

City of Lafayette
City Council Meeting Minutes
July 12, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Pagella called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.
2. **FLAG SALUTE:** Mayor Pagella led the flag salute.
3. **ROLL CALL:** Angela Speier, Assistant City Administrator called the roll.
Present: Chris Pagella, David Sword, Chris Harper, Wade Witherspoon
Absent: Marie Sproul (excused), Doug Cook (excused), Stan Kosmicki (excused)
City Staff Present: Preston Polasek, City Administrator; Angela Speier, Assistant City Administrator
Others: Martha Penhall, YCAP-Wascher Friday Family Food Program; Pat Clancy, PFM; Beth Karecki, Your Community Mediators; Heather Hunter, Champion Team; Don and Janice Leard, Lafayette Food Pantry; Christine Brungardt; Travis Johnson; Samantha Moorhead; Michelle Graham; Georgann Percival, Homeward Bound Pets; Marcy McDowell, Homeward Bound Pets; Deputy Sean Sato, Yamhill County Sheriff's Office; Belinda Russell, Provoking Hope; Rick Meyer
4. **REPORT FROM YAMHILL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE:** Deputy Sean Sato reported that there were a number of illegal fireworks that occurred around town over the July 4th holiday. He said that Deputy McMahon did cite two juveniles for graffiti offenses, but it is still occurring. He said that the best way to deter it is to clean it off quickly, which sends the message that the community is not going to put up with it.
5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Councilor Harper made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 14, 2018 City Council meeting. Councilor Sword seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously (3-0).
6. **ADDITIONS TO OR DELETIONS FROM AGENDA:** None.
7. **CITIZEN INPUT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** None.
8. **ACTION ITEMS:**
 - a. **Community Grant Allocations for FY 2019**

Mayor Pagella welcomed the agencies in attendance who applied for the City's Community Grant Program. He asked that the agency representatives briefly explain their organization and how it helps the Lafayette community.

Heather Hunter, Executive Director of Champion Team explained that Champion Team is a drop-in center for people with mental diversity. She said that they try to care for a person's basic needs first, making sure that they have food, clothing, water, and dental needs met. Part of the grant request is to hold a BBQ in Lafayette to do more outreach in the community.

Georgann Percival and Marcy McDowell are board members for Homeward Bound Pets. Homeward Bound Pets opened the first low cost spay and neuter clinic in Yamhill County. This clinic has allowed Homeward Bound Pets to also serve dogs not just cats, an informational brochure about their services was distributed. The clinic has lower prices for individuals that qualify for government assistance and for animal rescue/shelters located in Yamhill County.

Janice Leard with the Lafayette Food Pantry described the challenges that they are facing with their building. The pantry has been shut down for several months due to a rodent problem. They are hoping to re-open in September. This grant will help the pantry purchase meat for the food boxes.

Belinda Russell, Operations Coordinator with Provoking Hope thanked Council for their past support. She handed out information about their support groups and programs that Provoking Hope offers to people in recovery. The grant request is to help with the cost of producing educational materials. Councilor Sword inquired about the training requirements to become a certified mentor. Ms. Russell said the mentors go through 40 hours of training, once that is passed and they are clean for two years they can obtain a license through the state. Then every two years they are required to be recertified. They currently have 17 certified mentors. The director is a pastor, but they offer both faith-based and evidence-based classes depending on what the individual is comfortable with.

Martha Penhall, Food Bank Manager with Yamhill Community Action Partnership (YCAP) spoke about YCAP's Friday Family Food Program at Wascher Elementary. There are about 40 children that participate in the program during the school year. These students receive a bag of food that is designed to feed their entire family two planned meals over the weekend.

Beth Karecki is a board member for Your Community Mediators of Yamhill County (YCM). She distributed a letter that describes the program and how it has helped Lafayette residents. Ms. Karecki explained a new program called Truancy Court where YCM provides mediation between students and their parents. She also encouraged people to become mediators and sign up for their training at George Fox taking place October 18 – November 3, 2018.

Mayor Pagella thanked everyone for attending and explaining their programs. Council discussed the 11 grant applications and amounts to be awarded. Councilor Harper moved to disburse \$9,750 in City grants to the agencies below for fiscal year 2019. Councilor Sword seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously (3-0).

• Champion Team	\$500
• Cub Scouts Pack #284	\$280
• Girl Scout Troop #10219	\$420
• Homeward Bound Pets	\$950
• Lafayette Food Pantry	\$1,600
• Provoking Hope	\$1,000
• Shakey Paw Pet Foundation	\$500
• Wascher PTA	\$500
• YCAP: Wascher Food Program	\$2,000
• <u>Your Community Mediators</u>	<u>\$2,000</u>
	\$9,750

b. Resolution 2018-16, November 2018 Ballot Title to Construct a Fire Station

Preston Polasek noted that approving a ballot title is the first step in the process of putting a measure on the ballot. Resolution 2018-16 authorizes the City to refer a \$5.2 million general obligation bond to the voters during the November 2018 General Election, the ballot title is attached as Exhibit A. Council will be considering an explanatory statement for the Voters' Pamphlet at the August City Council meeting.

Mr. Polasek introduced Pat Clancy, Municipal Advisor who has provided the estimates on the bond levy amount based on three scenarios. Staff is recommending that Council consider the 30-year estimated bond rate which would amount to \$0.97 per \$1,000 assessed valuation. Mr. Clancy explained that these estimates are based on the current value and an assumed three percent annual growth in assessed value. The tax rate estimate would go down with new building activity, because more properties would be paying into the bond levy. This assessment is a conservative estimate and assumes no new construction. Mr. Clancy described the steps for the bond sale, if the measure were to pass. Staff explained the difference between assessed value and the real market value of a home, which on average the assessed value is approximately 50-55 percent of a home's real market value. Councilor Witherspoon voiced his concern that the ballot title doesn't really express the need for a fire station. Staff said that due to the word count limits for the ballot title, the deficiencies of the current station can be better described in the explanatory statement.

Councilor Harper moved to approve Resolution 2018-16, November 2018 Ballot Title to construct and equip a Fire Station. Councilor Sword seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously (3-0).

c. LOC Survey of Oregon Legislative Priorities for 2019

The League of Oregon Cities is asking its members to vote on their top four and bottom four legislative priorities for the 2019 legislative session. Council discussed the 29 priorities that were included in the survey and which ones they think would make the biggest and least impact to Lafayette. Council decided to forward the following top four priorities for the 2019 LOC legislative agenda: A) 9-1-1 tax; M) mental health investment; O) PERS reform; T) right-of-way and franchise fee authority. As well as, the following bottom four priorities for the LOC 2019 legislative agenda: F) Carbon Cap-and-Invest Program adoption; L) lodging tax definition broadening; X) speed limit methodology; Z) tobacco taxes share increase.

Councilor Sword moved to forward the eight priorities as discussed. Councilor Harper seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously (3-0).

9. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

- a. Public Works:** Mayor Pagella encouraged greater oversight of park maintenance prior to community events. Mr. Polasek directed Council attention to the new Terry Park sign that was on display in the Council Chambers and noted that the company that made it was featured in the paper. He said that the fence at Veteran's Park was installed and repairs were made to the fence at Joel Perkins Park. A large, dead tree was removed at Joel Perkins Park.
- b. Fire:** The Pancake Breakfast on July 4th was well attended again this year. There was the same number of people served as last year, but the fire report in the packet didn't include debit/credit payments. So the total dollar amount raised was higher than last year and set a new record. There was 95 bikes entered into the decorating contest and the picnic at the park was very well attended. Mayor Pagella praised staff for their hard work on the successful July 4th event.
- c. Administration:** Mr. Polasek noted that Terry Lucich, Fire Chief gave a presentation to the Yamhill County Emergency Preparedness Group regarding fire prevention today. The presentation was well received. Located at the Council stations is a copy of letters from Mayor Pagella to the Planning Commission and Budget Committee thanking them for their hard work this year. Staff will continue to advertise for the vacant positions on the Planning Commission and Budget Committee. Mr. Polasek announced that Angela Speier will be leaving employment

with Lafayette and has accepted a position with the City of Silverton. The Council recognized Mr. Speier's good work by giving her a standing ovation.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

11. COUNCILOR'S REPORTS: None.

12. MAYOR'S REPORT: None.

13. ADJOURNMENT: Councilor Harper made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Sword seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (3-0) and the meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Minutes approved on 9th day of August, 2018.

CERTIFIED:



Chris Pagella, Mayor

ATTESTED:



Preston Polasek, City Administrator