



**CITY OF PRINEVILLE**  
**Regular Meeting Brief**  
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**City Council Meeting Brief**  
**January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**Council Members Present:**

Steve Uffelman  
Janet Hutchison  
Patricia Jungmann  
Jason Beebe

Gail Merritt  
Ray Law  
Jeff Papke

**Council Members Absent**

None.

**1. State of the City Address – Mayor Beebe**

Mayor Beebe presented the State of the City Address for 2020.

**Additions to the Agenda**

There were no additions to the agenda, however would like to recognize that the written comments received in your packet are in connection with agenda Item No. 12 under Council Business.

**Consent Agenda**

Councilor Uffelman made a statement regarding the full name of the road users committee referred to in the minutes as the Rough Tough Committee is a nickname for the ODOT Road User Fee Task Force.

2. Regular Meeting Brief 12-08-2020
3. Special Meeting Brief 12-16-2020
4. Regular Meeting Brief 1-04-2021
5. Police Department Property Conversion
6. Terry's Jewelry Secondhand License Renewal
7. Corral Tap Room Liquor License

**Councilor Papke made a motion to approve consent agenda as amended. Motion seconded. Discussion on motion. Motion carried.**

**Visitors, Appearances and Requests:**

**8. Facebook Community Update – William Marks / Dr. Sara Johnson**

William Marks said 2020 was a year we would never forget but also a year where the community come together. Came together to help small businesses, wildfire relief, food and clothing for non-profits. They will announce another \$210k this year for the school robotics program

Dr. Sara Johnson, Crook County School District Superintendent – explained that it has been a great privilege to serve the community this past year and all that has backed up our school system. It has been and continues to be a model for the rest of the state on how to move forward and create something for our kids in our community. The School District could not have done it without Facebook. Facebook has given continued and on-going support. Facebook has donated over \$1.3M to our children in our community and added value in the system and the list goes on. The School District received support for WI-FI and helped to get our children connected for online school. Dr. Johnson explained they have focused on vocational and skill building tools to set students up for success with life skills. Dr. Johnson discussed some of the applications used of the students in the Paxten Patterson lab that she witnessed. This is the only Paxten Patterson lab in central Oregon. We are a model around the district for coding and robotics and every year Facebook comes in and replenishes the equipment with the newest technology. Facebook reaches out to them and asks what can they do to help the schools? Facebook has funded well known authors to come in and visit with students on complex issues that students face.

Dr. Johnson stated she embraces their support and couldn't do it to this level without them.

Mayor Beebe asked if there were comments.

Councilor Law added a thank you for your support.

Councilor Uffelman echoed what Councilor Law said and thanked them for all of their support.

Steve Forrester, City Manager said that there was a whole lot of collaboration 10 years ago and because of the city and county support we were able to bring Facebook here and highlighted how it has benefited the committee.

**Public Appearances**

**9. Written Comments Received**

Mayor Beebe announced that the written comments received are related to Item No. 12 and they have all been documented. They were received by Council and disbursed and are a matter of record posted on the website.

**Council Business**

**10. Committee Council Appointments – Mayor Beebe**

Mayor Beebe explained there were a few last minute changes and asked if Council had a chance to review the existing committee appointments.

Councilor Papke asked if there were any volunteers for the primary seat for COIC, since there is a schedule conflict. Councilor Merritt volunteered for the primary seat with Councilor Papke as the alternate.

Councilor Merritt explained that she has been on the Crook County Foundation for 10 plus years and asked if anyone else is ready to step into that roll. Councilor Law volunteered to.

Councilor Uffelman explained that there are several committees that he would like to be removed from.

Mayor Beebe will take on the role for COCO.

Council went through the remainder of the list and the following were decided:

Air Quality – Councilor Hutchison; Crook County Foundation – Councilor Law; COCO – Mayor Beebe; COACT – Councilor Uffelman will stay with Councilor Law as alternate; Crook County School District Facility – Councilor Papke will stay; DWA – Councilor Uffelman will step aside and leave Eric Klann on there; EDCO – Councilor Uffelman will step aside and Mayor Beebe will attend as permitted since Steve Forrester is on the board; HCP – Mayor Beebe and Eric Klann to wrap anything up; Crook County Human Services – Councilor Hutchison will remain; Finance Committee – Councilor Hutchison and Councilor Merritt will stay on, Mayor Beebe will take on, Councilor Uffelman steps aside; Public Works Committee – Councilor Hutchison will stay on as well as Mayor Beebe; Public Safety Committee – remains the same; Transportation Committee – remains the same; Railroad Advisory Committee – Councilor Uffelman stays on; Local Intergovernmental Committee – Mayor Beebe will take; Solid Waste Advisory Committee – stays the same; Downtown Revitalization Committee – remains the same; Chamber of Commerce – Councilor Law will take Councilor Jungmann’s spot; Barnes Butte Focus Committee – remains the same; Franchise Fee Committee – Councilor Law will take Teresa Rumble’s position; NeighImpact – remains the same; CC Natural Resource Committee – Councilor Law will step in; Ochoco Forest Collaborative – remains the same.

**Councilor Jungmann made a motion to approve appointments as amended. Motion seconded. No discussion on motion. All in favor, motion carried.**

### **11. Railroad Advisory Committee Appointments – Matt Wiederholt**

Matt Wiederholt, Railroad Manager presented the staff report explaining that all members would like to continue their service on the Committee and that Dustin Wilson would like to be the newest potential member.

There were discussions regarding county vs. city boundaries and that the railroad covers a lot of ground beyond city boundaries.

Mayor Beebe accepted the recommendation of the Railroad Advisory Committee.

### **12. COVID-19 Impact Mitigation Options – Steve Forrester**

Jered Reid, City Attorney talked about resolution passed by Yamhill and Josephine Counties

Steve Forrester, City Manager introduced the guest panel attending to help answer any questions Council may have after an update from each.

Muriel DeLa Vergne-Brown thanked Councilor Jungmann who helped with with clinic.

Ms. DeLa Vergne-Brown explained that there were 19 new cases today and that staff has worked hard.

There were discussions regarding active, presumptive, social distancing, testing for flu and COVID at the same time; organized community wide event and volunteers; bringing in more staff due to being overwhelmed; wrap around services funding by staff; people on isolation pays for utilities, food, etc.; providing PPE; getting 100 doses a week and as of today and has given 300; first responders were taken care of first; CDC had a big announcement that vaccines didn't roll out the way they expected; and hoping pharmacies will also sign up as well as clinics to be able to administer vaccines.

Kim Daniels – Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, stated the main thing on her end is they work mainly with businesses and the businesses want to do what they can do and follow the rules. Right now it is about getting support from the community. The businesses need resources, PPE, and protection program to get them as quickly as possible, The Chamber has been very active in getting grants and funds wherever they can. We have to give them what we can give them and locally support them. People are exhausted right now and they are just tired and are trying to do things the right way. Help them in the best way you can.

Kelsey Lucas – EDCO Prineville Director, explained that the traded sector hasn't been hit as hard as service. Service industry is struggling with inventory planning and other planning delays. PPE's, air filtrations, plexi glass and other items, paid time off and tech costs that go along with working at home EDCO has had a record projects quarter at 18. Traded sector is doing well, it is mostly service hit so hard.

Ms. Lucas provided background on grant applications and went over a one page summary in the Council packet. Ms. Lucas explained that business registrations were checked with the state and tax status before issuing grants. It was pretty amazing how everyone rallied in April to get money out to businesses.

Ms. Daniels said they had all but two checks out with the last round, and compared to other communities, it has been amazing and proud to have been a part of it. Ms. Daniels said that if there are any businesses out there please hit Kelsey or myself because we are still seeking a variety of funding sources.

Discussions continued regarding: vaccines and clinical vs. retail application of them; once that top is popped on vial, you have to administer those within 6 hours and it comes down to logistics of being able to keep temperature long enough to administer; computerized scheduling; COVID vaccines require that you monitor patients for 15 minutes after the vaccine is administered; concerns about getting vaccines and red flags as it begins to roll out; and the huge resources thrown out to develop these vaccines as opposed to ones that have taken years to develop.

There were further discussions regarding number of days between the first and second shot; if the businesses engage in the requirements of OSHA are the risks minimized; that it is not the businesses it is the people refusing to wear a mask though that has tapered off; and the comments seen so far about the virus not being as bad as what it is made out to be.

Ms. DeLa Vergne-Brown talked about the sick people that they are talking to. You have to look across the country and what is happening and people that can't breathe and how scary it is and it is real. It is a cause of pain for a lot of people.

Discussions continued about how the hospitals are doing; some people do not know where they got it from which could affect matrix; not having any cases tied to face to face contact at school and we are the largest school district in the state to be open.

Mr. Forrester shared Bryan Iverson comments received.

Mayor Beebe thanked everyone for participating in the meeting and for everything they have done for the community this past year.

Councilor Papke said he feels a letter would be more impactful. He believes that the progress made so far, has been made by pressure from all of the school districts and administrators and how they can meet the guidelines, etc.

Councilor Hutchison, saw a letter Redmond is considering on KTVZ letter news. Councilor Hutchison explained the option in the letter urging the Governor to open businesses based on the same way that has been done for schools. Would like to move forward with letter rather than a resolution.

Mr. Reid explained that the state is due to come out with another assessment for risk this week so a resolution would be mute possibly.

Councilor Merritt explained that most of the comments she read on the Yamhill resolution were not in favor and she would support a city letter vs. a resolution. Councilor Merritt said she doesn't want to give a false hope of opening.

Councilor Law said there will be misgivings, misinterpretations, etc. however if it is another tool he would completely support it. Councilor Law pulled up a fact regarding applicants for business owners hiring and the number of people who applied for the job, the number that actually showed up for an interview, and only one was actually serious about getting a job.

Councilor Jungmann, explained she has reservations about a resolution and is in favor of sending a letter. It could take three to six months to get that through the process and feels it would be quicker to talk to the Governor. She has friends that are business owners and people who have suffered from COVID and wants it to be behind us.

Councilor Uffelman is in favor of writing a letter to the Governor. Feels it would be more impactful and not in favor of resolution.

Mayor Beebe is in favor of a letter and resolution. He talked with Annette Liebe who said the Governor is listening and knows that everyone is struggling.

Mayor Beebe wanted to make it clear that he has not encouraged businesses to defy the mandates.

Mr. Reid provided a summary of options moving forward.

**Councilor Law made a motion to move forward with drafting a letter and prepare a resolution. Motion seconded. Discussion on motion regarding once a resolution and letter is drafted and each would have to be approved. Motion carried.**

**Councilor Jungmann made a motion for a special Council meeting on Friday January 15th at noon. Motion seconded. Motion carried.**

**Staff Reports and Requests:**

**13. Manager's Report – Steve Forrester**

Mr. Forrester reported: the ASR project is still ahead of schedule and no one was hurt.

**Committee Reports**

Mayor Beebe attended a COCO meeting and Doug Riggs said there were 3200 bills presented. Oregon could possibly have another seat in Oregon; Oregon wants to adjust SDC's; and Mayor Endicott for the City of Redmond is following suit with the Prineville wetland project.

**Ordinances:**

**14. Ordinance No. 1263 – Adopting Changes to Prineville Code Section 150.01 (SECOND PRESENTATION) – Josh Smith**

Josh Smith, Planning Director provided the background and stated that nothing has changed since the first presentation.

**Councilor Hutchison made motion to approve Ordinance No. 1263 for its second presentation. Motion seconded. No discussion on motion. All in favor, motion carried.**

**Resolutions:**

**15. Resolution No. 1470 – Authorizing to Enter Into an IGA with Crook County for Radio System Repair & Maintenance– James Wilson**

James Wilson, Public Safety IT Manager provided staff report.

There were no questions.

**Councilor Merritt made motion to approve Resolution No. 1470. Motion seconded. All in favor, motion carried.**

**Visitors Appearances and Requests:**

**Adjourn**

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:57 P.M.

**Motions and Outcomes:**

Motion:	Outcome	Beebe	Hutchison	Jungmann	Law	Merritt	Papke	Uffelman
Consent Agenda as amended.	PASSED	Y	-	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Committee Council Appointments as amended.	PASSED	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Railroad Advisory Committee Appointments	PASSED	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Motion to move forward with drafting a letter to the Governor and prepare a resolution.	PASSED	Y	-	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Motion for a special Council meeting on Friday January 15th at noon.	PASSED	Y	-	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Ordinance No. 1263 – Adopting Changes to Prineville Code Section 150.01 ( <b>SECOND PRESENTATION</b> )	PASSED	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Resolution No. 1470 – Authorizing to Enter Into an IGA with Crook County for Radio System Repair & Maintenance	PASSED	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Adjourn Meeting	PASSED	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

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