

May 8, 2014

The Blue Lake City Council met for special session at 7:02 p.m. on May 8, 2014. Mayor Sherman Schapiro called the meeting to order. Council Members present were Lana Manzanita, Stephen Kullmann and incoming member Michele McCall-Wallace. Others present were City Manager John Berchtold and City Clerk Adrienne Nielsen. Councilmember Kevin Benjamin was absent.

Motion to Approve Agenda

Councilmember Kullmann moved, seconded by Councilmember Manzanita to approve the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Input

None

Administration of Oath of Office to Michele McCall-Wallace, Newly Appointed Councilmember (Action)

The Oath of Office was read by Michele McCall-Wallace. Official certificate was signed by both Michele McCall-Wallace and City Clerk Adrienne Nielsen.

Proposed Utility Users Tax on Electric and Gas to be Submitted to Voters on November 4, 2014

Information From Staff About General Fund Shortfalls in Coming Years

Proposed Resolution to be Considered by City Council on May 13, 2014 (Information Only)

City Manager Berchtold updated Council and the public on the General Fund shortfalls resulting from a 30% increase in contract costs for law enforcement and the loss of funds supported by Blue Lake School as a result of the new gymnasium. He stated that the measure would need a 50% plus one vote to pass. The Utility Users Tax would only be on gas and electric use taxed at four percent for five years. Comments from the public included questions regarding the possibility of a survey and a possible citizen group to promote the measure. Councilmember McCall-Wallace spoke about sustainability and the Strategic Plan in regards to possible future renewal of the measure. Councilmember Kullmann stated the interest of ways to lower the cost of law enforcement and promoting the Industrial Park for future revenues. Councilmember Manzanita stated the need for a concerted effort to inform the public in regards to the measure.

Motion to Adjourn

Councilmember Manzanita moved, seconded by Councilmember Kullmann to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Adrienne Nielsen
City Clerk