

**CITY OF COQUILLE  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 16, 2013**

**COUNCIL PRESENT:** Mayor Rowe, Council President Loran Wiese, Councilors Dennis Graham, Susan Heaton, Fran Capehart, Dave Chappelle, and Linda Short.

**STAFF PRESENT:** City Manager Ben Marchant, Finance Director Dufner, Fire Chief Waddington, Library Director Conner, Public Works & Planning Director Urban, City Recorder Collins, and City Attorney Trew

**PRESS:** None

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

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. MAYOR COMMENTS**

Mayor Rowe welcomed everyone to the meeting. He welcomed the three applicants for the Police Lieutenant position and encouraged them to enjoy the City. He said the Coquille High School Hall of Fame was a wonderful event and that the money raised is used to help with the sports programs offered at the high school. He thanked Fire Chief Waddington and the others that put on the event. Mayor Rowe also thanked City staff for organizing the thank you BBQ that was held for staff and volunteers of the City.

Mayor Rowe also announced that the position on the Library Board now held by Brian Baird expired and he would like to appoint George Elkins to the Library Board if there are no objections. There being none Mayor Rowe appointed George Elkins to the Library Board.

**4. COUNCIL COMMENT**

Councilor Heaton said she has been very busy attending several events such as senior meals, food bank, National Nite Out, The Garden Club, and Small Cities meeting. She thanked Councilor Short for her assistance with the Street Fair. She attended the Cob Cottage demonstration on Rink Creek Road which was very interesting. The cottages were constructed of natural products.

Councilor Wiese said the Coquille High School Hall of Fame event was fun to attend and be a part of and he wants to see that event continue in the future.

Councilor Chappelle said the Hall of Fame event was fun to attend. Chappelle was asked by the Inland Point Assisted Living Residence to help judge gorgeous grandma contest. He thanked Jamie Linderman and the life guards for doing a great job with the safety and swim program offered to the local elementary school children at the City swimming pool.

Councilor Short said she had a great time at the Coquille High School Hall of Fame event and she took 5 deserts home. She is very pleased with how the safety and swimming program for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders in the Coquille School District is going. The Christmas Tour will be the first week in December and the Valentines Ball will be in February.

Councilor Capehart said the safety and swimming program is a wonderful project and it is great to see all the kids in the pool. She attended the ground breaking of the Coos Historical and Maritime Museum. The Hall of Fame event was fantastic and it was great to see everyone. The Coquille Chamber of Commerce wine tasting and Coquille River Walk art sale is on October 4<sup>th</sup>. The Port of Bandon's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary was Saturday and they buried a time capsule.

## **5. STAFF REPORTS**

Fire Chief Waddington said he will be working very closely with Finance Director Dufner and staff to find some options to help the ambulance fund as they could be in serious financial trouble by the end of the year. Councilor Wiese asked Finance Director Dufner if we should have a work session, he said that might be a good idea as did Fire Chief Waddington. Councilor Heaton asked if a billing goes out to previous year's members, he said yes but some of them went out late due to a computer problem. Councilor Short said she belongs and is able to afford the program and it is a good program.

Library Director Connor said the library author program on Saturday with John Burrows son, Ward, and Sarah Burrows went very well. The fall reading program has started for the children. The part time librarian that was recently hired has been a blessing. On Sept 18<sup>th</sup> there will be an adult book discussion group starting. There will be a fund raising trivia night coming in November.

Police Chief Blue said the police department has been very busy. Mitch Moffit, Tom Olsen, and Rob Anderson are 3 of the final 5 applicants attending the Council meeting tonight. Councilor Heaton asked if the Fast Mart vandalism could be classified as a hate crime. Chief Blue said not at this time; hate crimes must include racial slurs and they do not have that type of information at this time.

Public Works Director Urban said Johnson Rock did an excellent job repaving on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. The City did receive the Parks Master Plan grant, Councilor Graham asked if the Parks and Recreation Committee will be included in the planning process; Urban said yes. Councilor Heaton asked what the status of the house on 4th Street. Public Works Director Urban said that the paperwork authorizing the city to clear the lot has been signed and he will be requesting quotes. Councilor Heaton said there was a decoration piece missing from the front of the house; Fire Chief Waddington said he was asked to remove and preserve the piece and it will be placed on the apartment complex on 5<sup>th</sup> Street.

Finance, Director Dufner said the investment account is earning 3.74%. During the next 3 weeks the finance staff will be very busy with audit, new staff training and also conversion training during the audit.

## **6. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

City Manager Marchant said the Coquille Chamber is requesting for the background check be waived for the Harvest Moon Festival liquor licenses. Councilor Heaton made a motion to waive the background check fee for the liquor licenses for the Harvest Moon Festival, councilor Chappelle seconded the motion, all voted in favor.

Marchant talked with the Coquille School Superintendent about exchanging Fortier Field for Jefferson School. The school district would like the City to demolish the old Lincoln School as part of the exchange, as structure is blight on the community and unsafe. If the City Council is interested a formal agreement can be prepared. The estimated cost for the demolition is \$90,000 as it is 2 stories and brick. Councilor Heaton asked if Jefferson school has asbestos and lead based paint; Public Works Director Urban said only lead based paint. Councilor Chappelle made a motion to pursue an agreement with the Coquille School District to acquire the Jefferson School property. Councilor Capehart seconded the motion, all voted in favor.

## **7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was no public participation.

## **8. CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

## **9. PUBLIC DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED COQUILLE SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

Mayor Rowe said City manager Marchant raised discussion items in regards to The Small Business Assistance Program and would like Council to have a work session to discuss the matter further.

Councilor Chappelle made a motion to have a work session before the October council meeting. Councilor Wiese seconded the motion, all voted in favor.

**10. RESOLUTION 20-2013 A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE COOS BAY LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS (LNG) EXPORT TERMINAL AND THE PACIFIC CONNECTOR NATURAL GAS PIPELINE.**

Mayor Rowe said resolution 20-2013 is a resolution in support of the Coos Bay Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Export Terminal and the Pacific Connector Natural Gas Pipeline and there are a few people who would like to talk about the project.

Mr. Wall, 93687 Picket Lane Coos Bay, Forestry Manger Roseburg Lumber and member of Boost Southwest Oregon said this group wants to let the legislatures to know that the community wants this project including over 40 businesses. Even though the project is not being built here it will have a positive impact in Coquille area, he said. Councilor Heaton asked about the wind power and is it possible to provide some type of guard to protect the birds. Mr. Wall said that they will be out in the water and hopefully the turbines would be built locally, but he said he understand her concerns.

Brooke Walton, 750 Market Ave Coos Bay, President of the Bay Area Chamber of Commerce, and member of Boost Southwest Oregon. She said Boost Southwest Oregon has a steering committee of 15 and the group supports the Jordon Cove Project, they do not support LNG as a whole but they do support this project. There will be another town hall meeting next Monday in Charleston if you have more questions. She said the turbines are scheduled to be offshore approximately 30 miles. The turbines represent are green energy and local manufactures can benefit from this project. There is an education foundation being formed to benefit local schools in Coos County and municipalities to help with the influx of workers. They have been entering into contract with SWOCC to have training for fire fighters in the event of Liquid Gas fire and it would be the only training center on the West Coast. Councilor Wiese said that he has been a pipe line proponent for the last 20 years and here is an economic development project that has a product and a customer waiting to buy the product so we need to support this project.

Councilor Wiese made a motion to adopt a resolution 20-2013 a resolution in support of the Coos Bay Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Export Terminal and the Pacific Connector Natural Gas Pipeline. Councilor Graham seconded the motion. Councilor Short asked if anyone was asked to attend the meeting that is against the project. Mayor Rowe said this is a way our City can show support for a great project that will create long term family wage with 21<sup>st</sup> century jobs and help this entire county. All council members voted in favor.

**11. TRUCK ROUTE REVIEW**

Planner/Public Works Director Urban said he has drawn a map of a possible truck route for Council's review. The tucks would turn on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street to Adams and then to the signal on HWY 42as most trucks drivers are driving a different route at this time.

Mayor Rowe said he has not heard any negative about the proposed truck route. Councilor Graham asked if the county highway from Fairview Road to Hwy 42 is allowed to be designated a truck route. Urban said yes because we are not restricting something from going on the road.

Mayor Rowe asked if trucks can go off the route. Planner/Public Works Director Urban said yes if they have business in an area. The ordinance would apply to loaded trucks only. Mayor Rowe asked how it would be enforced. Urban said there will be signs and Chief Blue said they could receive a citation and fine based on an ordinance.

Mayor Rowe asked if we need two readings of the ordinance, Attorney Trew said the charter allows you to adopt an ordinance with one reading. Trew suggested Urban bring a draft ordinance to the next meeting

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Rowe adjourned the council meeting at 7:55 p.m.

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Mayor, Matt Rowe

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City Recorder, Rene Collins