

**City of Coquille
Council Meeting Minutes
January 7, 2019**

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Simonetti, Councilor Rowe, Councilor Nighswonger, Councilor Pinkston, Councilor Parker, Councilor Wirebaugh

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Dufner, Fire Chief Ferren, Library Director Conner, Police Chief Sanders, Finance Director Rowe 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. OUTGOING COUNCIL COMMENTS

Rochelle Wiese shared to the audience every accomplishment the outgoing Councilors have made for the City of Coquille. The Council and Staff said good bye to Councilors Wiese, Graham and Short.

Mayor Simonetti presented each outgoing Councilor with a plaque and thanked them for their years of service to the City of Coquille.

4. SWEARING IN THE NEW MAYOR AND COUNCIL

City Recorder Stolz administered the oath of office to Mayor Kathi Simonetti and new City council member Matt Rowe and Ann Parker. Mike Layton was absent.

5. APPOINT COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Mayor Simonetti opened nominations for Council President. Councilor Parker moved to elect Councilor Wirebaugh, Councilor Pinkston seconded the motion. Councilor Nighswonger moved to elect Councilor Rowe and Councilor Pinkston seconded the motion. City Recorder Stolz counted the votes from the City Council and Mayor, and announced it was a tie. Council decided to re-vote at the February meeting when Councilor Layton is present.

6. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Simonetti welcomed new Councilors. She also sent praise to our Police Department, Mayor received two letters from citizens complimenting the Police.

Councilor Rowe said it is great to be back and see a great turn out of Citizens at the meeting. Rowe would like the Council to consider forming a rules committee like our Charter states.

Councilor Nighswonger said she attended training and can't believe how much she has learned compared to two years ago.

Councilor Pinkston commented that change is good.

Councilor Parker thanked the City for a great Christmas in Coquille.

Councilor Wirebaugh welcomed the new Council members.

7. STAFF REPORTS

Director Conner announced they now have a new part time employee who is working out quite well.

Police Chief Sanders said that ODOT has installed the new signs and they are up you can't miss them. We now have a new records system so the report you received was generated differently. Councilor Nighswonger commented she likes the new way better.

Public Works Director Urban thanked all outgoing Council and welcomed the new Council. Mayor Simonetti asked when the non slip floors will be done at the Community Building, Urban said they have to wait for a dry day but he will call the painter and go ahead with that part of the project.

Fire Chief Ferren said there has been no word on the grant for the gurney, should be in a week. Pancakes for Life are Feb 27th and proceeds go to the Burn Center for Kids at Emanuel Hospital in Portland.

Finance Director Rowe said that as of November 30, 2018 Seattle Northwest report shows yield on cost is 2.12% and the duration is 2.39 years.

8. CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Dufner said we need to plan a meeting for our Annual Goals and he has invited Crystal Shoji to speak. Council decided they could decide in emails what day works for everyone.

9. CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilor Nighswonger moved to approve the minutes from December 3, 2018, Councilor Pinkston seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

10. PACIFIC POWER EDUCATIONAL MEETING TO INFORM COQUILLE COUNCIL AND RESIDENTS OF SMART READER INSTALLATION

Sam Carter from Pacific Power came and spoke to the citizens about the program and meter installation. The group had a lot of good questions and Sam was able to answer all of them. He said with the new meters you can track how much power you are using every hour of every day.

11. REQUEST TO RELOCATE THE SHERWOOD BUILDING PAINTING

Paul Reconzone owner of the Sherwood Building asked the City if he could have the picture of his building that is now hanging in the Large Auditorium at the Community Building. He offered to just take it on loan also.

Councilor Rowe made a motion to wait a month and look into other options such as duplicating, Councilor Nighswonger seconded the motion, Councilors Rowe, Nighswonger, Mayor Simonetti, Councilor Pinkston, Councilor Wirebaugh voted in favor. Councilor Parker voted opposed. Motion passed.

12. RESOLUTION 01-2019 APPROVING THE COOS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ORDER TO INITIATE THE FORMATION OF A COUNTY WIDE TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT

Councilor Pinkston moved to approve Resolution 01-2019, Councilor Parker seconded the motion. Councilors Pinkston, Parker, Nighswonger, Short and Wirebaugh voted aye and Councilor Rowe voted opposed.

13. ADOPT THE BUDGET CALENDAR AND APPOINTING A BUDGET OFFICER

Councilor Pinkston moved to appoint Chuck Dufner as the Budget Officer, Councilor Nighswonger seconded the motion, all voted in favor.

Council decided to table the budget calendar until City Manager Dufner can come up with dates that everyone can attend.

14. CITY OF COQUILLE SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT CHARGES REPORT

City Manager Dufner said this is required every year anyone who builds a new house and taps into the city and water pays system development charges.

15. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mary Grabowski 2300 NW Alder St- She said smart readers are toxic with too much radiation.

Jo Teel 412 E. 5th St – Jo thanked Public Works for the installation of children signs at 5th St Park. She also asked if we have a policy for vulgarity at the park. Chief replied that it is their 1st Ammendment right but we can create a parks code of conduct.

Linda Short 1st St Avenue- She really wants Coquille to spearhead a Main Street project. Linda likes how other towns are completely decorated for holidays.

16. ADJOURN AT 9:05 PM