



CITY OF PRINEVILLE
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City Council Meeting Brief
June 24, 2025

Council Members Present:

Scott Smith
Marv Sumner
Steve Uffelman
Janet Hutchison

Jason Beebe
Shane Howard
Jerry Brummer

Council Members Absent

None.

Mayor Beebe stated that the Council felt they had enough information over the last couple of months to bring Ordinance 1300 & 1301 back to make a decision. The public hearing has been closed, and he would like to have the ordinances moved to the top of the agenda, since there is a lot of business for the Council to consider this evening. Visitors and Appearances will be limited to three minutes per person, and a timer will be used to ensure we stay on track.

Additions to the Agenda

Ordinances will be moved on the agenda to be considered right after the Dispatch Promotion Recognition (Item 2).

Consent Agenda

1. Regular Meeting Brief 6-10-2025

Councilor Sumner made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion seconded. No discussion on motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Visitors, Appearances, and Requests

Pam Tano, a Prineville resident, said there should be a correction to the 6-10-2025 minutes since all of her questions were not answered, and documents have not been made available.

Julie Thompson – Green Valley Road, a county resident, explained that most people don't want a biomass, but those who voted on location picked the landfill. Ms. Thompson asked if the grant money received would have to be paid back if the biomass project didn't go through.

Caroline Ervin, Director of Strategy & Economic Development, explained that the grant funds do not have to be returned.

Ms. Thompson talked about water well testing in the county not being done, Knife River, and that nothing has happened yet.

Ken Smith, NW Peppermint Lane, a county resident, is surprised at the \$2M that has been spent and that is a heck of a lot of money. Who says it is going to work out?

Adam Milkulski, a county resident, talked about the community and there being quite a few houses up for sale. A lot of folks are concerned about the county and water issues.

No one else came forward.

Council Presentations

2. Dispatch Promotion Recognition of Katie Kemper – Chief Profio

Chief Profio re-introduced Katie Kemper, who was just promoted to Dispatch Director, and provided background information on her career. In October 2024, Katie became Interim Dispatch Director.

The Chief talked about Katie's personal interests and professional training, adding that she will be teaching at COCC.

Ordinances:

3. Ordinance No. 1300 – Amendment to the City's Comprehensive Plan to Update Chapter 2 and 5 – Josh Smith

Josh Smith, Planning Director, provided a workshop summary, explaining that the Council had agreed they had enough information to bring back the ordinances.

Councilor Uffelman said we have heard all the community comments, but as Council, we have not discussed it among each other. He is not in favor and feels we could take a look at the Employment Opportunity Analysis (EOA) and that we should not approve Ordinance 1300 at this time, though he is in favor of biomass.

Councilor Howard said that the city and county have identified that more industrial land is needed because we lost a good chunk of industrial land with the re-zoning of the Ochoco Mill area. We have invested a lot of money and time. We have to be in a position for the future.

Dams are being removed along with the power they produce, and we have to do something. We have lost almost 2,000,000 acres to wildfire. He is supporting Ordinances 1300 & 1301.

Councilor Sumner asked about the new information we have and whether it might change the EOA.

Josh Smith explained that this has to be done, but we have new information that can be addressed. The proposed EOA is rail-centric and up on the hill, doesn't have rail. We can do a better, defensible document by taking a step back.

Councilor Sumner said that he agrees with Councilor Uffelman and talked about the research he did regarding the statement made about lawsuits against the Eugene plant at the last meeting, and there are none. He is in favor of both Ordinances 1300 & 1301.

Councilor Hutchison talked about the consultant being able to update the EOA and thinks it could be updated to have a more defensible document, and would like to see it brought back. She is not in favor of Ordinance 1300. As far as Ordinance 1301, it is a no at its present location.

Discussions continued regarding the industrial land on top of the hill and running a rail line up.

Councilor Smith feels the same way as Councilors Uffelman and Hutchison. Councilor Smith talked about when people were working out in the forest, and if there was a fire, they got on it and took care of it because they didn't want to see anything going up in flames. Councilor Smith said that there has been a lot of misinformation, here in person and on social media. He knows for a fact that if anyone was to ask Mr. Forrester that he could arrange a tour. He is in favor of biomass. It's a shame of all the misinformation and the spreading of it. He would like to take the opportunity to re-evaluate the EOA and move forward from there.

Discussions continued regarding the cost of developing a rail spur, the benefits of a spur, a spur being a long-term infrastructure benefit, and power benefiting the community. The EOA only identifies and justifies the need of industrial land. If there was contamination at the landfill area and they couldn't identify where the contamination was coming from, they could shut down the landfill. A rail spur would be a long process and probably would require a feasibility study.

Mayor Beebe said it would be easier and cleaner to step back from Ordinance 1300 and update. He is not in favor of the UGB area proposed, but is in favor of biomass and would like to see if the water usage could be mitigated. He is here to serve the citizens of Prineville and listen to county residents.

Jered Reid, City Attorney, clarified how to make a motion on the Ordinance, and that if Ordinance No. 1300 fails, Ordinance No. 1301 is moot and can't even be brought to a vote.

Councilor Howard made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1300. Motion seconded. No discussion on motion, motion failed.

**4. Ordinance No. 1301 – Amendment to the City’s Comprehensive Plan Map
Expanding the UGB – Josh Smith**

This ordinance was deemed moot by Ordinance No. 1300 failing to pass, and was not brought to a vote.

Council Business:

None.

Staff Reports and Requests:

5. City Manager’s Report – Steve Forrester

Mr. Forrester presented his manager’s report highlighting the activity of each department.

There were no questions.

Council Reports

Councilor Sumner talked about his service on the COIC Committee and that he was invited to be a member of the loan committee. There are funds available to businesses that might not be able to otherwise obtain funding. What he saw is that not enough people know about these resources which can be found online.

No further reports.

Resolutions:

**6. Resolution No. 1620 – Approving a Rate Increase for Solid Waste Franchisee
Services – Steve Forrester**

Mr. Forrester talked about the prior Council meeting and the Council settling on a 5% increase.

There were discussions regarding looking at their financials again in six months to evaluate, making sure they are staying on track, service, costs outside of their control, such as tipping and fuel.

Councilor Uffelman made a motion to approve Resolution No. 1620. Motion seconded. No discussion on motion. All in favor, motion carried.

**7. Resolution No. 1621 – Adopting a Supplemental Budget & Making Budget
Appropriations for BN 2023-2025 (PUBLIC HEARING) – Lori Hooper Antram**

Mayor Beebe opened the public hearing portion of the meeting.

Lori Hooper Antram, Finance Director, went through the resolution explaining why the resolution is necessary and that these expenses are being reimbursed.

There were no questions.

No one came forward to testify, no one was on the phone, and no written comments were received.

Mayor Beebe closed the public hearing portion of the meeting.

Councilor Smith made a motion to approve Resolution No. 1621. Motion seconded. No discussion on motion. All in favor, motion carried.

8. Resolution No. 1622 – Approving Appropriation Adjustments to the BN 2023-2025 Budget for the Fourth Quarter of the Second Fiscal Year – Lori Hooper Antram

Mrs. Hooper Antram explained the purpose of the resolution and added that the title has been corrected to read the fourth quarter, not the first quarter.

Councilor Sumner asked about personnel services.

Councilor Hutchison made a motion to approve Resolution No. 1622. Motion seconded. No discussion on motion. All in favor, motion carried.

9. Resolution No. 1623 – Adopting Budget and Making Appropriations for BN 2025-2027 (PUBLIC HEARING) – Lori Hooper Antram

Mayor Beebe opened the public hearing portion of the meeting.

Mrs. Hooper Antram explained that this resolution is necessary to adopt the budget.

There were no questions from the Council.

No one came forward to testify. No one was on the phone, and no written comments were received.

Mayor Beebe closed the public hearing portion of the meeting.

Councilor Uffelman made a motion to approve Resolution No. 1623. Motion seconded. No discussion on motion. All in favor, motion carried.

10. Resolution No. 1624 – Imposing and Categorizing Taxes for the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year of the Biennial 2027 Budget – Lori Hooper Antram

Mrs. Hooper Antram explained that the budget committee approved the tax rate. There are two resolutions, one for each fiscal year.

There were no questions from the Council.

Councilor Smith made a motion to approve Resolution No. 1624. Motion seconded. No discussion on motion. All in favor, motion carried.

11. Resolution No. 1625 – Imposing and Categorizing Taxes for the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year of the Biennial 2027 Budget – Lori Hooper Antram

There were no questions from the Council.

Councilor Hutchison made a motion to approve Resolution No. 1625. Motion seconded. No discussion on motion. All in favor, motion carried.

12. Resolution No. 1626 – Declaring the City of Prineville’s Election to Receive State Revenue Sharing (PUBLIC HEARING) – Lori Hooper Antram

Mayor Beebe opened the public hearing portion of the meeting.

Mrs. Hooper Antram explained that this has to be approved each fiscal year with the Budget Committee and the Council.

There were no questions from the Council.

No one came forward to testify, no one was on the phone, and no written comments were received.

Mayor Beebe closed the public hearing portion of the meeting.

Councilor Brummer made a motion to approve Resolution No. 1626. Motion seconded. No discussion on motion. All in favor, motion carried.

13. Resolution No. 1627 – Establishing Fees and Charges for the City of Prineville Fiscal Year 2025-2026 (PUBLIC HEARING) – Lori Hooper Antram

Mayor Beebe opened the public hearing portion of the meeting.

Mrs. Hooper Antram explained that this resolution is to establish fees for services.

There were discussions regarding the riparian fee and it not actually being used.

Pam Tano, a Prineville resident, had questions regarding the fees for public records, stating that she still doesn’t understand the billing.

No one else came forward to testify. No one was on the phone, and no written comments were received.

Mayor Beebe closed the public hearing portion of the meeting.

Councilor Hutchison made a motion to approve Resolution No. 1627. Motion seconded. No discussion on motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Visitors, Appearances, and Requests:

James Peterson, a county resident, came forward. Talked about when he worked for the city and talked about the projects that were moved forward. He talked about his project for putting lights along the bike path, and little did he know about all of the people that would be affected by putting in lights. Getting buy-in on projects for transparency and effective communication. Challenges are an opportunity, and needing buy-in.

Adam Milkulski, a county resident, appreciated James Peterson's speech. Wants to know where we are going from here and how we are going to get it out to the public.

Mayor Beebe talked about the process and how we could move forward, learning how to do it better, and he is open to suggestions.

Councilor Smith agreed with the Mayor and getting more information out there. However, when we do get information out there, we are called liars, so what do you do with that?

Josh Smith, Planning Director, said the EOA is a technical data document, and it doesn't do anything but just justify the need, and is just a city document. The UGB expansion would involve public involvement.

Julie Thompson, a county resident, said signing up for the emails works great.

Councilor Hutchison thanked everyone for coming up.

Pam Tano, a Prineville resident, talked about Lane County, the Seneca plant, trucking, and she is still looking for a list of documents. Talked about putting documents online, agenda items should be put online, and traffic study software programs and training.

Ashley McCormack, Hidden Valley Road, a county resident, talked about her bad water and that one test doesn't do anything.

No one else came forward.

Adjourn

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 P.M.

Motions and Outcomes:

Motion:	Outcome	Beebe	Brummer	Howard	Hutchison	Smith	Sumner	Uffelman
Consent Agenda as Presented	PASSED	Y	-	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Ordinance No. 1300 – Amendment to the City’s Comprehensive Plan to Update Chapters 2 and 5	FAILED	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	N
Ordinance No. 1301 – Amendment to the City’s Comprehensive Plan Map Expanding the UGB	NOT CONSIDERED	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Resolution No. 1620 – Approving a Rate Increase for Solid Waste Franchisee Services	PASSED	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Resolution No. 1621 – Adopting a Supplemental Budget & Making Budget Appropriations for BN 2023-2025 (PUBLIC HEARING)	PASSED	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Resolution No. 1622 – Approving Appropriation Adjustments to the BN 2023-2025 Budget for the Fourth Quarter of the Second Fiscal Year	PASSED	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Resolution No. 1623 – Adopting Budget and Making Appropriations for BN 2025-2027 (PUBLIC HEARING)	PASSED	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Resolution No. 1624 – Imposing and Categorizing Taxes for the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year of the Biennial 2027 Budget	PASSED	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Resolution No. 1625 – Imposing and Categorizing Taxes for the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year of the Biennial 2027 Budget	PASSED	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Resolution No. 1626 – Declaring the City of Prineville’s Election to Receive State Revenue Sharing (PUBLIC HEARING)	PASSED	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Resolution No. 1627 – Establishing Fees and Charges for the City of Prineville Fiscal Year 2025-2026 (PUBLIC HEARING)	PASSED	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Adjourn Meeting	PASSED	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

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