

CITY OF PRINEVILLE

Regular Meeting Brief

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City Council Meeting Brief June 10, 2025

Council Members Present:

Scott Smith Marv Sumner Steve Uffelman Janet Hutchison

Jason Beebe Shane Howard

Council Members Absent

Jerry Brummer

Additions to the Agenda

None.

Consent Agenda

- 1. Regular Meeting Brief 5-27-2025
- 2. CVS Pharmacy Change in Ownership Liquor License

Councilor Hutchison made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion seconded. No discussion on motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Visitors, Appearances, and Requests

Pam Tano, a Prineville resident, submitted written comments/questions and read them into the record. Josh Smith, Planning Director, answered the questions.

No one else came forward.

Council Presentations

None.

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Council Business:

3. Republic Rate Increase Request (PUBLIC HEARING continued from 5/27/2025) - Steve Forrester

Mayor Beebe opened the public hearing portion of the meeting.

Courtney Voss & Erica Haitsma, General Manager, came forward with Prineville Republic representatives.

Ms. Voss provided an overview of the process so far that brought them to this evening and referred to the state of operations that were provided in the Council packet.

Ms. Haitsma went through key areas of the 2024 financial results and five categories for the top expenses. Labor is the highest category, with fuel as the fifth; however, they saw a reduction in the consumption of fuel and the cost per gallon.

Discussions continued regarding the spike in cost for insurance and Republic's safety program.

Other topics discussed were, the number of calls taken by the Prineville office, number of walk-in customers, how the city and county wanted the Prineville office opened to the public again, a suite of tools that Republic is building upon for the Prineville office, statistics of missed calls and what Republic's standard is and what they strive for.

Ms. Voss explained that they expect "0" in missed calls or pick-ups and that they have Meagan look at each incident to determine how to avoid that.

Discussions resumed regarding that there are 13,000 city customer tips at the landfill monthly, and that includes yard debris. Tipping fees at the landfill are increasing, residential billing going to bi-monthly, and social media not the best gauge for service performance. Prineville representatives now have access to the call center system for Prineville calls and still have to work through the phone system integration. Senior discounts will be offered when a new rate schedule is adopted, which will be limited to strictly age, not by income verification.

Ms. Voss explained that there may be resources available to implement a recycling program (RMA) in July.

There were no further questions for Republic.

Lori Hooper Antram, Finance Director, presented her staff report highlighting her review of the financials submitted by Republic, adding that staff supports a 5% increase.

There were no questions.

No one came forward, no one on the phone commented, and no written testimony was received.

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Mayor Beebe closed the public hearing portion of the meeting.

Jered Reid, City Attorney explained the next possible step for the Council would be for staff to prepare a resolution to bring to Council at the next meeting for a vote.

Council agreed they could support the staff recommendation and bring a resolution back to Council at the next meeting.

Staff Reports and Requests:

4. City Manager's Report – Steve Forrester

Mr. Forrester presented his manager's report highlighting the activity of each department.

There were no questions.

5. Quarterly Financial Report – Lori Hooper Antram

Mrs. Hooper Antram went through her quarterly financial report and went through each of the fund balances and activities as of March 31st, and future budget adjustments that will be needed.

There were no questions.

Council Reports

Councilor Hutchison talked about the Ochoco Forest Collaborative is on hold for the next three months and the reasons behind this including funding.

Ordinances:

None.

Resolutions:

None.

Visitors, Appearances, and Requests:

No one else came forward.

Adjourn

Councilor Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded. No discussion on motion. All in favor, motion carried.

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Meeting adjourned at 7:03 P.M.

Motions and Outcomes:

Motion:	Outcome	Beebe	Brummer	Howard	Hutchison	Smith	Sumner	Uffelman
Consent Agenda as Presented	PASSED	Y	-	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Adjourn Meeting	PASSED	Y	-	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

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