYOR/COUNCILOR BUSINESS

Councilor Letz said at the last Economic Development for Central Oregon (EDCO) board meeting they discussed affordable housing and daycare issues. They noted the Urban Forestry Board was working on an Urban Forest Plan that would be coming before Council for approval.

Councilor Blum attended the Central Oregon Area Commission on Transportation (COACT) meeting, where they discussed the extensive infrastructure projects the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) was undertaking in the area. However, they did not think our local issues would be addressed because of other large projects happening in our area.

Mayor Preedin attended the Central Oregon Cities Organization (COCO) meeting, where they were given an update on legislation passed in the last session. They noted there were substantial funds for homelessness, and the region might be able to tap into the funds.

Mayor Preedin would like to participate in the meeting with the SCWS next week.

9. ADJOURN: 7:27 pm.


Kerry Prosser, City Recorder


Michael Preedin, Mayor