



**CITY OF PRINEVILLE**  
**Regular Meeting Brief**  
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**City Council Meeting Brief**  
**September 26, 2023**

**Council Members Present:**

Shane Howard  
Marv Sumner  
Jason Beebe  
Steve Uffelman

Gail Merritt  
Scott Smith  
Janet Hutchison

**Council Members Absent**

**Additions to the Agenda**

None.

**Consent Agenda**

1. Regular Meeting Brief 9-12-2023
2. Annual Liquor License Renewals

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

**Visitors, Appearances and Requests**

No one came forward.

**Council Presentations**

3. **Grant Presentation Update** – Caroline Ervin

Caroline Ervin, Capital Projects Manager went through a power point presentation that highlighted grant money the city has received since 2009 and recent major successes.

Mrs. Ervin continued with the Prineville Renewable Energy Project (PREP) grants received and the significant amount of effort put into receiving these grants.

Councilor Smith talked about other cities that actually have departments that only pursue grants and complimented how our existing staff are successful in getting these kind of grants.

### **Council Business**

#### **4. Intent to Award 5<sup>th</sup> & Claypool Sewer Relocation Project – Casey Kaiser**

Casey Kaiser, Public Works Director showed an aerial of where this project was going to take place and the reason for the project. Mr. Kaiser explained that there was only \$30 difference between the lowest bidder (Taylor NW) and the next lowest bid (SMAF).

**Councilor Howard made a motion to approve the intent to award the sewer relocation project to SMAF to keep it local. Discussion on motion regarding requirements of the city awarding to the lowest bidder. No second on motion, motion failed.**

**Councilor Hutchison made a motion to approve the intent to award the sewer relocation project to Taylor NW. Motion seconded. No discussion on motion. All in favor, motion carried.**

### **Staff Reports and Requests:**

#### **5. City Manager's Report– Steve Forrester**

Steve Forrester, City Manager called Matt Wiederholt, Railroad Manager up to report on the railroad.

Mr. Wiederholt reported that the railroad made a lease with a small pellet company. They have decided to start a small pellet mill and decided to lease from the railroad. They will have two employees to start and it is a year to year lease. Wisewood Energy is an engineering firm and they will do about one ton an hour with hopes of expanding in the future.

Mr. Forrester went through the rest of his report highlighting each department.

Councilor Uffelman added that the folks from Community Renewable Energy Association (CREA) that took the tour were truly impressed with what Prineville has done with renewable energy.

There were no questions.

### **Committee Reports**

Councilor Smith attended a COACT meeting and said that before COACT was able to direct where funding went in the past and that has kind of changed over the years. The Transportation Commission has taken much of that away. All of the ACT's are struggling to determine what the purpose and roles of the ACT's are now. The ACT's need to come up with a workplan to be adopted by the Commission. The Executive Board took the first stab at this workplan identifying

Highway 97 a priority and Jerry Brummer and he talked about safety concerns on Highway 126 as well. The second goal is local collaboration and engagement. The third was climate, resilience and sustainable funding. COACT will be rewording that to be just sustainable.

Councilor Hutchison provided a Ochoco Forest Collaboration update stating that they went on a field trip to Wolf Creek. The Forest Service is still reviewing the environmental analysis. Walton Lake will be treating the trees on October 1<sup>st</sup> depending on if they get on the budget with the potential Federal government shut down. They will be applying for an OWEB grant opportunity that is only offered once every two years.

Councilor Uffelman talked about star watching at Barnes Butte Recreation Area (BBRA) and that Prineville has been identified as a satellite to Sun River. We have received a telescope with an 18” lens. A star gazing group went out the Saturday before last for a star gazing evening where they looked at constellations and saw the Andromeda Constellation which is two million light years away. Councilor Uffelman would like to see star gazing part of the activities at BBRA.

There were no other reports.

### **Ordinances:**

None.

### **Resolutions**

#### **6. Resolution No. 1579 – Approving an Easement Agreement with Crook County – Jered Reid**

Jered Reid, City Attorney asked Mr. Kaiser to talk about the project requiring the easements.

Mr. Kaiser explained that this is for offsite sewer improvements, they are being paid for by Apple and will then become city owned infrastructure. This agreement was approved by the county yesterday.

There were no questions.

**Councilor Sumner made a motion to approve Resolution No. 1579. Motion seconded. No discussion on motion. All in favor, motion carried.**

#### **7. Resolution No. 1580 – Approving an Easement Agreement with Crook County**

Mr. Kaiser explained that this is another utility easement for the waterline resiliency project. This will provide the easements we need to complete the project and it is a reimbursable project.

Discussions continued regarding the temporary construction easement needed for additional room to stage for the project which is typical for projects, and the cost of the easements. There were no further discussions.

**Councilor Smith made a motion to approve Resolution No. 1580. Motion seconded. No discussion on motion. All in favor, motion carried.**

**Visitors, Appearances and Requests:**

No one came forward.

**Adjourn**

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:54 P.M.

**Motions and Outcomes:**

Motion:	Outcome	Beebe	Howard	Hutchison	Merritt	Smith	Sumner	Uffelman
Consent Agenda	PASSED	Y	Y	-	Y	Y	Y	Y
Motion to approve the intent to award the sewer relocation project to SMAF to keep it local.	FAILED	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Motion to approve the intent to award the sewer relocation project to Taylor NW	PASSED	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Resolution No. 1579 – Approving an Easement Agreement with Crook County	PASSED	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Resolution No. 1580 – Approving an Easement Agreement with Crook County	PASSED	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Adjourn Meeting	PASSED	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

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