

**City of Coquille  
Council Meeting Minutes  
February 6, 2017**

**COUNCIL PRESENT:** Mayor Simonetti, Councilors Dennis Graham, Julie Nighswonger, Kyle Wirebaugh, Loran Wiese, and Linda Short.

**STAFF PRESENT:** City Manager Dufner, Fire Chief Waddington, Library Director Conner, Police Chief Sanders, Finance Director Rowe, Public Works Director Urban and City Recorder Stolz.

**PRESS:** The Sentinel

**AUDIENCE:** A roster of those present is on file in the City Recorder's Office

**REGULAR SESSION**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Simonetti called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. SWEARING IN OF NEW OFFICER**

City Recorder Stolz administered the oath to new Officer Makinson.

**4. MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

Mayor Simonetti announced the new members of the following committees:

Budget Committee 3 year term:

Lynn Kindred  
Arnold Hill  
David Jennings

Planning Commission Committee 4 year term:

Nikki Graham  
Charlie Davis  
Susan Heaton

Library Board:

Mayor Simonetti  
Carolyn Barr

Parks and Recreation Committee 2 year term:

Councilor Graham  
Councilor Short  
Sheena Corbus

Administrative Committee 2 year term:

Lynn Kindred  
Councilor Short

Public Works Committee 2 year term:  
Councilor Wiese  
Lynn Kindred

Public Safety Committee 2 year term:  
Mayor Simonetti  
Susan Heaton  
Brian Baird  
Dave Chappelle

Forest Land Management Board 2 year term:  
Councilor Weise  
Councilor Graham  
Honorable Matt Rowe

## 5. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Weise had no comment

Councilor Nighswonger announced she had a busy month attending the League of Oregon cities at the community building and will head up to the State Capitol this week for more training.

Councilor Graham had no comment

Councilor Short announced there are new animals at the carousel this week, and she also will be attending Capitol Day in Salem this week.

Councilor Wirebaugh said he also has been going to training and he is excited about all he has learned and looking forward to more training.

## 6. STAFF REPORTS

Finance Director Julie Rowe told city council that her department is catching up quickly and is now caught up through the end of December.

**Finance report:** Yield is 2.14%, duration is 2.81 years.

Police Chief Sanders reported that the police department still has one more officer position open. He also welcomed new officer Makinson and his family to Coquille and the force.

Library Director Conner said she read that the Douglas County library has closed, as well as others in Oregon. She reminded everyone that Trivia night is April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Fire Chief Waddington said the highlight to his report is Pancakes for Life coming up the weekend of February 25<sup>th</sup>. The fire department has been active with two structure fires, both in which the Police Department and the Public Works department were there to help out.

Public Works Director Urban said that Ray Doan supervisor is present to answer any technical questions from his report. Councilor Graham asked for clarification on the issues with DEQ. Urban explained there are two issues; first being the last permit for the treatment plant expired in 2008. The DEQ let that go on purpose knowing we were getting a new plant and the numbers wouldn't match. Second, we now need a new permit but DEQ is going off of the old permit saying we are out of

compliance on many levels. Our engineer and Ray Doan put together some numbers for the new plant for DEQ but DEQ is basing our new permit on the old plant, not the new one.

## **7. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

City Manager Dufner said no decisions were made at the Council workshop, but it was very helpful to him. He will prepare an alternative budget to show the ideas mentioned.

Dufner asked the city council for a consensus on The Dyer's request to increase the fee we pay them. It has not been increased since 2008 and according to the Consumer Price Index, 12% is the calculated rate of inflation for the period 2008-2016. All council voted yes to raise the fee for The Dyer Partnership.

City Manager Dufner also asked city council for a consensus on abating the lease for Dave Chappelle at Jefferson school. Councilor Weise made a motion to abate the lease, Councilor Short seconded, all voted in favor.

Councilor Short asked about the GP site and what we are going to do moving forward. Chuck replied he has thought about forming a budget committee for the GP site. Council Weise said we need to draft an RFP for the GP site. Mayor Simonetti remarked the property has been shown a couple of times and feels if we can offer them natural gas, it would be a better selling feature.

## **8. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Councilor Graham made a motion to accept the council minutes from January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017, Councilor Nighswonger seconded the motion, all voted in favor.

## **9. REPORT BY HGE ON LIBRARY DESIGN WITH JOE SLACK**

Joe showed the city council and audience slides of designs with the new Library at its new location on Central, where McKay's market currently is.

## **10. RESOLUTION 01-2017- A RESOLUTION PERTAINING TO TRAFFIC AND PARKING IN THE CITY OF COQUILLE, COOS COUNTY, OREGON**

Councilor Graham made a motion to adopt resolution 01-2017, Councilor Weise seconded the motion, all voted in favor.

## **11. RESOLUTION 02-2017 A RESOLUTION REPEALING AND REPLACING RESOLUTION 05-2088, PUBLIC RECORDS POLICY AND SETTING FEES**

Councilor Weise moved to adopt resolution 02-2017, Councilor Short seconded, all voted in favor.

## **12. INSURANCE CLAIM SEWER BACK UP**

Tabled until next month, IOOF was not present.

## **13. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Robert Lantz 44 W. 1<sup>st</sup> St

He would like to change the current city ordinance prohibiting the firing of a gun within city limits, so he can turn Boblin's (his variety store) into an indoor shooting range. Mr. Lantz would insulate the property

to block out the noise and ventilate the building to accommodate all the gun powder. He already has cement walls in the building. There is no indoor shooting range on the Oregon Coast, and he has spoke with many citizens who would like to see this happen. Councilor Weise asked Bob to get some more information about the gun range and come back and present it to the council. Robert said he was going to Eugene to speak with other gun range owners and get more information.

15. ADJOURN at 8:40 pm

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City Recorder, Jennifer Stolz

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Mayor, Kathi Simonetti

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