

**City of Coquille
Council Meeting Minutes
January 2, 2018**

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Simonetti, Councilors Wiese, Nighswonger, Graham, Pinkston, Short and Wirebaugh.

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Dufner, Finance Director Rowe, Police Chief Sanders, Public Works Director Urban, Paramedic Ferren, 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 7:00 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. WINTERLAKES SCHOOL PRESENTATION

Principal Tony Jones and Superintendent Tim Sweeney brought a power point to explain to council and the public what Winterlake School is and why it is so important.

Council, Jones and Sweeney came to the understanding they all want the same thing. The students who are abusing the facility need to be trespassed by the police. Sweeney offered the City \$5,000 for the remainder of this school year and \$10,000 next year for use of the Community Building gymnasium.

4. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Simonetti said that 39 packages had been sold for the China trip this spring. Chamber of Commerce is hosting Awards night on February 24th.

5. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Wiese wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Councilor Nighswonger spent New Year's at Diamond Lake.

Councilor Graham had no comment

Councilor Pinkston brought up the flashing light in the school zone. He wanted to know what times it is supposed to flash and Chief Sanders said it flashes in the morning before school, at lunch, and again after school.

Councilor Short wished everyone a Happy New Year. She mentioned the projects within the City and can't believe all that we have accomplished throughout the year.

Councilor Wirebaugh said he is hoping for a great 2018 and his new business is close to the 100 member mark.

6. STAFF REPORTS

Chief Sanders directed the Mayor to the unauthorized use of a motorized vehicle line item to see the number of stolen cars for the month.

Library Director Conner was absent.

Public Works Director Urban is working with Jeff Waddington from ODOT on the entryway median for Highway 42 and Adams Street. There was a discussion to have a raised median for the intersection eastbound to prevent vehicles from turning from the passing lane on Highway 42 into the driveway at D&J Auto.

He said he is working on two lot divisions which would create 3 or 4 home sites, one on Crest Acres and one at the end of Woodridge on Shelly Road. He is assuming they are single family homes.

Justin Ferren filling in for Chief Waddington- Justin said he had applied for a grant last weekend with Three River's Casino to pay for a commercial washing machine with a cost of approximately \$7,200.00 The machine can wash two turnouts at a time and new guidelines state turnouts need to be washed after every use. There were nine houses that had the department pick up their Christmas trees, there is one week remaining to utilize the Christmas tree disposal service.

Finance Director Rowe said as of November 30, 2017 Seattle Northwest report shows the yield on cost is 1.96% and the duration is 2.58 years. We did make a hire for the Utility Clerk position so we are now fully staffed. Rowe said she has completed the MD&A for the URA and is working to complete the MD&A for the City. We are on track to finish the audit and have the presentation next month at the Council meeting.

7. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Additions to written report included the purchase of 2500 meals at a cost of approximately \$2,000 from the state surplus agency. They are shelf stable and emergency food can be used for any emergency.

Charter cable notified the City that they are increasing their rates. The basic television rate is not increasing which is the only rate the City has any say over, so no action is necessary.

Jerry Wadsworth of Wadsworth Garbage provided the numbers for the rate increase on garbage pickup. The increase is to offset the increased tipping fee the County is charging. A Resolution will be ready for the February meeting.

Councilor Short asked about the VFW renting a space at Jefferson school. Is there a bathroom available for them to use? Chuck said there is but they have to go upstairs and he is unaware if the water is turned on. Chuck will rent to them with the same terms as the Carousel. They will use the space to sew four times a month and hold their monthly meeting.

Mayor Simonetti asked about Tony Meyers rent at the old Jefferson school. Chuck said his rent is \$500 a month. Tony did get behind in his rent last winter and has yet to catch up. Since he has very little business when it is not BBQ season, Chuck is thinking about changing the rental terms charging more rent in the summer and less in the winter to align with his busy season.

Mayor Simonetti asked if we could use the \$15,000 the school district is offering us for help at the Community Building, Chuck said there are a couple possibilities to get someone down at the CCB for at least a couple hours a day. Karen Van Leuven could be an option and we have an employee who may need an early return to work. Kevin has acquired a work experience person so that could be another possibility.

8. COUNCIL APPROVAL TO SURPLUS AND SALE TWO USED POLICE VEHICLES

Councilor Wiese moved to surplus the two Crown Victoria patrol cars, Councilor Short seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

9. COUNCIL APPROVAL TO SURPLUS THE FORMER DARE TRUCK

Chief Sanders asked Councilor Wiese if he would like the former DARE truck back and Wiese said he spoke with his kids and they would like to keep the truck.

Councilor Wirebaugh made a motion to surplus the former dare truck in the instance the Wiese family wants the truck back, Councilor Nighswonger seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

ADJOURN @ 8:48PM

City Recorder, Jennifer Stolz

Mayor, Kathi Simonetti
