



**CITY OF PRINEVILLE**  
**Regular Meeting Brief**  
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City Council Meeting Brief  
October 11, 2022

**Council Members Present:**

Steve Uffelman  
Jason Beebe  
Patricia Jungmann  
Gail Merritt

**Council Members Absent**

Ray Law  
Janet Hutchison  
Jeff Papke

**Additions to the Agenda**

Agenda Items 6 & 7 will be combined into Item No. 6 and will be reported on by Councilor Uffelman & Casey Kaiser. Downtown business comments will be added as Item No. 7 and O'Neil Highway discussion will be added as Item No. 8.

**Consent Agenda**

1. Regular Meeting Brief 9-27-2022
2. Annual Liquor License Renewals

**Councilor Jungmann made a motion to approve consent agenda as presented. Motion seconded. No discussion on motion. Motion carried.**

**Visitors, Appearances and Requests**

Dr. Knower would like to comment on the zoning during the public hearing.

No one else came forward.

**Council Presentations**

There were no Council Presentations.

**Council Business****3. Zone Text Amendment (PUBLIC HEARING) – Josh Smith****Mayor Beebe opened the public hearing portion of the meeting.**

Josh Smith, Planning Director went through a power point presentation that highlighted the legal requirements for criteria, notices, and the Planning Commission public hearing. Comments made were from neighboring properties in support and ODOT just had some questions for the traffic engineer. Mr. Smith brought up an aerial of the subject property and went through the proposed conceptual site plan which is subject to some refinement.

Mr. Smith provided additional background information .and how they determined the best commercial zone designation. Mr. Smith had a slide illustrating the existing zone map and went to the proposed changes. There was language added to the text from comments received from industrial residents that they didn't want a commercial use to move into the industrial area and then complain.

Mr. Smith continued presentation by going through key findings and justification, the traffic study is done, the C4 zone has less of an impact than industrial uses, trip counts and the Planning Commissions two conditions of approval.

Discussions continued regarding how you do not monitor daily trips until it develops; the trip count is based on worst case scenario for a development that could be built and includes all businesses. When they come back in for the site plan approval, the Planning Commission will look at that again.

Mayor Beebe said that he, as someone that worked up there thinks this would be a good addition up there.

Tammy Wisco, applicant's consultant, came up and said that they have been working on this for about a year finding out what the needs are and what is possible. This proposal is actually less of an impact than the M-1 use. Their proposal would be a nice amenity up there. Traffic has been analyzed extensively. There could be some minor changes to buildings and the site plan which will have to be reviewed again by Planning Commission.

Chad Bettsworth, Empire Construction thanked council for their time this evening. Empire has been in the community for a long time. They are committed to move forward quickly and there will be some refinements and they think it is a great spot for it.

There were no questions from Council.

Dr. Michael Knower, MD, asked if there were any plans for a medical office since it is an allowed use in C-4.

Ms. Wisco answered that there is no intent for a medical use on this property as part of their project.

No one else came forward.

No written testimony was received and no one was on the phone.

**Mayor Beebe closed the public hearing portion of the meeting.**

**Councilor Uffelman made a motion to approve the zone amendments with the Planning Commission's conditions of approval as written, to be incorporated. Motion seconded. No discussion on motion. All in favor, motion carried.**

**Staff Reports and Requests:**

**4. City Manager's Report– Steve Forrester**

Mr. Forrester presented the Manager's Report that highlighted each department's activities.

There were no questions.

Councilor Uffelman stated that there was a League of Oregon Cities (LOC) conference tour of the wetlands and that is was the most requested and attended tour they offered. It was also completely booked.

Mayor Beebe held up the LOC Excellence Award that the city received at the LOC awards ceremony for the Aquifer, Storage and Recovery (ASR) facility.

Mr. Forrester added that the head of the Prineville Apple site is now a local born and raised here man. Clay worked his way up to this position.

**5. Chapter 51 – Update and Additional Edits – Josh Smith**

Mr. Smith referred to his staff report and provided an update on the edits made since September 27<sup>th</sup> and that it just made sense to do it all at once instead of bringing back again.

Discussion continued about costs for hooking up to city sewer and the owner being responsible for the cost of getting a service line to the city sewer line. Establishing a fund to help some citizens connect.

Mr. Smith explained that the city has explored that in the past, and it wasn't feasible. However the city has helped with what they can for citizens to get connected in the past depending on the situation.

No other questions.

## **6. Prineville Renewable Energy Project (PREP) & DC Legislative Update – Councilor Uffelman / Casey Kaiser**

Councilor Uffelman talked about benefits of the trip to DC for extra funding to help get over the hurdle to move project forward and potential power buying agreements. He was overwhelmed by the support received. They met with Senator's Wyden and Merkley, Representative Bentz, Rural Development, EPA, FEMA, Forest Service, and House Agriculture Committee, etc. We went looking for \$750K and ended up with much more.

Councilor Uffelman thanked Caroline Ervin, Capital Projects Manager for arranging the timing of all the meetings and the itinerary.

Mr. Kaiser, wasn't sure what to expect with the trip and feels it was extremely beneficial. An email or phone call is just a fraction of the benefit compared to be able to sit down to meet with them in person. We now have a lock on at least \$1M along with leads on additional funding.

## **7. Downtown Business Comments**

Mayor Beebe explained that he has been getting comments from downtown business owners about the trees and how they are effecting the sidewalks in front of their businesses which they are responsible for maintaining. Many of those trees were planted before some even bought or moved into the business. Some of the trees are not even the right kind of street tree and lifting up portions of the sidewalk and they would like the city to take it over if possible.

Mr. Smith stated that staff has thought about this in the past. The trees were planted many years ago. This might be a good thing to talk about in the Council retreat to see if this is something they want to look at.

## **8. O'Neil Highway Discussion**

Mayor Beebe stated that he has also been getting emails after the recent wreck. We know there is a safety problem there and understands that this is an ODOT issue.

Mr. Smith explained that this is in our plan to look at and that ODOT would be involved with the traffic measures that can be taken.

Councilor Uffelman said that ODOT does have a plan that could potentially involve an overpass and it is something we need to bring up at the Central Oregon Area Commission on Transportation (COACT) meeting again to try to elevate the need for this project.

Mr. Kaiser added that we are currently working with ODOT to update our Transportation System Plan (TSP) and they plan on taking a deep dive into the "Y" and O'Neil intersections. We will be bringing an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) regarding cost sharing for improvements. The TSP update will begin this November.

**Committee Reports**

There were no reports.

**Ordinances:**

None.

**Resolutions**

**9. Resolution No. 1538 – Approving Local Limits Report – Casey Kaiser**

Mr. Kaiser presented the staff report explaining that this was brought to Council at the last meeting for the public hearing and this is just to accept the report.

There were no questions.

**Councilor Merritt made a motion to approve Resolution No. 1538. Motion seconded. No discussion on motion. All in favor, motion carried.**

**Visitors, Appearances and Requests:**

No one came forward.

**Adjourn**

**Councilor Uffelman 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	Law	Merritt	Papke	Uffelman
Consent Agenda	PASSED	Y	-	Y	-	Y	-	Y
Motion to approve the zone amendments with the Planning Commission’s conditions of approval as written, to be incorporated.	PASSED	Y	-	Y	-	Y	-	Y
Resolution No. 1538 – Approving Local Limits Report	PASSED	Y	-	Y	-	Y	-	Y
Adjourn Meeting	PASSED	Y	-	Y	-	Y	-	Y

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