

that the Finance and Judiciary Committee had discussed the issue of allowing chickens in the City limits, per a request from a citizen, and the Committee wanted that discussion to go to Council. He added that the code enforcement on chickens had been put on hold pending the outcome of that discussion, but staff would look to Council on whether they wanted staff to proceed with code enforcement on chickens.

The Council consensus was for staff to immediately enforce the current ordinance (code) that prohibited chickens.

Councilor Ceniga suggested providing education and talking to citizens on this prohibition before ticketing.

Mayor Ficek asked if a notice could be put in with the utility bills. Administrator Knope responded that he would work with Public Works on that.

Councilor Leach noted that code enforcement was complaint driven and once a complaint was filed, it was the City's job to take care of that.

Administrator Knope stated that based on the consensus tonight, staff would move forward with enforcement and also bring back a separate discussion from the Finance and Judiciary Committee on if the Council wanted to consider amending the City's Code to allow chickens. He added that this would be brought to the next regular Council meeting in September.

Kris Sherman, 23644 Hall Road, Cheshire, noted that she was excited about the events coming up in Junction City, including the Scandinavian Festival and City's 150th Birthday Celebration and thanked the Council for these events.

Kayla Erickson, 170 Irvington Drive, Eugene, stated that she and her husband Joel were looking to move to Junction City and were getting a feel for the town. She added that they were also considering starting a business here and hoped that their Revolving Loan Fund application would soon be before the Council.

5. Petersen Street Closure Request

Superintendent Tracer presented the request to close 13th Street between Oaklea and Tamarack for a street party on August 27, 2022 from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. The Community Development Committee reviewed on August 3, 2022 and recommended approval.

MOTION: Councilor Ceniga made a motion to approve the street closure request for the Petersen street party on August 27, 2022 as conditioned in Attachment B with the nonexclusive use of city streets for street closure from 6:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. The use of City streets will apply to the section of 13th Street between Oaklea and Tamarack. The motion was seconded by Councilor Thomas and passed by unanimous vote of the Councilors present: Thomas, Washburne, Ceniga, Leach, and Wells.

Councilor Gамbee joined the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

6. Frey Street Closure Request

Superintendent Tracer presented the request for two street closures on Saturday, September 17, 2022: 1. Close Deal Street from 5th to Dane Lane for a one mile run from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and 2. Close Front Street from 5th to 6th for a Fitness Fair from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. The Community Development Committee reviewed on August 3, 2022 and recommended approval.

MOTION: Councilor Leach made a motion to approve the Frey street closure request for Front Street and Deal Street on September 17, 2022 as conditioned in Attachment B with the nonexclusive use of City streets for street closure from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. The use of City streets will apply to the section of Front Street between 5th and 6th Street and Deal Street from 5th to Dane Lane. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wells and passed by unanimous vote of the Council – Thomas, Washburne, Ceniga, Gамbee, Leach, and Wells.

7. Lane County Deadly Force Plan

Administrator Knope presented the resolution to approve the amended Lane County Deadly Force Plan.

A. Resolution No. 1 – A Resolution Approving the Amended Lane County Deadly Force Plan.

MOTION: Councilor Washburne made a motion to approve Resolution No. 1. The motion was seconded by Councilor Ceniga and passed by unanimous vote of the Council – Thomas, Washburne, Ceniga, Gambee, Leach, and Wells.

8. **Garbage/Recycling Totes Plan**

Superintendent Tracer presented the request to purchase garbage, recycling, and yard debris totes. Staff requested bids from three vendors and two submitted quotes; staff recommended approving the General Equipment bid.

MOTION: Councilor Washburne made a motion to purchase the totes from General Equipment in the amount not to exceed \$21,740.00 and authorize the Public Works Director to sign the necessary documents. The motion was seconded by Councilor Leach and passed by unanimous vote of the Council – Thomas, Washburne, Ceniga, Gambee, Leach, and Wells.

Councilor Gambee left the meeting.

Mayor Ficek asked if Junction City was still one of the only cities in the state that provided garbage service. Superintendent Tracer responded that Junction City was one of two. He noted that Junction City was unique in that it was the only city that provided both garbage and recycling; the City of Milton-Freewater still provided garbage service.

9. **School Resource Officer Contract Discussion**

Chief Morris presented the contract between the City and School District for a School Resource Officer (SRO). The School District and Police Department saw the value of having a proactive and interactive relationship for this vital position, and the School Board approved contributing \$66,000 towards this position. Chief Morris noted that this funding would help the Police Department cover the cost for responses they were already providing at the schools. He added that one new police officer was sworn in today and two more potential officers were at the end of their background checks. Once all three were hired, the department would be at full staffing.

Mayor Ficek stated that the Council would love to meet the new officers. Chief Morris responded that he would have them attend a meeting.

Discussion followed that the three new officers would need to attend the academy, which was a 16-week program and the next available academy would be in October or later. It was also noted that after graduating from academy, the new officers would not be able to be out by themselves on patrol for a few months.

Council concerns were expressed with taking an officer off the streets and putting them into the schools, since there were currently only 6 fully trained officers. It was noted that there was already a lack of police presence in the community, and people were not getting stopped for running red lights and stop signs. Council members expressed support of the SRO position but did not want to pull an officer off community patrol for community safety reasons until the new officers had graduated from academy.

Administrator Knope noted that the Council consensus was clear that this would need to be tabled, and he would recommend waiting until next year, so the School District could budget and plan accordingly. He added that he wanted to make sure everyone understood that just because there was not an SRO position, the department would still be providing the same level of service for calls to the schools. In response to a comment on responding to calls, Administrator Knope noted that the SRO contract allowed the City to pull the SRO officer out of the schools if needed for a call during the school day.

Mayor Ficek asked staff to let the School District know to please bring this back to the City at a later date, when the City was in a better position.

10. **City Attorney Annual Report**

Attorney Connelly presented the second annual City Attorney Annual Report. The City and Local Government Law Group (LGLG) executed a contract on July 27, 2020, with a term through July 27, 2025.

Attorney Connelly reviewed the annual report, which included an overview of services they provided for the City from July 2021 through June 2022. Some highlights:

- Their office provided 315 hours of service, as opposed to 440 hours in the previous year.

- There was no litigation this year and they provided services for finance, franchises, general, personnel, planning, police, and public works.
- They had been providing legal services to the City for many years, so the institutional knowledge was a significant benefit to the City; Attorney Connelly's emails with the City dated back to 1999 and their firm provided legal services for many years prior to that time.
- LGLG had 8 attorneys. Brought on 3 new ones: Rebekah Dohrman, Lori Cooper, and Truman Stone. Mark Wolf became a partner with Attorney Connelly and Attorney Ross Williamson.
- Attorney Connelly reviewed the specific services listed in the report and noted that she had included the firm's resume in the Council packet. She stated that it was her honor and pleasure to serve with staff and thanked the Council for letting them continue in this capacity.

Mayor Ficek and Councilors thanked Attorney Connelly for LGLG's service to the City.

11. City's 150th Birthday Celebration

Mayor Ficek stated that the City's 150th Celebration was coming together, and she reviewed a proposed list of activities for the four-day event.

12. Council Agenda Forecaster

Administrator Knope presented the forecaster. He noted that Councilor Leach had submitted an agenda item request form to talk about the water system. The Council consensus was to discuss this at the September 27, 2022 Council Work Session. Administrator Knope added that the Council would be talking about Council goals at the August 23rd Council Work Session.

13. Committee Reports

Finance and Judiciary Committee. (August 4, 2022). Councilor Wells reported:

- Discussed animal issues and online credit card payment system.

Public Safety Committee. (July 28, 2022). Councilor Wells reported:

- Discussed the School Resource Officer position.

Community Development Committee. (August 3, 2022). Councilor Ceniga reported:

- Reviewed the street closures that were on this agenda.

14. Staff Reports

Superintendent Tracer reported: Public Works staff had been getting ready for the festival; the 13th and Elm Well had been repaired, and the tank levels were filling back up. Administrator Knope added that the tanks were at the 35/36 foot range, but a lot of water was needed for some deferred filter maintenance; once that was completed and the tank range was adequate, they would go from an Alert Stage 2 to Alert Stage 1.

Director Crocker reported: Finance was working on a payment system, and the Finance and Judiciary Committee had their first overview at their last meeting; out of 2300 utility customers, 1182 payments were made on the online system, which resulted in considerable processing costs to the City. Staff was also working on training and setting up for Tyler Software, which would be used citywide. City auditors would be onsite in a few weeks for the audit.

Administrator Knope reported: The City received a lot of comments, regarding the equipment failure for the 12th and Elm Well; one was why did the City not have spare parts on hand. Administrator Knope stated that the piece that blew up cost \$12,500 with a \$2,000 shipping fee. Having a well pump on hand would cost \$121,000 and unfortunately each well pump had its own independent characteristics; therefore, to have spare pumps on the shelf would cost \$600,000. He continued that for the water system discussion on September 27th, there would be many pieces to look at, including wells, infrastructure to storage tanks and elevated tanks, how many storage tanks should they have, what were the goals, how to finance, and looking at Water System Development Charges since they had not been updated in many years. He would have the City engineer and water rights representatives attend this work session. He added that at some point, the City could form an advisory committee similar to the Treatment Stakeholder Committee, to help formulate the strategy for water. Director Kaping was looking at used garbage trucks to replace the garbage truck that had been totaled. The Lane County Fleet Auction would be occurring next week and staff would be looking for three vehicles: one for Internal Services, one for an Administration Pool car, and one service truck that was budgeted last year and carried over to this year.

Mayor Ficek called for a break at 8:18 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 8:23 p.m.

Roy Rowlett asked what the plans were to address homeless parking in the city. Administrator Knope responded that the City was working on that right now, as some amendments were needed to the City's code to address state rule changes.

15. Previous Month's Expenditures.

Councilor Thomas asked if the jail was up and running, as there was a \$65 charge for jail laundry. Administrator Knope responded yes.

Councilor Washburne noted that the City was spending a lot on animal regulation supplies and referred to an expenditure from B and I. Administrator Knope responded that typically regulation expenses were for upkeep and maintenance of the City kennels.

Councilor Washburne asked why animals were not taken to Greenhill instead. Administrator Knope responded that the Public Safety Committee had this topic on their agenda forecaster to look at amending the City's Code, as the current code language specified that the dogs must be kept for a certain number of days. Councilor Leach added that \$700 was spent on animal regulation.

16. Councilor Comments/Questions

Councilor Thomas asked where the revenue for dogs that were adopted could be found in the budget. Administrator Knope responded that he and Director Crocker would look into this and provide that answer to the Council.

Councilor Ceniga thanked members of the audience for attending the meeting and thanked Public Works and other City staff for dropping off water curtailment notices door to door in the hot weather. She thanked everyone who followed the water curtailment notices and shared that each of the Council members had to follow those notices too.

Councilor Leach reiterated Councilor Ceniga's comments and shared that citizens were happy when information and updates were provided on the water issue. She noted that it was important to keep everyone updated. She expressed appreciation to City staff for handing out flyers door to door on such a hot day.

Councilor Wells expressed appreciation for the updates that Administrator Knope and others provided, as citizens were asking Council members questions. He noted that it was nice to be able to refer people to the City's website where updates were posted. The Council would be having a meeting to discuss water issues, and he invited the public to attend. He continued that after discussing the water issue, maybe they could talk about another area of concern such as roads. He expressed appreciation for all the comments that were provided by citizens tonight and encouraged citizens to continue to attend meetings and provide input, as the Council was there to serve them. He asked if they might refresh themselves on the ground rules for comments, such as stating name and address and having a time limit for sharing.

Attorney Connelly responded that the Council had adopted Council rules, which provided a five-minute limit for public comments.

17. Mayor's Comments

Mayor Ficek seconded all the Councilor comments and stated that she was very impressed with staff going door to door to deliver notices. She asked if staff had been able to look into the Lane ACT Criteria language on small cities. Administrator Knope responded that he intended to bring that information back to a future Council meeting; Mayor Ficek suggested adding that to the August 23, 2022 Council Work Session. Mayor Ficek gave an extra special thank you to the audience for attending the meeting.

18. Adjournment

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Kitty Vodrup, City Recorder

Beverly A. Ficek, Mayor