

City of Lafayette
City Council Meeting Minutes
February 19, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Sproul called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. **FLAG SALUTE:** Mayor Sproul led the flag salute.
3. **ROLL CALL:** Assistant City Administrator Kevin Perkins called the Roll:
Present: Mayor Marie Sproul, Christine Brungardt, Doug Cook, Sheila Neuman, Kayla Paulsen
Excused: Chris Harper, Wade Witherspoon
City Staff Present: Preston Polasek, City Administrator; Kevin Perkins, Assistant City Administrator; Konrad Dimmit, Public Works Supervisor; Terry Lucich, Fire Chief; Bill Monahan, MWVCOG, City Attorney; Gordon Munro, Tetra Tech, City Engineer
Others: John Dietz, McMinnville Water and Light (arrived 6:50 p.m.)

4. **ADDITIONS TO OR DELETIONS FROM AGENDA**

None.

5. **CITIZEN INPUT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:**

None.

6. **DISCUSSION ITEM: Lafayette-MWL Water Intertie Project**

Administrator Polasek reviewed the history of the project to create an intertie for water supply with McMinnville Water and Light (MWL). Originally, a regional group was formed to develop a regional water supply and system; however, the City of Lafayette's needs are more immediate and cannot wait on a regional system. In 2015 MWL drafted an agreement and began negotiations with the City. The City moved forward on finalizing the agreement in 2017 and the draft agreement before the Council is the result of negotiations. The Lafayette City Council must act on the agreement if MWL is to supply water before 2020 due to the construction timeline. Polasek reviewed the ongoing discussions to form a regional water supply and treatment system and the City's potential buy-in to such a system. He then reviewed the costs as detailed in the agreement and discussed the new proposed route of the pipeline along Highway 18, which is substantially simpler and less costly than the original proposal along Loop Road.

City Engineer Gordon Munro discussed the technical details of both the original alignment and the improved alignment contained in the agreement.

MWL General Manager John Dietz discussed the project from MWL's point of view. MWL believes that the alignment along Highway 18 should not pose any engineering challenges; it appears that the culverts are deep enough to build over the top of them and there is only one

road crossing to address. It is likely that construction will require night work since it is being conducted in ODOT's right-of-way. He is also confident it can be brought in at or under budget, a recent, more complicated project had bids come in under the engineer's estimate. MWL will need a decision from the City by April at the latest and it is likely that the MWL Board will vote on the agreement at their March meeting. ODOT is the only remaining unknown for the project timeline.

Council and staff discussed specific conditions in the agreement regarding the maximum daily amount of water to be provided; the minimum weekly take required; MWL's ownership of the transmission line; the project costs and the division of the costs between MWL and the City; and MWL's offer to finance the project.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION per ORS192.660(2)(f) To consider information or records that are exempt by law from public inspection.

Mayor Sproul recessed the regular session of the City Council at 7:15 p.m. to convene an Executive Session under ORS 192.660(2)(f) To consider information or records that are exempt by law from public inspection.

The Executive Session as adjourned at 7:27 p.m. and the regular meeting immediately reconvened. There were no actions or motions resulting from discussion.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Cook moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Paulsen seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously (4-0).

Minutes approved on 14th day of March, 2019.

CERTIFIED:

ATTESTED:



Marie Sproul, Mayor



Kevin Perkins, Assistant City Administrator