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**CITY OF CONDON
WORK SESSION AGENDA
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
Tuesday, May 12, 2020, 6:00 PM
CONDON CITY HALL**

1. Call the Meeting to Order - Zoom

1.1. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85066394753?pwd=VmpSQnBvMkZRL2dsNmtqSEpWQW1xUT09>

Mayor Jim Hassing called the meeting order at 6 p.m.

Present: Mayor Jim Hassing, Councilors Brian Barnett & Fatland (Zoom); Gilliam County Sheriff Gary Bettencourt; Public Works Superintendent Gibb Wilkins and City Administrator Kathryn Greiner



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2. Discuss COVID-19 Issues

Sheriff Bettencourt stated that the previous week Gilliam County Court had submitted a request to Governor Kate Brown's office to go into Phase I of re-opening businesses in Gilliam County. This would relate to restaurants, bars, massage/salon operators and require extra sanitation, social distancing, disposal or posted menus. Salons will be able to open but precautions of wiping surfaces down after each customer and limiting to their facility to one person at a time.

Councilor Fatland said that Sheriff Bettencourt asked at the May council meeting for guidance and wondered what he would need and noted that a meeting was to be held regarding re-opening Condon with a group in town. Sheriff Bettencourt stated that now that the re-opening request has been submitted he has guidance on gatherings and people have been generally good about complying with the stay at home orders. He said that he talked to the organizer of the gathering and they were not going to meet at this point. Councilor Fatland had concerns of meeting on public property and exceeding the number allowed for a gathering and insurance issues of the city. CA Greiner stated that she had heard earlier that day that the city's insurance would not insurance any event with more than 10-25 people, which would not allow the city to cover any July 4 events.

Sheriff Bettencourt stated that the county and his department are being guided by North Central Public Health, who helped write the re-opening plan for Gilliam County. He is also a member of the Gilliam County Fairboard which is meeting tomorrow to discuss if the fair will be cancelled. They too have insurance issues where they will not be covered for gatherings at the fairgrounds.

Committee members discussed if there would be a fireworks show July 4. Councilor Fatland said that they are shot out of town and the call should be the Chambers. CA Greiner said that even though they are shot off outside of city limits it would be the gathering of people to watch which may be an issue. Sheriff Bettencourt said that most people are following the social distancing rules and does not have an issue with it. Mayor Hassing suggested that they discuss the fireworks at the June council meeting to determine if there were any decisions to be made at that time.

Discussion of masks are going to be required to go into stores, and Sheriff Bettencourt stated that under the rules of re-opening in Phase I the county would follow the CDC and State of Oregon guidelines and mask requirements may be included.

Councilor Barnett researched that the County may be able to re-open in Phase I May 15, then have to wait 21 days to see if they can move on to Phase II. He also noted that he had spoke with the owner of the Condon Motel that was in need of PPE. Sheriff Bettencourt said that he had talked to the owner, given her PPE and told her as a place for possible quarantine, she could get additional PPE. He noted that the Rhodeway Inn in Arlington did not want to participate, and Hotel Condon would if needed, but was not in favor of doing this unless necessary.

Councilor Fatland suggested that if Condon goes to Phase I meetings could then be held in the Memorial Hall to adhere to social distancing and other requirements seemed to be spelled out by State. Sheriff Bettencourt said there has been an increase in traffic during the weekends.

The Committee also discussed what region Condon and Gilliam County were included, what is needed to adhere to the rules of contact tracing, masks and if Cottonwood Canyon has been opened for day use.

3. Other

Sheriff Bettencourt asked for direction on some of the nuisances of vehicles and the property near the Condon Day Care owned by John Reser. He is dealing with several different properties with abandoned vehicles and is starting to contact the owners to get them moved. On the Reser property there is old refrigerators, weeds, and no fence to keep people out. Sheriff Bettencourt is going to visit with Reser to see if he will clean it up and remove the refrigerator.

Sheriff Bettencourt also asked that the nuisance ordinance be changed to have people comply by June 15 instead of what is stated July 15. It becomes a fire hazard in July when things are dry and he has an issue getting people wanting to mow when it gets so dry.

4. Adjourn

Mayor Hassing adjourned the committee meeting at 6:52 p.m.



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