

**CITY OF COQUILLE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
March 30, 2009**

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Steve Britton, Councilors E.N. "Corky" Daniels, Loran Wiese, Linda Short, Fran Capehart, Matt Muenchrath and Bruce Parker.

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Terence O'Connor, Finance Director Chuck Dufner, Deputy Recorder Rene Collins and City Attorney John Trew.

PRESS: None

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Britton called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. RESOLUTION 05-2009 A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A SUBMISSION OF AN OREGON PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE COQUILLE RIVER WALK.

City Manager O'Connor said this grant was with The Department of Parks and Recreation. We had applied for a grant from ODOT, but were denied due to the funds had already been committed and we were not on their list. The Department of Parks and Recreation offer two grant opportunities during the year. The first is called the Rails and Trails with a limited amount dollar value; this is the second which is the larger of the two, which normally awards \$500,000 or more. We are asking for is \$671,000 and typically URA would pay \$50,000 and the Coquille River Walk Committee would pay \$46,000 to the project. Mayor Britton asked if we have a drawing of the plan, O'Connor said yes it was prepared by HGE and it is same as the older ones. Councilor Muenchrath was concerned about the walk being located in the flood plan, EPA concerns. City Manager O'Connor said that path ways are allowed to be in a flood plain and it is located in the City's 75' set back from the river and there are no longer EPA concerns. This is the first of three phases, which includes paving and lighting, and will hopefully bring more interest in the project. The City spent approximately \$68,000 on engineering and design and an additional \$50,000 had been set aside for the project. Mayor Britton asked if it would be elevated or on the ground. O'Connor said it would be on the ground, paved, and there is a possibility of an elevated section in the future. This section will start behind Fat Tuesdays, across the trestle, hit the sidewalk go down to the other side of the pond, head toward the river and along the river, come up behind ODOT and finish at HWY 42. Councilor Muenchrath said he would like the walk to extend down the river further. O'Connor said that the property ownership has not changed so that may not be a possibility, so the trail would dead end at the city limits. Councilor Capehart invited all Council to attend the committee meeting. Mayor Britton asked that they come to a council meeting to make a presentation.

Councilor Wiese made a motion to adopt Resolution 05-2009 supporting a submission of an Oregon Parks and Recreation Department grant application for the Coquille River Walk. Councilor Short seconded the motion; all voted in favor.

City Manager O'Connor said a decision should come by the first of June after the May presentation.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Britton adjourned the Council Meeting at 12:15 p.m.

Mayor, Steve Britton

ATTEST: _____
Deputy Recorder