



CITY OF PRINEVILLE
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City Council Meeting Brief
June 9, 2020

Council Members Present:

Janet Hutchison
Steve Uffelman
Jeff Papke
Teresa Rodriguez

Patricia Jungmann
Jason Beebe

Council Members Absent

Gail Merritt

Additions to the Agenda

Postpone the Swearing in of Sergeant Todd Rich and Ordinance No. 1261 has been postponed until June 23rd for its first presentation.

Consent Agenda

1. Regular Meeting Brief 5-26--2020
2. Pine Theater Liquor License
3. Sora Sushi Liquor License

Councilor Jungmann made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion seconded. No discussion on motion, motion carried.

Visitors, Appearances and Requests:

4. Virtual Swearing in of Sergeant Todd Rich

This has been postponed.

5. Crook County Health Department Update – Muriel Delavergene-Brown

Ms. Delavergene-Brown explained she had sent three documents to share regarding information since the last update to Council. Those documents were on Crook County being approved for re-opening on the 6th; a contact tracing graphic on how that works; and a re-opening guidance tool that makes it really simple to go through what is required for each type of business.

Ms. Delavergene-Brown continued her update explaining that for opening there are six metrics that the state measures us on, we have met six out of six and Deschutes and Jefferson had to have discussion with Governor and they were able to eventually re-open once a few questions were answered; everything is posted on CCHD website; OSHA is really responsible regarding the business side, but CCHD still gets complaints, however they are still following up; Crook County is still maintaining at 6 cases on the state website, however there are a couple more that will show up in the next couple of days; Lincoln County had 160 cases in a couple of days; St. Charles had health educators get trained as tracers and will assist as needed; if there are five or more cases in the work place, they will be announced; went through recovery statistics and will probably be more that have recovered. Testing continues to increase from 31.1 per 10,000; there is a new testing group that just had their first meeting last Thursday; otherwise we are moving forward and continue to give guidance.

Councilor Hutchison asked how long it takes to get test results. Rapid test is within 45 minutes but they are not being used for everyone, otherwise about 3 days.

Discussions continued regarding: if the rapid tests are as accurate; there still being an issue with supply; still waiting on conversation with Walmart from three weeks ago being able to do pop up testing and state is still working on contract with them; Central Oregon was chosen as location to do testing for patients/clients in long term facilities, however is not sure it is in Crook County yet; anyone that is going in for a procedure in St. Charles is getting tested too and numbers will go up. Where you have to get tested would depend on who you are seeing because they all have different labs and would play a role in it.

St. Charles has 4 COVID patients in their system, so far nothing in a long term facility or any deaths.

Councilor Papke asked about hearing a high school in Redmond that decided to have a crawl here in Crook County and asked whose prevue does that fall under? Ms. Delavergene-Brown responded that is incredibly frustrating and was told they said it is happening in Crook County because they said nothing will happen to them. They reached out to that group but didn't get a response. She continued that it really comes down to education. Health Directors in Montana can make it stricter than the Governor however not in Oregon. It is harder with private gatherings than with a public facility.

Discussions continued about various venues that are privately owned that do weddings, etc. and whose authority they fall under. It would probably fall to law enforcement; and Crook County Health Department could get involved if there is perhaps catering.

Ms. Delavergene-Brown explained it is not like the virus has gone away and we still have to be cognizant.

There were no further questions.

Public Appearances

There were no written comments submitted and there was one person on the line which was unmuted but did not respond for Public Appearances.

Council Business

6. Pacific Power Franchise – Steve Forrester

This item has been postponed.

7. Temporary Expansion of Utility Bill Assistance Related to COVID-19 City Policies – Lori Hooper

Lori Hooper, Finance Manager presented highlights of the staff report.

Ms. Hooper was asked to go through what that looks like and explained that they are trying to offer a payment program and a credit. The Finance Department will start noticing at the end of June for past due customers, again at the end of July and likely follow up with calls to get them on payment plan which would be approximately 4-6 months.

Discussions continued regarding there are currently about 113 customers that are past due and that today would have been a shut off day that would have shut off those 113 customers when it would normally be around 50.

Mayor Uffelman asked Ms. Hooper to read entire staff report.

Councilor Rodriguez asked why a credit doesn't apply for water only or sewer only accounts. Staff explained that sewer only accounts cannot be turned off, and number of water only accounts is very small. Staff said it could be looked into.

Mayor Uffelman commented he thought it is a great program.

City Attorney, Jered Reid explained that no motion is needed, and will continue to work with Lori Hooper on developing the payment plan agreement.

There were no further questions.

Staff Reports and Requests:

8. Manager's Report

Steve Forrester, City Manager reported: staff is reviewing internal policies that includes re-opening city hall, and how we move forward. Staff will discuss tomorrow on plans and will

advise council; on May 27th there was a City Club meeting that he participated in as well as other cities and it can be viewed at Bend's City Club website; he continues to serve as County Budget Committee; there are four City Council positions up for city elections in November.

Matt Wiederholt, Railway Operations Manager provided a Railroad update. Mr. Weiderholt explained that we had a single car derail. The cars were being pushed backwards and hit a bad switch and derailed one car; no one was hurt; after reviewing the incident and response, everyone did exactly what they were supposed to do. There is some damage to two private crossings and track which is getting fixed. This occurred right in front of Brightwood and he is grateful how the city teams works together.

Councilor Hutchison asked for an update about that tank that was found in city parking lot.

Eric Klann, City Engineer provided the details.

Committee Reports

9. COVID-19 Update / Discussion

There were no additional questions or updates at this time.

Mayor Uffelman announced that he recently visited the Wetlands and the Rotary put in benches so that the elderly can utilize the Wetlands too.

Ordinances:

10. Ordinance No. 1260 – Adding Chapter 156 to COP Code Housing Receivership (SECOND PRESENTATION) – Jered Reid

Jered Reid, City Attorney explained that nothing has changed since the first presentation.

There were no questions.

Councilor Beebe made motion to approve Ordinance No. 1260 for the second presentation. Motion seconded. No discussion on motion. All in favor, motion carried.

11. Ordinance No. 1261 – Adopting Change to Prineville Code Section 50.22 and Adding 50.24 (FIRST PRESENTATION) – Jered Reid

This item has been postponed.

Resolutions:

None.

Visitors Appearances and Requests:

There were no written comments submitted for Public Appearances.

Adjourn

Councilor Rumble made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded. No discussion on motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:28 P.M.

Motions and Outcomes:

Motion:	Outcome	Beebe	Hutchison	Jungmann	Merritt	Papke	Rumble	Uffelman
Consent Agenda as Presented	PASSED	Y	Y	Y	-	Y	-	Y
Ordinance No. 1260 – Adding Chapter 156 to COP Code Housing Receivership (SECOND PRESENTATION)	PASSED	Y	Y	Y	-	Y	Y	Y
Ordinance No. 1261 – Adopting Change to Prineville Code Section 50.22 and Adding 50.24 (FIRST PRESENTATION)	POSTPONED	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Adjourn Meeting	PASSED	Y	Y	Y	-	Y	Y	Y

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