

COTTAGE GROVE CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
JULY 19, 2021

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Jeff Gowing called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

**ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

City Recorder Trudy Borrevik called the roll. The following were

PRESENT: Mayor Jeff Gowing, Councilors Candace Solesbee, Chalice Savage, Mike Fleck, Jon Stinnett, Greg Ervin and Kenneth Michael Roberts

ABSENT:

YOUTH  
REPRESENTATIVE:

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Richard Meyers, Assistant to the City Manager Jake Boone, City Recorder Trudy Borrevik, Public Works & Development Director Faye Stewart, Finance Director Roberta Likens and Police Chief Scott Shepherd

CITY ATTORNEY:

OTHERS PRESENT: Damien Sherwood – The Sentinel; Cameron Reiten, KNND Radio

**ITEMS ADDED TO THE AGENDA**

None

**APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

None

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILOR FLECK AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR ERVIN TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA.**

The vote on the motion was as follows:

VOTE	Councilor Roberts	Councilor Stinnett	Councilor Savage	Councilor Fleck	Councilor Solesbee	Councilor Ervin	Mayor Gowing
AYES	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
NAYS							
ABSTAIN							

**RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES**

None

**BUSINESS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL**

- (a) Request for Extraterritorial Extension of Water Service to 78518 Currin Blvd

Public Works & Development Director Faye Stewart said staff received a request from Bob Dickson and Brad Taylor for water service for 78518 Currin Blvd. He said the property is outside the City limits but inside the urban growth boundary. He explained that Municipal Code 18.05 allowed for extraterritorial extensions of water and sewer service. He said the property cannot be annexed at this time as the City limits isn't contiguous with the property. He said there was an inhabitable house on the property that was serviced by a well and septic system. He said the house had been torn down and the owners had applied for a building permit with Lane County. He said the property was too small to legally accommodate a well and septic tank under State law. He said the City main water line was within six feet running parallel to the property which met the requirements to receive City water service. He said all the homes in the area were served with City water, except two which included the property requesting service. He said the property owners had signed a Consent to Annex Agreement and would pay the necessary water system development and connection fees upon issuance of the permit.

**IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILOR FLECK AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR SOLESBEE THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE EXTRATERRITORIAL EXTENSION OF WATER SERVICE TO 78518 CURRIN BLVD AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN THE CONSENT TO ANNEX AGREEMENT**

The vote on the motion was as follows:

VOTE	Councilor Roberts	Councilor Stinnett	Councilor Savage	Councilor Fleck	Councilor Solesbee	Councilor Ervin	Mayor Gowing
AYES	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
NAYS							
ABSTAIN							

(b) Concerns from Council

Councilor Stinnett announced that he had been hired as the Project Manager/Interim Director of Downtown Cottage Grove. He said he would be in charge of the reauthorization of the group and would recuse himself as a Councilor from that process. He said he was incredibly excited to promote downtown Cottage Grove from surviving to thriving in the future. He was thrilled to see downtown so active with BMD and hoped to have more events downtown.

Councilor Roberts congratulated Jon. He thanked Cindy Weeldreyer and Don Williams and the BMD Board of Directors for what they put together last weekend. He said he talked with businesses on Main Street who reported how well they did financially. He commented about the Ore Cart races and said he thought it would grow into a big thing in the future.

Councilor Solesbee also congratulated BMD for a successful event and said she would like to see it continue downtown. She said in talking with businesses, everyone did great and normally BMD took away from downtown however this year it brought everyone downtown.

Councilor Solesbee said she had seen that Eugene had pre-approved accessory dwelling unit plans for two occupants and would like to see something like that in Cottage Grove.

Mayor Gowing said it was going to be a tough decision for the BMD Board on what to do next year for BMD. He said the downtown businesses enjoyed having it downtown, however it was warmer with the pavement.

**BUSINESS FROM THE CITY MANAGER**

(a) Report from City Manager

City Manager Richard Meyers reported on several items:

- 1) Reminded Council to speak into the microphones for the recordings to pick them up.
- 2) BMD went smoothly with minimal issues and City staff was very pleased.
- 3) Rock, Roll & Rumble would be August 21<sup>st</sup> with the show and shine and cruise.
- 4) City utility tours Thursday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30 pm.

- 5) Eugene Symphony Monday, July 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. Lane County would be setting up their Vaccination Clinic and Food for Lane County would be collecting food.
- 6) City received an unexpected check from ODOT in the amount of \$152,000+ for loss revenue reimbursement for gas tax. He said the City would not need to do an inter-fund loan for the Safe Routes to School project.
- 7) The City has applied for a DLCD Grant to do an Affordable Housing Implementation Plan so staff was waiting to form an affordable housing committee until the end of September when the City should know if it received the grant.
- 8) The NLC City Summit Conference was November 18<sup>th</sup> to the 20<sup>th</sup> and registration was open. If any of the Council was interested in attending, contact the City Recorder.
- 9) Lane County was looking for members to serve on a Redistricting Committee to review the boundaries for the Lane County Commissioner positions. If any Councilors were interested let staff know.
- 10) The City Building Official, Jason Bush, was contacting the City of Eugene to see if Cottage Grove could use their approved ADU plans.
- 11) July 28<sup>th</sup> was the first “Coffee on the Corner” with the Chamber of Commerce at Covered Bridge Brewing at 8:00 am. He said it would be a round table discussion to talk about what kind of educational programs to do in forums from the Chamber.
- 12) July 21<sup>st</sup> the City would be having chip sealing done on Gateway Blvd. between E. Main Street and Harvey and the street would be closed for a short periods of time.
- 13) July 26<sup>th</sup> the City would be closing Gateway Street from E. Main Street to Coop Court and July 27<sup>th</sup> from Coop Court to Harvey for four to eight hours while a liquid road was installed on top of the chip sealing. He said staff had provided notices for the apartments, houses and businesses at the shopping center advising them of the closures. He said staff would also be putting up electronic reader boards tomorrow advising citizens of the closures.

Councilor Roberts asked if the company doing the work was local.

Faye said Lane County did the work, however it was bigger firms traveling throughout the Northwest. He said the firm the City hired was doing work in Florence, Springfield, Creswell and several other jurisdictions.

Faye provided a report on the City’s water usage. He said the local reservoirs weren’t nowhere near where they normally were. He said the City’s intake was on the Row River. He said last month 33 cubic feet per minute of water was going into Dorena Reservoir and 197 cubic feet per minute was being released which had since been reduced to 100 cubic feet. He said the reservoirs were at 60% capacity. He said at this time the water treatment plant was operating at normal

capacity. He said if the State were to declare a reduction in use based on fish purposes, the City would still be lower than what the City was permitted. He said there was a chlorine shortage however the supply had since been stabilized.

Councilor Fleck asked if the low water flows could be a potential for blue/green algae that would affect the plant.

Faye said the City was on a list and tested for blue/green algae starting in April throughout the summer. He said because the lake was lower, staff wasn't seeing the algae blooms that had been seen in the past.

Faye said one thing that had been a challenge for the water treatment plant during low water periods was receiving more particulates and organic matter which could be algae, dirt or various different things that were in the water. He said there had been a slight taste and odor issue with the water and staff was working hard to balance the flocculants used in the treatment process to minimize any differences in odor and taste.

Richard said at the wastewater treatment plant, water was being discharged into the effluent pond. He said staff would be looking into installing a fire hydrant or some source for fire departments to connect to and use the effluent for firefighting. He said water in fire trucks was not drinkable so having effluent wasn't an issue, it was cleaner than the river.

Faye said for a short time frame the City could install a pump and fill tankers from the banks of the pond but staff was going to install a hydrant. He said the Fire Marshal had communicated with agencies who had helicopters that the effluent pond was large enough to dip buckets in. He said currently there was eight million gallons of effluent in the pond.

Councilor Roberts asked about future plans if drought conditions continue.

Faye commented about options the City had and how the City worked with other cities and agencies in backup treatment plant options. He said the City had a ground water well that could also be looked into as a backup. He said there were things the City was working on, but to say if the City would be prepared he would be hesitant to say if something drastic happened this next year, The City would be ready, however the City was doing its best.

Richard said there was also legislative things that had been where use could be curtailed and do conservation to reduce the amount of use that was on the system and restrict that. He said the other potential was to take effluent and bring to the water treatment plant to process.

Councilor Roberts asked about additional reservoirs.

Faye said staff was working on perfecting three sites, one on the east side and two on the west side of town. He said the purchase of the east side site was almost complete and would be going through the design process.

## BUSINESS FROM CITY ATTORNEY

(a) Report from City Attorney

None.

Mayor Gowing said for those who hadn't heard, Garland Burback's wife, Darlene, passed away over the weekend. He said it would be a great loss to their family and she was a wonderful lady who would be missed dearly.

Mayor Gowing read a prepared statement and recessed the meeting at 7:35 pm to go into executive session.

Council reconvened at 8:21 pm.

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Gowing adjourned the regular meeting of the City Council at 8:22 pm.

The next regular City Council Meeting will be held August 9, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

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Trudy Borrevik, City Recorder

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Jeffrey D. Gowing, Mayor