

**City of Coquille
Council Meeting Minutes
March 6, 2017**

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Simonetti, Councilors Dennis Graham, Julie Nighswonger, Kyle Wirebaugh, Loran Wiese, and Linda Short.

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Dufner, Fire Chief Waddington, Police Chief Sanders, Public Works Director Urban and City Recorder Stolz.

PRESS: The Sentinel

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

REGULAR SESSION

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Simonetti called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. SWEARING IN OF NEW OFFICER

City Recorder Stolz administered the oath to new officer Jessica Harzan.

4. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Simonetti spoke about her time at City Day in Salem. She was able to meet with Senator Cruise and House Representative David Brock Smith. David will be moving his office to the annex building in Coquille and be here full time by July.

Mayor elected the following officials to a committee:

Budget Committee 3 year term- Dave Chappelle

Parks and Recreation Committee 2 year term- Lois Graves and Kim Jacks-Levy

Administrative Committee 2 year term- Elizabeth Engva

5. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Wiese said he just spent two weeks in North Carolina at a John Campbell Folks School. They offer classes for woodworking, lathe, blacksmith and carving. His thought was this program would go great at Jefferson school. Councilor Wiese provided a picture of a new development, where they have two story buildings with apartments above and retail shops below.

Councilor Nighswonger announced she would like to attend other city council meetings in other towns, just to see how they run a meeting. She learned a lot from City Day from speaking to other mayors and councilmen.

Councilor Short said she is also grateful David Brock Smith will be moving his office to Coquille. It will be nice to have a house representative local. She reminded everyone that BINGO is Tuesday night at the Community Building at 6pm.

Councilor Pinkston said he is glad to be back from his 50th wedding anniversary trip to Fiji, New Zealand and Australia.

Councilor Wirebaugh welcomed Hugh back from his trip and congratulated Fire Chief Waddington for a successful day at the Pancakes for Life fundraiser.

6. STAFF REPORTS

Police Chief Sanders reported that the police department will have another drug take back in April and will be sending out fliers. Also Odd Fellows will be hosting an Emergency Personnel dinner; the mayor announced that children are also encouraged to attend.

Library Director Conner was absent but Linda Short spoke about the Book Sell at Jefferson School scheduled for March 17&18th on her behalf.

Public Works Director Urban said the slide repair is on the County's list to fix but with other projects in the way and the weather, it may be a while. Our engineer is keeping in touch with the County.

Finance Director Julie Rowe was absent; City Manager Dufner announced her monthly report. *Finance report:* Yield is 2.13%, duration is 2.85 years.

Fire Chief Waddington wanted to thank everyone for attending the 20th annual Pancakes for Life. All proceeds go to the burn center in Portland.

7. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Dufner said the city has been notified by an attorney that it is the beneficiary of a bequest. The Library and the pool and Senior Activity Center were given money but it was unclear whether the money went to the Senior Meals or the Activity Center. The council and mayor took a consensus to split the bequest between the two groups, Senior Meals and Senior Activity Center.

City Manager Dufner attended a CIS conference, and our workman's comp rate increased. We had a very bad year in 2015 with two major claims that will be with us for two more years. Our cost for Workers Compensation will increase over \$20,000.00 which we will struggle to put in the budget for next year.

Our budget deadline to have documents to committee members is April 14th.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilor Short made a motion to accept the consent calendar minutes from February 6, 2017, Councilor Wiese seconded the motion, all voted in favor.

9. INSURANCE CLAIM SEWER BACK UP

There have been two claims for damages filed with CIS regarding sewer blockages causing backups into the basement of the Odd Fellows building. Dick Lemery and Mr. Bruce Barkwell were present to present their case to council as the second claim was denied.

Mr. Bruce Barkwell stated that Roto-rooter was eight months late on their semi-annual cleaning of their grease trap due to a change in ownership. CIS paid a portion of the first claim on 9/28/2016, but the second incident occurred on 10/14/2016. This claim was denied based on the short time between claims, the location of the blockage, and the report from our employee who ran a camera down the line and noted the beginning of another grease build up.

Council voted to deny the second claim as well and suggested they go back to Roto-rooter and discuss their findings and the fact it took so many months to get a clean out.

10. ACCEPT BIDS FOR S. 1ST AVENUE

Councilor Wiese made a motion to accept bids for S. 1st Avenue, Councilor Nighswonger seconded the motion, all voted in favor.

11. AWARD CONTRACT FOR S. 1ST AVENUE

Councilor Wiese moved to award the contract for S 1st Avenue to Johnson Rock Products with the extra \$45,000 for Natural Gas to be negotiated at a later date, Councilor Pinkston seconded, all voted in favor.

12. APPROVE EMERGENCY SEWER REPAIR BILL

Councilor Pinkston made the motion to approve the emergency sewer repair bill for Baxter Street where the line has completely collapsed. Knife River made the repair starting on March 1st, and finished within a couple days. Councilor Short seconded the motion, all voted in favor.

13. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Shannon Orion, 273 Alder St.

Her request is to use the \$1000.00 normally used for the Farmer's Market for a new wagon to carry water for the flower baskets. The wagon is \$2300.00 with shipping. The council voted to allow Operation Coquille to use the Farmers Market's money (\$1000.00) towards the purchase of the new watering wagon.

Richard Fish, Rink Creek Lane

He would like for Wadsworth garbage to pick up recycling more than just once a month. Mr. Fish is asking that next time his contract comes up that we add recycling to at least twice a month. As of now they are only there the first Saturday of the month for only four hours.

14. ADJOURN at 8:22 pm

City Recorder, Jennifer Stolz

Mayor, Kathi Simonetti
