

CITY OF COQUILLE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
September 4, 2007

COUNCIL PRESENT: Councilors: E.N. "Corky" Daniels, Kathy Hagen, Fran Capehart, Bruce Parker, and Loran Wiese

STAFF PRESENT: Fire Chief Dave Waddington, Public Works Director John Higgins, Finance Director Chuck Dufner, Library Director Anne Conner, City Attorney John Trew and Deputy Recorder Rene Collins

PRESS: Sentinel and The World

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

1. CALL TO ORDER AND FLAG SALUTE

Council President Wiese called the City Council Meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

2. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Loran commented on how nice the new building looks, and welcomed City Manager O'Connor back. He announced that there is going to be an auction held on September 22, 2007 at the Community Building to help fund the Coquille Swimming Pool. Council President Wiese read the proclamation presented to Coquille Together stating that the City would partner with them to seek solutions to the problem of underage drinking. Councilor Daniels made a motion to adopt the proclamation declaring commitment and support between the City of Coquille and Coquille Together. Councilor Parker seconded the motion; all voted in favor. Jim Settle, President of Coquille Together, said the volunteer group started in the 1990's and is funded by the Coos County Commission on Children and Families and grants. They would like to change the atmosphere that enables abuse of drugs and alcohol among our youth and the attitudes of adults.

3. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Capehart said the pool committee met today and the pool design looks wonderful. She said there would be more items donated to the auction and hopes everyone attends. Councilor Parker announced the Chamber would be putting on the Harvest Moon Follies on October 6, 2007 and invited everyone to attend. Councilor Hagen said that Public Works has done a good job clearing the brush at Sturdivant Park and you can see the river from anywhere in the park. Councilor Daniels welcomed everyone and thinks the new City Hall is fabulous.

4. STAFF REPORTS

Chief Waddington said the Fire Department will host an NFL Punt, Pass and Kick competition on Sunday September 16, 2007 for the youth. Planner Higgins presented his report to Council and said the move went well. He thanked Councilor Hagen and the other volunteers for painting the bathrooms at Sturdivant Park. Library Director Conner said Sara Dorland has been elected as Chair of the Library Board. Chief Reaves said the bench replacements have been completed by the reserves and the plaques will be replaced. Councilor Parker asked if Chief Reaves could explain what a self initiated stop is. He said if an officer sees something or someone that needs attention, they take care of it. Finance Director Dufner is preparing the budget for publication and the move has been keeping everyone busy.

5. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager O'Connor wanted to commend staff for all their hard work over the last few weeks during the moving process. He also wanted to encourage anyone who has shortness of breath to have it checked. He will be out for four to five weeks.

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Connie Bunell, 624414 Old Wagon Road Coos Bay, is the Chair Person for Coos County Core Council; they assist in hospital drills, traffic control for emergency response. September has been designated as Preparedness month and they want to get information out to the citizens. The following week themes are as follows:

September 1st through September 8th - back to school
September 9th through September 15th - business preparedness
September 16th through September 22nd - multi cultural preparedness
September 23rd through September 30th - total family preparedness.

There are brochures available for each of these topics and they are given out at festivals and home shows. There is a conference at the Coos Bay Library Thursday night about earthquakes and there will be a disaster preparedness event held in Florence on September 15, 2007. They would like to leave some information at City Hall for distribution. The Coos County Core Council meets the 4th Tuesday on the last month of each quarter; the next meeting is September 25th at the Bay Area Hospital. Councilor Capehart said she might want to have a booth at the October 9, 2007 Health Fair in Coquille.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. City Council Minutes of August 6, 2007

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

8. REQUEST BY THE COQUILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO WAIVE THE COMMUNITY BUILDING FEES FOR THE HARVEST MOON FOLLIES FUNDRAISER.

Library Director Conner said this fundraiser helps support the Chamber through the year and this year there will be dancing as requested. Councilor Hagen made a motion to waive the fees for the Chamber for the Harvest Moon Follies. Councilor Daniels seconded the motion; all voted in favor.

9. RESOLUTION 13-2007 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN INCREASED LOAN AMOUNT ON THE CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND LOAN NUMBER R24293 TO 3,866,440.

Councilor Parker made a motion to adopt resolution 13-2007. Councilor Daniels seconded the motion; all voted in favor

Hearing no further business, Council President Wiese adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Council President, Loran Wiese

ATTEST: _____
Deputy City Recorder