

**CITY OF COQUILLE  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
May 15, 2012**

**COUNCIL PRESENT:** Mayor Matt Muenchrath, Council President Loran Wiese, Councilors E.N. “Corky” Daniels, Bryan Baird, Fran Capehart, Tim Spanberger, and Linda Short.

**STAFF PRESENT:** None

**PRESS:** None

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – ORS 192.660(2) (a) FOR THE PURPOSE TO DISCUSS THE EMPLOYMENT OF PUBLIC OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES AND AGENTS, IF THE BODY HAS SATISFIED CERTAIN PREREQUISITES.**

Mayor Muenchrath announced that the City Council would meet in executive session pursuant to ORS 192.660 (2) (a) for the purpose to discuss the employment of public officers, employees and agents, if the body has satisfied certain prerequisites. It was explained that representatives of the news media and designated staff shall be allowed to attend, but all members of the audience are asked to leave the room. The news media cannot report on the deliberations from the executive session and no decision will be made in executive session.

Mayor Muenchrath opened executive session at 1:30 p.m.

Mayor Muenchrath closed executive session at 5:27 p.m.

1. Call to order

Mayor Muenchrath called the meeting to order at 5:28 p.m.

2. Hiring of new City Manager

Councilor Wiese made a motion to have a roll call vote stating which applicant each council member would vote for the position of City Manager. Councilor Capehart seconded the motion, all voted in favor.

Mayor Muenchrath called for the roll call vote for the City Manager Position:

Councilor Capehart – Benjamin Marchant

Councilor Short – Benjamin Marchant

Councilor Spanberger – Benjamin Marchant

Councilor Wiese – William Dufner

Councilor Daniels – William Dufner

Councilor Baird – Benjamin Marchant

Mayor Muenchrath – Benjamin Marchant

Vote: Motion passed by a vote of 4 versus 2 to enter into negotiations with Benjamin Marchant for the City Manager position.

Councilor Capehart made a motion the Attorney Trew and Mayor Muenchrath conduct the employment negotiations. Councilor Short seconded the motion, Mayor Muenchrath abstained, all others voted in favor.

Ms Messmer from League of the Oregon Cities suggested they ask Mr. Marchant if he is interested in the position before calling the other candidates.

Councilor Wiese made a motion that if Mr. Marchant does not take the City Manager Position that it be offered to William Dufner. Councilor Short seconded the motion, all voted in favor.

3. Adjournment

Mayor Muenchrath adjourned the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

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Mayor, Matt Muenchrath

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Deputy Recorder, Rene Collins