

**CITY OF COQUILLE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
September 3, 2002**

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Mike Swindall, Councilors: E.N. "Corky" Daniels, Kathy Hagen, Mollie Anderson, Fran Capehart, and Loran Wiese

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Terence O'Connor, Police Chief Mike Reaves, Public Works Director John Higgins, Fire Chief Dave Waddington, Finance Director Sherri Flora, City Attorney John Trew, Library Director Sharon Smith, Community Activities Director Ann Steeves

PRESS: Jake Wilhelm, Coquille Valley Sentinel

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Swindall led those assembled in a salute to the flag.

3. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Councilor Anderson read a Day For Remembrance – September 11 Proclamation.

4. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Capehart discussed September 11 and activities related to the day. She also stated that the Gallery 37 presentations by the students were marvelous and thanked Ann Steeves and Jan Torbeck for their work. Councilor Daniels expressed full support of the proclamation. Councilor Wiese stated that he would like to see an event planned at the Fire Station in remembrance of September 11. Council Anderson stated that the Council unanimously supports the proclamation. Councilor Parker remarked that the pace of the work by Bracelin and Yaeger on the access road has been incredible.

5. STAFF REPORTS

Fire Chief Waddington reported that there had been 20 ambulance/fire calls during the weekend. He also stated that proceeds of \$2,136 from the car show held during the steak feed had been donated to the Fire Association. Community Services Director Steeves reported that the pool was now closed, after a great season. She is currently working on the Community Incentive Fund application. Public Works Director Higgins reported that Baxter Street has been paved and the sidewalks on 2nd Street have been completed. He requested that Council look at the recycle area by the City Shop. Library Director Smith stated that the Ready to Read grant process is complete. Police Chief Reaves reported that an oral review board will meet here for applicant testing on Thursday and Friday. He also stated that next week two officers will be attending Forensics Academy in Coos Bay and that September 20-29 will be the final days for the 3 Flags Traffic awareness program. Finance Director Flora reported that staff has been busy preparing for the annual audit scheduled to begin October 7. She also stated that with the installation of the new meters complete for the past 2 months it has taken two crew members one day to complete the meter reading process. She requested Council support of a letter to the League of Oregon Cities drafted in support of a joint audit of Verizon for franchise fees.

6. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager O'Connor presented his report to Council reporting on the following:

- Street Fair success
- Handicap Access – 16 ramps complete

- Street Sweeper repairs
- Adams Street change order
- DEQ – Mutual Agreement and Order

7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Don Kinnaird questioned the Georgia Pacific costs of \$1,000,000. Jan Torbeck, representing Gallery 37, presented Council with a gift of a painting by Jenny Williams to thank them for their support of the program. She stated that \$1,200 worth of artwork had been sold. Jennifer Rose, representing Operation Coquille, requested Council comments on a free movie night project for teens at the Community Building. Councilor Anderson stated that the request for the City to co-sponsor should be in writing and include details of commitments. Connie Logan stated that Operation Coquille would be having a bottle drive. Lowell Thomas stated that there was a flyer on the Oktoberfest. Laura Rose Bruce encouraged Council and the City to do whatever they could to bring broadband to this area. Jake Wilhelm stated that there would be a candidates forum on October 14 at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Building.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. City Council minutes of August 5, 2002

Councilor Anderson made a motion to approve the consent calendar. Councilor Daniels seconded the motion, with all voting in favor.

9. CITY ENGINEER: DEQ – WASTEWATER PLANT MOA UPDATE

City Engineer Steve Major requested that Council set a date to meet with DEQ regarding the draft Mutual Agreement and Order for the wastewater plant. Wednesday, September 18 at 11:00 a.m. was set for the workshop date.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION – REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATION PURSUANT TO ORS 192.660.1 (e)

Mayor Swindall closed the regular session and announced that Council would move to executive session pursuant to ORS 192.660.1 (e) at 8:20 p.m.

Mayor Swindall closed the executive session at 9:45 p.m.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Council directed City Manager O'Connor to contact Jim Murray and Dick Hunsaker to schedule a meeting regarding the GP site development. Hearing no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Swindall adjourned the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

Mayor

ATTEST: _____

City Recorder