

CITY OF COQUILLE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
June 2, 2008

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Steve Britton, Councilor E.N. "Corky" Daniels, Loran Wiese, Bruce Parker, and Kathy Hagen.

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Terence O'Connor, Fire Chief Dave Waddington, Public Works Director John Higgins, Finance Director Chuck Dufner, Library Director Anne Conner, Sergeant Pat Smith, City Attorney John Trew and Deputy Recorder Rene Collins

PRESS: Coquille Community News, The World

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

1. CALL TO ORDER AND FLAG SALUTE

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Britton read a Proclamation supporting Relay for Life. Mayor Britton promulgated the proclamation. Carol Clayburn, chairperson, said the Relay for Life Event would be held in Coquille on July 11 and 12th.

4. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Daniels said he read the letter from City Manager O'Connor about the grant money received for the GP site and feels the repayment request is incorrect. He expressed his concern about the quarterly Economic Interest forms that Council and Planning are required to complete and encouraged everyone to keep informed on the State's requirements. Mayor Britton said the form has been increased to several pages and if you do not file the form quarterly you may be fined. Two planning commissioners have resigned due to the requirements. Councilor Parker agrees with Councilor Daniels. Councilor Short said this weekend is the Gay 90s Festival and invited everyone to come and show their support. She had brochures about the dog park available. The Victorian Tea is schedule for July 19th and 20th at the bed and breakfast. Mayor Britton said he would not be at the Gay 90s festival because he will be representing the City of Coquille in the Rose Parade in Portland.

5. STAFF REPORTS

Fire Chief Waddington said that they received a \$5,000 donation check from the Eagles Lodge to help with the cost of the 2 new defibulators. The Fire Department has raised \$20,000 and will continue to raise funds until they meet their goal of \$32,000.

Public Works Director John Higgins said he had nothing to add to his report. Mayor Britton asked when they would be done with the paving and Higgins said by mid June.

Library Director Conner said she did not have anything to add and the Friends of the Library are organizing a site committee to look at the possible locations for a new library.

Sgt Smith said Police Chief Reaves is recovering from shoulder surgery at home.

Finance Director Dufner said there will be a special council meeting on June 18th for budget. Auditors were only here for one day. Councilor Wiese will be out of town on June 18th, 2008.

6. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager O'Connor said Deacon Development received some proposed changes to the "statement of intent" agreement. He will contact them to get a sense of how committed they are to the project.

State Emergency Management recommends that in the United States during an earthquake you use the “drop, cover and hold” procedure.

July 31 is Chief Reaves' last day with the City. The City has received 22 inquiries for the position, of those 2 have completed the application. The desire is to have a new Chief in position by the first of September.

The City Manager has prepared a letter to send to the OECDD in response to their payback request. The OECDD wants an amount of the block grant paid back that we received for \$150,000 in 1997. They said we should pay part of it back because the City changed the purpose of the land. In 2000 OECDD said to use the remainder of the grant money to help with the engineering, even though they signed agreement saying the City did not have to pay back the \$150,000. The letter asks them why they are ignoring their own agreement. There is also an issue as to when they closed the contract since we used the last of the money in November, sending the last invoice in December 2002 and they closed the grant March 2005. This could be an issue because there is a 5-year moratorium on selling the property or portions within 5 years of the close.

North Bend school district will offer free lunches at the Community Center from June 16 through August 22 for anyone under the age of 18.

The City Manager recognized Planner John Higgins for his Birthday.

City Manager O'Connor and Planner Higgins said there needs to be a joint work session between the City Council, Planning Commission and the consultants to review the zoning and development code. Council chose June 16th, 2008 and Planner Higgins will verify if the consultant is available.

7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Don Kinnard, Fat Elk Road, asked about the work session Council had about how to use the business licensing tax. City Manager O'Connor said they discussed bonding or a pay as we go plan. Staff is working on preliminary discussions with the County about the possibility of doing the paving. The thought is to pave the first 2 blocks of 1st Street off of Adams going east during the summer. They had quoted between \$150,000 and \$250,000 for a mile of paving; if everyone is agreeable with the product and pricing then the council will talk about bonding next year.

Ross Ferren, 1337 N Dean Coquille, would like to request permission to take his log truck home nightly due to the theft of fuel and wheels from his truck. He called the Police Department about the theft of his fuel and 12 wheels stolen from Les Schwab. Mr. Ferren said he has received 36 signatures from the people in the area that would be affected. Mayor Britton said the ordinance would have to be reviewed to see what would need to be done as far as it would affect all neighborhoods.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. City Council minutes from May 5, 2008
- B. Annual Library Service Contract

Councilor Hagen made a motion to approve the consent calendar. Councilor Wiese seconded the motion; all voted in favor.

9. RESOLUTION 10-2008 A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A COASTAL MANAGEMENT GRANT APPLICATION FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT TO ASSIST IN PLANNING NEEDS

Planner Higgins said this is a yearly grant received from DLCDD to assist the Planning department with their needs.

Councilor Wiese made a motion to adopt Resolution 10-2008 supporting a coastal management grant application from the department of land conservation and development to assist in planning needs. Councilor Daniels seconded the motion; all voted in favor.

Planner Higgins said there are a couple of items that need to be addressed from the Public Safety Committee.

Councilor Wiese said the Public Safety committee recommended approval of the request from Lincoln School. Nikky Graham asked that the “no parking” signs not be taken down until the construction for the parking lot is complete. During school and special events people block both of her driveways.

Mayor Britton and Councilor Hagen declared a conflict due to being on the School District board.

Mayor Britton said the school district should address the additional parking issue at Lincoln School and why they are not utilizing the graveled parking area.

Councilor Wiese reviewed the safety committee recommendation to move the parking space between the gates to the parking lot on Second Street by the Courthouse. The Committee suggested painting and moving the space back by 4 foot leaving an equal distance between the gates, which would allow safe entry and exit to the parking lot. Staff was directed to draw up a resolution.

The Lincoln School building admin building at the end of 10th is looking at being torn down by the end of summer.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Britton adjourned the Council Meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Mayor, Steve Britton

ATTEST: _____
Deputy Recorder

CITY OF COQUILLE
URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY MEETING
June 2, 2008

1. CALL TO ORDER

Urban Renewal Chairman Wiese called the meeting to order at 8:16 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Urban Renewal minutes from May 5, 2008

Member Britton made a motion to accept the minutes from the May 5, 2008 Urban Renewal Meeting. Member Daniels seconded the motion; all voted in favor.

3. REQUEST FOR FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT funds for 74 W. 1st

Brenda from Coos Curry Electric said that their building is in need of some updating. They received bids for the painting and they are requesting financial support for the painting and repair of the awning and painting of the building. Councilor Parker asked why not replace the awning; she replied the awning goes all the way down the street and is not in the budget. Member Short asked her to get a quote on replacing the awning with a fabric awning.

Member Britton made a motion to approve the request by Coos Curry Electric in the amount of \$1,425. Member Hagen seconded the motion. Members Britton, Hagen, Daniels and Chairman Wiese voted in favor of the request. Member Parker and Short voted against the request.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Wiese adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Chairman Wiese
