

CITY OF SUTHERLIN
City Council Meeting
Civic Auditorium
Monday, July 11, 2022 – 7:00pm

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Tom Boggs, Gary Dagele, Joe Groussman, Debbie Hamilton, Shawn Smalley and Larry Whitaker

MAYOR: Michelle Sumner

CITY STAFF: City Manager, Jerry Gillham
Finance Director, Tami Trowbridge
Deputy City Recorder, Melanie Masterfield
Public Works Director, Aaron Swan
Community Development Director, Brian Elliott
Community Development Supervisor, Kristi Gilbert
City Planner, Jamie Chartier
Police Chief, Troy Mills
Fire Chief, Mike Lane
City Attorney, Ashley Driscoll (via Zoom)

Audience: Pat & Grant Fahey (Sutherlin Sanitary Service), Gary Fugate

Via Zoom: Larry Bahr

Meeting called to order by Mayor Sumner at 7:02 p.m.

Flag Salute:

Roll Call: Councilor Smalley - Absent

Introduction of Media: None

****Mayor made an announcement for Zoom attendees.****

PUBLIC COMMENT (agenda items only)

- None

PRESENTATIONS

- **Sutherlin Sanitary Service**

Grant Fahey introduced himself and stated that due to inflation, sanitary rates are increasing by 8.6%.

- Councilor Boggs – If rates are being increased due to inflation, will rates decrease when the economy stabilizes? *Fahey – It can certainly be considered.* Can these rates be re-evaluated in a few months?
Yes.
- Councilor Hamilton agrees with a re-evaluation in a few months.

CONSENT AGENDA

- **June 13, 2022 Minutes – Regular Meeting**

MOTION made by Councilor Boggs to approve Consent Agenda as presented; second by Councilor Dagele.

Discussion: None

In favor: Councilors Whitaker, Groussman, Hamilton, Boggs, Dagele and Mayor Sumner.

Opposed: None

Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING

- **Central Avenue Investments, LLC – Plan Amendment & Zone Change**

Mayor Sumner opened the Public Hearing at 7:07 p.m.

Staff Report – Jamie Chartier, City Planner – This Public Hearing is to provide interested parties an opportunity to speak either in favor, in opposition, or neutral comments regarding Planning File No. 22-S007 – Plan Amendment & Zone Change for Central Avenue Investments, LLC. Property addressed as 0 E. Everett Avenue; described as T25S, R5W, S16CC, Tax Lot 500.

Mayor Sumner called for any public comment. *No comment given.*

Mayor Sumner closed Public Hearing at 7:08 p.m.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

- **Resolution No. 2022.09 – Sutherlin Sanitary Service Fees**

Staff Report – Finance Director, Tami Trowbridge – Ordinance No. 1040 requires that any changes to the fee schedule for Sutherlin Sanitary Service be adopted by resolution. Proposed rates are attached.

MOTION made by Councilor Whitaker to approve Resolution No. 2022.09 – Sutherlin Sanitary Service Fees as presented; second by Councilor Groussman.

After discussion and amendment, the following motion was carried:

Resolution No. 2022.09 – Sutherlin Sanitary Service Fees with a re-evaluation of rates in 6 months.

In Favor: Councilors Whitaker, Groussman, Hamilton, Boggs, Dagle and Mayor Sumner.

Opposed: None

Motion carried unanimously.

- **Ordinance – Central Avenue Investments, LLC – Plan Amendment & Zone Change (first reading, entire Ordinance)**

Deputy City Recorder, Melanie Masterfield, read Ordinance – Central Avenue Investments, LLC – Plan Amendment and Zone Change in its entirety.

Staff Report – Chartier – This ordinance formally approves the plan map and zoning map requested by the property owner. This application received recommendation for approval from the Planning Commission after a public hearing was held on May 24, 2022.

MOTION made by Councilor Boggs to approve Ordinance – Central Avenue Investments, LLC – Plan Amendment & Zone Change (first reading, entire Ordinance) as presented; second by Councilor Hamilton.

Discussion: Councilor Groussman expressed concerns with traffic and parking. *Chartier – This doesn't address the parking area, parking will be addressed when the development criteria is discussed.*

In Favor: Councilors Whitaker, Groussman, Hamilton, Boggs, Dagle and Mayor Sumner.

Opposed: None

Motion carried unanimously.

- **Rodeo/Blackberry Lands Property Exchange**

Staff Report – Chartier – This report is a follow-up from the request of Duane Waller with Sutherlin Blackberry Festival from the June 13, 2022 City Council meeting regarding the Blackberry/Rodeo land ownership being returned to the Blackberry Festival. The missing approved application, previously requested by Waller, permitting Sutherlin High School to hold their annual 'homecoming bonfire' at the festival grounds was located. All information, background history, and maps were included with the staff report.

➤ Councilor Groussman – How is the Blackberry Festival entitled to these grounds when they don't have any documented ownership? *Chartier – Research shows that the City has ownership of the lands, not the Blackberry Festival.*

➤ Mayor Sumner – I don't see any connection between Timber Days Festival and Blackberry Festival. Is the City under any obligation to give them the property? *Community Development Director, Brian Elliott – There is no obligation, staff researched the property history and ownership for Council to make a decision.*

➤ Mayor Sumner – Where did the idea come from that the Blackberry Festival owned the land? *Community Development Supervisor, Krisi Gilbert – Our assumption is that committee members from the Timber Days Festival are now on multiple committees which would explain the crossover of the Blackberry Festival assuming ownership of that property.*

Further discussion ensued between Council, staff, and City Manager.

Council consensus is for Council Whitaker and staff to have a meeting with Duane Waller to reach a mutual agreement.

CITY MANAGER REPORT (verbal)

- Nothing to report

CITY COUNCIL COMMENT

Councilor Whitaker

- Asked for clarification of fines for the Chapel of the Roses building owner and its occupants. *Elliott – Illegal habitation in that building has been an issue for almost a year now. Chartier – The building owner is being charged a daily fine from the Police Department until the occupants have completely vacated.*
- Asked Elliott to explain what happened to the geese at Ford’s Pond. *Elliott – Five of the geese perished and have been removed. Cause of death is unclear.* Councilor Whitaker wanted the statement, “The City of Sutherlin had nothing to do with the death of the geese,” on record.

Councilor Groussman

- Nothing to report.

Councilor Hamilton

- This Thursday is the Music Off Central kickoff.
- Thanked Elliott and Public Works crew for their hard work with the Central Park Stage.

Councilor Boggs

- Nothing to report.

Councilor Dagle

- Will the new stage have the cover on it? *Elliott – The cover was delivered last week and is being installed this week.*

Mayor Sumner

- Excited for the new stage. The concrete looks great.
- Thanked Public Works for cleaning up graffiti on the decorative rocks.
- There is more graffiti around the bathrooms by the rodeo grounds. How is it monitored? *Public Works Director, Aaron Swan – Crews clean it as we see it or it’s reported to us.*

PUBLIC COMMENT (Off Agenda Items)

- None

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Approved:

Jerry Gillham

Jerry Gillham, City Manager

Respectfully submitted by,

Melanie Masterfield

Melanie Masterfield, Deputy City Recorder

Michelle Sumner

Michelle Sumner, Mayor

APPROVED BY MAYOR CITY COUNCIL ON AUGUST 8, 2022