



CITY OF PRINEVILLE
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City Council Meeting Brief
January 25, 2022

Council Members Present:

Patricia Jungmann
Steve Uffelman
Janet Hutchison
Gail Merritt

Jason Beebe
Ray Law
Jeff Papke

Council Members Absent

None.

Additions to the Agenda

The Executive Session will be prior to adjournment and then Council will come back into open session.

Consent Agenda

1. Regular Meeting Brief 1-11-2022
2. PD Property Conversion
3. Wild Ride Brewing Liquor License Application

Councilor Jungmann made a motion to approve consent agenda as presented. Eric Klann, City Engineer explained that Councilor Hutchison wanted to talk about the consent agenda and is currently dialing in. Discussion regarding Wild Ride Brewing and that they are providing entertainment until 10:00 PM and disturbing residences along there. Josh Smith, Planning Director explained that the building should act as a buffer. Discussions continued regarding ordinances for noise. Mr. Smith explained we have nuisance and noise ordinances to address any complaints on a case by case basis, and that they went through a land use process and didn't receive any comments. Motion seconded. No further discussion on motion. Motion carried.

Visitors, Appearances and Requests:

Mayor Beebe read the written comments process for virtual meetings into the record.

No written comments were received for the record.

Council Presentations

4. Crook County Health Department (CCHD)– Katie Plumb, CCHD Public Health Director

Ms. Plumb went over case counts and trends and Crook County specific data as well as the region. Ms. Plumb reported on the Omicron variant and what they have been doing in response to the current situations. There were 5,467 new cases reported in last week for Central Oregon, the last variant was over 1100 at one point, and this is a drastic increase. We are expected to peak next week. When we hear the Portland area is peaking we generally have about a week to go. Last week in Crook County was 531 cases in one week, Omicron is likely to be upper respiratory, not likely to include the no taste, no smell and no fever. It usually includes a sore throat and cough. The symptoms are tracking with prior variants.

Ms. Plumb talked about partnering with endocrinologists. All other regions seem to be on the rise, as well as hospitalizations in the state. There were 73 COVID-19 positive patients in ICU as of this morning. We are still seeing people in the hospital. Individuals might have a mild experience with it and overall might be, but it still serious and noted shorter length of stays in hospitals.

This variant is creating a lot of turnaround in hospitals. It is still affecting hospital by getting people in and out. Ms. Plumb went over previous ER visits, and had 726 in Sept and in January is expecting over 1,200 visits. It is shifting on how our hospitals respond.

Still large emphasis on prevention. Prevention is showing evidence of avoiding severe symptoms. There are several locations in town that are offering vaccines, face masks, and are partnering regionally for testing. We are ensuring access to treatment which has shown largely ineffective to omicron. Services have expanded to include Prineville so now people don't have to go all the way to Bend for certain services.

Ms. Plumb thanked partners in Central Oregon and across the state. Everyone is shifting resources to serve congregate areas such as schools, senior services etc. The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) has launched a new website to help people who have tested positive, since local health no longer reaches out to those who have tested positive. CCHD will also be here for support if needed.

Steve Forester, City Manager thanked Ms. Plumb for sending out regular updates and to please keep it up.

5. EDCO Presentation – Kelsey Lucas / Bryan Iverson

Kelsey Lucas, Prineville EDCO Director provided an update for 2021 with a power point presentation that highlighted: specific development, land inventory and enterprise zone businesses. Ms. Lucas talked about the drivers in Crook County for development and the funding structure for Prineville EDCO. The update continued with the population growth and creation of 947 new jobs.

Ms. Lucas continued with the lead generation, virtual career fairs and strategic planning. The top employers in Crook County, employment levels, impact of COVID on industries, and current unemployment rates hitting pre-pandemic levels.

Bryan Iverson, Downtown Association President provided a downtown update and talked about connectivity between other sectors. More businesses are opening up downtown. Hoping to break ground on the arch way made of timber and metal that would span sidewalk to sidewalk and will be completely paid for without tax dollars.

Ms. Lucas and Mr. Iverson thanked the Council and city for their continued investment in Prineville.

Council Business

6. Council Committee Appointments Annual Review – Mayor Beebe

Mayor Beebe explained he hadn't received any requests from anyone wanting any changes so the appointments will remain the same unless someone has a comment or request now.

There were none.

Staff Reports and Requests:

7. City Manager's Report– Steve Forrester

Mr. Forrester explained that Mr. Klann, City Engineer has led the team to look at a very large development, and that we are currently working under a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA) and will report more when able. The Railroad picked up additional lumber to move out of California to Central Oregon and could potentially be a significant addition to the Railroad. The written City Manager report with department highlights will begin again on February 8th.

There were no questions or comments.

Committee Reports

Councilor Uffelman, attended a CREA meeting a couple of weeks ago and there is not a lot to report except for the need of infrastructure for electric vehicles especially trucks and inadequate charging sites to meet demands as state is pushing for electric vehicles.

Councilor Uffelmann added that with the transportation of rail cars increasing the state needs to step up and improve safety of drivers from Elliot.

Councilor Hutchison, attended an Ochoco Forest Collaboration (OFC) meeting and they will still be working remotely. OFC will be receiving money and Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council (COIC) sent letter to them regarding how they are not going to support OFC moving forward. COIC explained that it is not the highest and best use to continue to be a contracted facilitator for OFC effective in March. COIC has already discontinued support for Deschutes Forest Collaborative effective January.

Councilor Jungmann, announced that NeighborImpact has an open board position for Crook County. Look on line and all of the information is there to apply.

There were no other committee reports.

Ordinances:

8. Ordinance No. 1273 – Granting OTC a Telecommunications Franchise (SECOND PRESENTATION) – Jered Reid

Jered Reid, City Attorney explained that this has been posted online since the first presentation and it would become effective 30 days after second presentation.

Councilor Hutchison made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1273 for its second presentation. Motion seconded. No discussion on motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Resolutions:

None.

Visitors, Appearances and Requests

No written comments were received.

Jered Reid, City Attorney read the executive session script into the record and explained the logistics regarding signing into executive session and reconvening to open session following.

Meeting went into Executive Session pursuant to ORS 192.660 (2)(i) & 192.660 (8) – Evaluate Performance of an Officer, Employee or Staff Member at 7:10 P.M. with a five minute recess.

Meeting reconvened to open session at 8:00 P.M.

Councilor Hutchison made a motion for approval of a 5% CPI increase and \$25,000 bonus to City Manager, Steve Forrester to be paid before the end of January. Motion seconded.

There were discussions to clarify that the 5% increase would increase Mr. Forrester's annual salary to \$161,629. All in favor, motion carried.

Adjourn

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

Motions and Outcomes:

Motion:	Outcome	Beebe	Hutchison	Jungmann	Law	Merritt	Papke	Uffelman
Consent Agenda	PASSED	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	-	Y
Ordinance No. 1273 – Granting OTC a Telecommunications Franchise (SECOND PRESENTATION)	PASSED	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Motion for approval of a 5% CPI increase and \$25,000 bonus to City Manager, Steve Forrester to be paid before the end of January	PASSED	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Adjourn Meeting	PASSED	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

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