



CITY OF EAGLE POINT

"Gateway to the Lakes"

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JOINT MEETING MINUTES
OF THE
CITY OF EAGLE POINT CITY COUNCIL
AND
JACKSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 9 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Ashpole Community Center
17 Buchanan Ave. South, Eagle Point, Oregon
August 11, 2015

1. CALL TO ORDER – 6:00 P.M.

Mayor Russell called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Council Members present: Bob Russell, Jonathan Bilden, Wayne Brown, Bill Fierke, Ruth Jenks, Aaron Prunty and Kathy Sell.

Staff Members present: Henry Lawrence, City Administrator; Robert Miller, Public Works Director; Melissa Owens, Finance Officer; Vern Thompson, Police Chief; Mike Upston, Planning Director; and Cindy Hughes, City Recorder.

Jackson County School District 9 Board of Directors present: Scott Grissom, Nita Lundberg, Ana Mannenbach, and Dianne Mihocko.

Jackson County School District 9 Cabinet Members present: Cynda Rickert, Superintendent; Allen Barber, Human Resources Director; and Scott Whitman, IT and Operations Director.

Guests: A member of the press.

2. CITY UPDATE – 6:05 P.M.

Henry Lawrence, City Administrator, provided details about how to obtain City government news through the Friday Letter, available on the City's website. Next, Mr. Lawrence discussed the City's prudent financial strategies, staffing, and services such as police protection and infrastructure for the immediate needs and future growth of the City. Staff joined in the update which focused on the following highlights:

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- Finance Department - paying down debt to position the City to complete needed projects.
- Public Works - projects such as the water tank upgrade, downtown pedestrian street lights, and pavement maintenance program including the Linn Road Improvement Project and many others.
- Police Department - State accreditation ranking in top 20% of State; fully staffed with Officer Anselmi back in time for the new school year; and police fleet replacement.
- Planning Department - evaluation and planning for Urban Reserve Growth areas.
- Parks Department - upcoming completion of Lucas Park, design for new spray park in downtown area, tennis courts, and joint efforts with the YMCA to offer youth programs.

A brief discussion followed with much enthusiasm expressed for the City's progress.

3. SCHOOL DISTRICT UPDATE – 6:25 P.M.

Cynda Rickert, Superintendent of Jackson County School District 9, shared the District's efforts toward promoting student and staff success. Staff also joined in the update which focused on the following highlights:

- Attention to attendance initiative to remove attendance barriers and create a culture of students showing up.
- Academia Aguilitas Pre-School, a new dual language pre-school program in White City.
- All students and teachers learning and using iPad technology.
- Recent legislature adopting a healthy funding increase over previous years, allowing for programs to be added back that had been previously cut.
- A conservative financial strategy with attention to facility maintenance and needed improvements to facilities such as the Outback gym and high school student restrooms.
- Teacher and staff recruitment shrewdly initiated last year for the Kindergarten program, and recruitment this year of many excellent veteran teachers and administrators. However, a housing shortage in the area was reported but it is anticipated that the housing supply will increase soon.
- Creating career and college pathways for students.
- Anonymous tip line.

4. OPEN FORUM – 6:45 P.M.


Chief Thompson provided a brief overview of a sexual assault awareness program that could become available at the high school. More information about that program will be provided at future meeting with the School District.

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5. ADJOURN – 6:55 P.M.

There being no further business, Mayor Russell closed the meeting at 6:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Cindy Hughes, City Recorder

ATTEST:



Robert E. Russell, Mayor