

**CITY OF COQUILLE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
October 5, 2009**

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Steve Britton, Councilors E.N. “Corky” Daniels, Loran Wiese, Linda Short, Fran Capehart, Bruce Parker and Matt Muenchrath.

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Terence O’Connor, Public Works Director John Higgins, Police Chief Mark Dannels, Fire Chief Waddington, Library Director Anne Conner, Finance Director Chuck Dufner, City Attorney John Trew and Deputy Recorder Rene Collins.

PRESS: Coquille Valley Sentinel, The World Newspaper

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

1. CALL TO ORDER/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

2. MAYOR’S COMMENTS

Mayor Britton said Council attended the League of Oregon Cities (LOC) Conference in Portland over the weekend and is glad to be home.

3. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Muenchrath said this was the first time he has attend the LOC conference and said he saw some neat things that he would like to see here and he learned a lot and hopes to bring some of those things back here. He would like to see the Pool Committee address the council next month to let the people in the community know that it is being worked and he would like to see that issue expedited and let the surrounding communities know the project is moving forward. Councilor Wiese said he attended his 14th LOC conference and his daughter passed the bar exam and he is very proud of her. Councilor Parker said the LOC conference was good. Council Short said she got a lot of good ideas at the LOC conference and can’t wait to get started. She will let the pool committee know about the Council’s request. Councilor Capehart said the LOC conference was wonderful. She went to the Rose Garden to watch the professional bull riding. Everyone tried to attend different sessions and she learned about different uses for water and toured a Honda factory. The Coos Water Shed met last week.

4. STAFF REPORTS

Fire Chief Waddington said Thursday is the Annual Fire Prevention Open House and everyone is invited. Mayor Britton asked what the next planned purchase is. Waddington said an ambulance next year and a water tender in four to five years.

Planner Higgins said the new truck Aquatech is in the upper parking lot. The crew has been using it and it works well. Councilor Muenchrath asked how much is the contaminated soil disposal going to cost; O’Connor said it will come from the contingency line at \$83,000. Muenchrath also asked if we get rid of the old truck, would we trade or sell it to Myrtle Point or another city. Planner Higgins said set a price and sell it to them. Muenchrath said at conference there was a list of cities that needed things and wanted to get rid of some things. That might be an option to look at. O’Connor said there is a list on the League of Oregon Cities web-site. Councilor Muenchrath asked why didn’t we test the new street signs or send them back. Higgins said they will work with a little modification.

Library Director Conner said the first annual South Coast Authors Fair will be in the small auditorium from 10-4 on Saturday, and there will be some entertainment and lunch available.

Police Chief Dannels said Lieutenant Smith is recovering from his surgery and Officer Arredondo is on medical leave. The haunted house flyers will be out soon. The proceeds go to the Leah Freeman Scholarship, Shop with the Heroes, Project Graduation and the local food banks. The Christmas in Coquille and Lighted Christmas Parade are being planned and flyers will be out in a couple of weeks. The high school would like to have a homecoming parade. They will stage at the high school and they will go to Central through 1st street and back to the high school. Chief Waddington said the Fire Department and Police Department will be the escort for the parade and provide traffic control. Councilor Muenchrath asked about the possibility of a city court. Chief Dannels said Kim Holderfield and Barbara Foord went to Gold Beach and attended their court to review the process. Gold Beach retained \$8,000 last month. Coquille received \$4,000 and wrote more tickets. The objective is to determine the best way for the City to process citations. City courts retain approximately 80% of the fine, and if the violation is handled at the county or state level the City receives approximately 40%. Councilor Muenchrath said the goal is to have the officers write tickets on municipal violations rather than county or state ORS violations, bring them to our City Court and allow us to collect the revenue. It also seems that the DA is treating more cases as violations, not as crimes due to their case load. The goal is to make the municipal court more efficient and cost effective by scheduling around our officers and cut down on travel time. Mayor Britton said this was tried in the 90's and the State Courts said that you have to handle all the citations including felonies. Councilor Muenchrath said there has been change due to the fact that the DA wants to have the time to handle the felonies and the larger crimes. City Manager O'Connor said they will meet with the court administrator. Mayor Britton said would some of the funds go to the academy and the state courts. Dannels said yes, a small dollar amount.

Finance Director Dufner said the auditors will be here at the end of the month. The investment account continues to stay at 4.97%. The switch over to Sterling Bank from US Bank has begun. Dufner reviewed the funding using the USDA funds comparing 30 and 40 year terms for the wastewater plant. The 30 year payoff is very similar to what we originally planned. There are some more overall costs because the USDA funds includes a buy America provision and is part of the stimulus plan which allows for a 2.75% rate instead of 4% - 5%. The engineer said it is possible there may be additional costs of 20% due to buying American. The original funding was 20, 25, and 40 years and this will be 30 years.

Dan Billings asked when Coquille stopped having a Judge. Councilor Muenchrath said the City has a Judge and he handles municipal crimes.

5. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager O'Connor said paving will be happening the second week of November. There was a meeting last week with Knife River about the dates and the City agreed to a 6 day no cost extension of the contract and a two week liquidated damages. The liquidated damages will amount to approximately \$6,000 and the City will receive additional work in lieu of funds; some work will be done at the GP site and city streets. All the paving should be completed by October 23, 2009.

Staff is still pursuing grant dollars and we are awaiting a response from OBDD, which was promised to be this week. Councilor Muenchrath asked who the OBDD answers to. O'Connor said the Governor. At this time USDA and DEQ have remained firm on their funding commitments.

Coos County Search and Rescue (CCSR) requested the use of Sturdivant Park at the west end for training sessions at no charge. Abigail Smith said that it is a two day training living out of your pack. Councilor Muenchrath made motion to allow CCSR to use the park at no charge; Councilor Short seconded the motion. Councilor Muenchrath amended to allow jeeps on the pavement and no animals. Councilor Short seconded the amended motion; all voted in favor.

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Ethel Petry, 1535 Shelley Rd Coquille OR, would like to know how to petition councilors for a disabled parking at the library closer to the ramp either by adding or moving a space. Planner Higgins said at this time one of the handicap spaces is located by the stairs and one at the end by the cross walk. Mayor Britton referred the matter to the Public Safety Committee.

On Second Street where Sheriff's Department parks in the cross walk by the jail, it blocks the vision of drivers. Chief Dannels said he will talk the Sheriff's office on Tuesday.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

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Councilor Wiese made a motion to approve the consent calendar with the correction of item #15 to read Wastewater. Councilor Capehart seconded the motion; all voted in favor.

8. COMMUNITY BUILDING KITCHEN HOOD AND FRESH AIR INTAKE

Last year \$24,000 was budgeted. 2008-2009 dollars were carried over into the 2009-2010 budget year and the bid process was not advertised in time. The bids were received and came in at \$44,000; there is \$45,000 in capital outlay for improvements at the Community Building. Coquille Sheet Metal suggested an electrical heater in the fresh air intake instead of a gas heater in the fresh air intake and lowered the price by \$12,047.80, which brings the quote to \$32,429.20. There is enough money in the budget if we do not change the windows or install a new sign. The project has been put off many times and Higgins suggested we go ahead with the project. Councilor Muenchrath said that our other bids have come in lower, why not this one and should we send this out for bid again. Higgins said it could be put out for a second bid but we would have to pay the architect again, and the cost difference is mostly the support of the intake unit. Councilor Daniels said that he was surprised at the amount of the bid, but it is needed in case of a fire. The hood does not meet fire code at this time. Councilor Wiese made motion to accept all the bids. Councilor Parker seconded the motion. Councilor Muenchrath voted against the motion; all others voted yes.

Councilor Wiese made a motion to award the bid from Coquille Sheet Metal in the amount of \$32,429.20 for a hood and fresh air intake. Councilor Parker seconded the motion. Councilor Muenchrath voted against the motion; all others voted yes.

9. RESOLUTION 21-2009 A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CITY OF COQUILLE'S REPRESENTATION IN THE COOS COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTION HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

City Manager O'Connor said the federal government requires the adoption of a Hazards Mitigation plan and then you are required to become in conformance with the county's plan and pass a resolution.

Councilor Wiese made a motion to adopt resolution 21-2009 adopting the City of Coquille's representation in the Coos County multi-jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan. Councilor Dannels seconded the motion; all voted in favor.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Britton adjourned the Council Meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Mayor, Steve Britton

ATTEST: _____
Deputy Recorder