



**CITY OF PRINEVILLE**  
**Regular Meeting Brief**  
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City Council Meeting Brief  
March 24, 2026

**Council Members Present:**

Scott Smith  
Marv Sumner  
Steve Uffelman

Shane Howard  
Jason Beebe  
Janet Hutchison

**Council Members Absent**

Jerry Brummer

**Additions to the Agenda**

None.

**Consent Agenda**

1. Regular Meeting Brief 3-10-2026

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

**Visitors, Appearances, and Requests**

No one came forward. No one online raised a hand.

**Council Presentations**

2. **Republic Disposal Update to Council** – Erica Haitsma & John Haylin

Erica Haitsma, General Manager, and John Hayling, Municipal Manager, went through a PowerPoint presentation regarding recycling and contamination.

There were discussions regarding glass recycling, dirty food containers, copy paper being able to be recycled, shredded paper having to be source separated, and MERF processing plants.

Currently, recycling goes to Salem, and it will be several years out before being processed in Central Oregon.

Other items that can be recycled are wrapping paper and gift bags. If it has like a plastic film, however, it has to go into the garbage.

**Council Business:**

**3. Reading of a Proclamation – Dark Skies Week – Mayor Beebe**

Mayor Beebe read the proclamation into the record and gave it to Councilor Uffelman to deliver to the requester.

**4. Empire Reimbursement District (PUBLIC HEARING) – Randy Blakeny / Jered Reid**

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

Jered Reid, City Attorney, provided background information on the process to establish a reimbursement district.

Randy Blakeny, Assistant City Engineer, went through the Engineer's Report, what improvements were completed, and the cost allocation.

Josh Smith, Planning Director, brought up an aerial of the property to show the Council where the project area is.

No one in the audience came forward. No one online raised a hand.

Representatives of R & D Investment stated they would like the reimbursement district.

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

**Councilor Hutchison made a motion to approve the City Engineer's Report to establish the Empire Reimbursement District. Motion seconded. No discussion on motion. All in favor, motion carried.**

**5. Intent to Award Fairmont Area Waterline Improvements Project – Mike Kasberger**

Mike Kasberger, Assistant City Engineer, provided a project overview and presented the staff report.

Councilor Sumner asked if we have used McKernan in the past. Mr. Kasberger explained that we have used them on at least five other projects, and they are very capable.

**Councilor Smith made a motion to approve the intent to award the Fairmont Area Waterline Improvements Project to McKernan Enterprises in the amount of \$612,961.49. Motion seconded. No discussion on motion. All in favor, motion carried.**

**6. Hemp Processing Plant Complaints Discussion – Josh Smith**

Mr. Smith talked about the plant going in back in 2020 at the old Woodgrain mill site. He communicates with them regularly, and at this point, we are getting steady complaints.

Mr. Reid explained that the Mayor had asked that this be on the agenda, due to the number of complaints we are receiving. Mr. Reid continued with the 2019 Planning Commission opinion on the conditions of that approval.

Mr. Reid talked about the phased process necessary for the formal declaration of nuisance. A more prudent course of mitigation measures in a notice should be made.

Mayor Beebe talked about his experience with the odor.

Councilor Howard talked about marijuana plants, and the odor could not be all of the business owner's smell.

Rich Evans, Public Works Supervisor, talked about all of the complaints he has received regarding the smell, which he has passed on to Mr. Smith and the property owners. He has noticed that humidity and temperature have a lot to do with the smell.

Discussions continued regarding the areas where the complaints are coming from and where he has experienced the smell himself while driving around.

Mayor Beebe said he would like to mitigate this and try to get it resolved.

Mr. Reid explained the best legal course to take, and at this point, to direct staff for mitigation.

Councilor Uffelmann stated he supports local businesses, but feels the need to start mitigating for the community.

Mr. Smith explained that the first step is a formal letter and establishing a date by which the mitigation would need to be completed.

Council agreed that mitigation efforts should begin.

Mr. Reid recommended 60 days for the mitigation to be completed, and also talked about the varying options and flexibility.

**Councilor Smith made a motion to begin mitigation efforts with a May 26<sup>th</sup> deadline. Motion seconded. No discussion on motion. All in favor, motion carried.**

**Staff Reports and Requests:**

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

Steve Forrester, City Manager, asked Rich Evans to come up and give a quick Public Works update.

Mr. Evans provided the Council with an update on the public improvement projects that are getting ready to begin.

Matt Wiederholt, Railroad Manager, provided the Council with an update. He explained that he and Mr. Forrester had met with Dustin Wilson, McCall Oil Manager. They had a conversation regarding oil prices and how state projects are going to take a hit.

Mr. Wiederholt explained that McCall Oil will be subleasing to another company that will complement their business, which means about an extra 50-60 cars and will bring on about eight employees. They work with used oil that gets filtered and then used in asphalt projects.

Mayor Beebe asked if the rising fuel prices would affect our projects. Mr. Forrester responded that we are locked in, and most companies keep about a three-month supply. As refineries shut down in California, we could experience a problem.

Mr. Forrester continued with his report, highlighting the activities in the rest of the departments.

There were no further questions.

**8. Middle Income Revolving Loan (MIRL) Presentation – Josh Smith**

Mr. Smith provided a big picture overview of how the program works and how the other taxing districts and the county would have to agree as well. Mr. Smith explained that he just wanted to talk with the Council and determine whether or not they would even be interested in such a program.

Council agreed that they are interested in the program.

**Council Reports**

There were no reports.

**Ordinances:**

None.

**Resolutions:**

**9. Resolution No. 1640 – Authorizing the Purchase of Real Property from Crook County Parks and Recreation District – Josh Smith**

Mr. Smith said that this is the resolution coming forward, authorizing the purchase that was discussed at the last Council meeting, adding that Parks and Recreation has agreed to do a three-year payment for the purchase.

Mayor Beebe asked if we could do some coverage on why we purchased this property.

There were no other questions.

**Councilor Hutchison made a motion to approve Resolution No. 1640. Motion seconded. No discussion on motion. All in favor, motion carried.**

**10. Resolution No. 1641 – Authorizing the Assignment of the Purchase Agreement –  
Josh Smith**

Mr. Smith delivered the staff report and talked about the history of the property. Lanar is proposing to buy property from Pahlisch to develop.

Councilor Sumner asked about the HOA's and who is responsible for making sure they comply with them. Mr. Smith explained that once developed, it would revert to the homeowners.

Mr. Reid added that the declarants stay in control until a certain number of homeowners have been reached, about 90%, and until that neighborhood is developed.

Mike Anders, representing Lanar, explained that they have a good relationship with Pahlisch and appreciate the collaboration.

Mike Morse, representing Pahlisch, said he appreciated the presentation and explained that they and Lanar have worked well together on other projects. It is a win-win situation.

**Councilor Uffelman made a motion to approve Resolution No. 1641. Motion seconded. No discussion on motion. All in favor, motion carried.**

**Visitors, Appearances, and Requests:**

Chris VanderWier, Central Oregon Processing, addressed the Council, explaining that their company is completely interested in working this out. They have tried gauging the weather to see if this could be causing the odor problem. He explained that Josh Smith has basically been the barometer with the community. We are actively working to try to mitigate the odor issue.

No one else came forward, and no one online raised a hand.

**Adjourn**

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

**Motions and Outcomes:**

Motion:	Outcome	Beebe	Brummer	Howard	Hutchison	Smith	Summer	Uffelman
Consent Agenda as Presented	PASSED	Y	-	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Motion to approve the City Engineer’s Report to establish the Empire Reimbursement District	PASSED	Y	-	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Motion to approve the intent to award the Fairmont Area Waterline Improvements Project to McKernan Enterprises in the amount of \$612,961.49	PASSED	Y	-	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Motion to begin mitigation efforts with a May 26 <sup>th</sup> deadline	PASSED	Y	-	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Resolution No. 1640 – Authorizing the Purchase of Real Property from Crook County Parks and Recreation District	PASSED	Y	-	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Resolution No. 1641 – Authorizing the Assignment of the Purchase Agreement	PASSED	Y	-	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Adjourn Meeting	PASSED	Y	-	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

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