

**City of Coquille  
Council Meeting Minutes  
March 5, 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, Fire Chief Waddington 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 7p.m.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

Mayor Simonetti said the Chamber Awards Banquet was a success with 200 people attending.

**4. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilor Wiese had no comment

Councilor Nighswonger attended the SCDC meeting and the River Trail meeting, and they were very informative. She also mentioned Gay 90's is coming up and they need help and volunteers.

Councilor Graham had no comment

Councilor Pinkston thanked the Chamber for a great event. He also attended the Girl's State Tournament at Marshfield where the girls won Best Sportsmanship, and the Coquille Tribe banquet where they granted \$291,000 to several community organizations.

Councilor Short reminded all that the Vietnam Wall is coming September 14, 15 & 16<sup>th</sup>. She announced there will be three council positions this year up for election, and people need to get the word out.

Councilor Wirebaugh thanked the Chamber for a nice banquet, and he is headed to Eugene where his girls' basketball team will be representing Coquille in a tournament.

## **5. STAFF REPORTS**

Chief Sanders announced their K9 Fundraiser will be April 28<sup>th</sup> this year and the theme is the Great Gatsby.

Library Director Conner was absent.

Public Works Director Urban spoke about 4<sup>th</sup> and Elliot and 6<sup>th</sup> and Cedar being on the list of streets to possibly fix this year. Urban told Council he would contact contractors to get a cost estimate. On 6<sup>th</sup> and Cedar St there are partners willing to share some of the cost.

He also mentioned the timber cutting going on between 1<sup>st</sup> St and South 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue. Urban said we could possibly do a thinning project on the city's property east of this cut to bring in some money.

Chief Waddington congratulated his son on accepting a job with the Eugene Paramedics.

Finance Director Rowe said that as of January 31, 2018, the Seattle Northwest report shows the yield on cost is 1.95% and the duration is 2.41 years.

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

City Manager Dufner said he will have an Administrative Meeting March 9<sup>th</sup> at 10 am. Lynn Kindred will be attending and they will discuss the proposed changes to our community rentals and the associated fees.

The first bargaining session regarding the Police Union contract negotiations will be March 21<sup>st</sup>.

Chuck said he will attend the next Riverwalk meeting to show them the draft MOU he has prepared. It is regarding the bio-swales and grants between the City and the Riverwalk.

Chuck contacted Jeff Waddington from ODOT asking if the completion of Mill Ave was still a viable plan and what we would need from ODOT to complete it if the opportunity came up. The plan would be from the middle of the GP site adding an extension exiting back on highway 42 causing ODOT and Mast Bros to lose their entrance. It will be an exit only. Citizens needing to go to either business will enter from the light.

Chuck contacted Business Oregon and they will hold a conference call about some funds available through a new program called Opportunity Zone. It is for use in low income areas, however Coquille is not considered a low income area. However if a proposal serves certain populations you can still apply. Chuck said he will attend from his office and anyone is welcome to join the meeting.

## **7. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Councilor Graham moved to accept the consent calendar for February 5, 2018, Councilor Short seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

## **8. SAM BAUGH- SOUTH COAST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**

Sam Baugh from SCDC came to speak to Council about getting more involved in Coquille. He mentioned the Opportunity Zone program that funds low income towns, there are 86 zones throughout Oregon with Portland having 15. He would like to speak with Chuck about the GP site extension. City Manager Dufner said Sam has made a lot of contact with him and done a great job at outreach for us.

## **9. BRIAN KRAYNICK- COQUILLE RIVER TRAIL**

Brian Kraynik from Bandon came to speak with Council about his project The Coquille River Water Trail. He is asking Council to lend their support for his project and be listed as a supporter in his presentations. Kraynik explained his vision of the project using a tour boat with a river guide to highlight the history back and forth from Coquille to Bandon.

Councilor Wiese made the motion to support the Coquille River Water Trail, Councilor Graham seconded the motion, and all voted in favor.

## **10. COUNCIL ACTION ON REAL ESTATE**

Dufner said he was asked by Terry Nighswonger to modify the sales agreement. The existing sales agreement includes lots 1, 2 and 3, and provides an option on lots 7 and 8. The modification would add lot 4 to the sales agreement the City Council approved at the February meeting with the same terms and conditions. Nighswonger would like to withdraw the option on lots 7 & 8. The new sales agreement would be only for lots 1, 2, 3 and 4.

Councilor Nighswonger recued herself from the Council stating a conflict of interest.

Councilor Wiese made a motion to sell lots 1, 2, 3 and 4 of the Jefferson subdivision

under the same terms and conditions as the February 2018 sale, Councilor Pinkston second the motion and all voted in favor.

**11. A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GRANT AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO MAKE AN EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT OF A REPLACEMENT AMBULANCE.**

Councilor Wiese made a motion to adopt Resolution 03-2018 accepting the grant from Rotary for up to \$125,000 to supplement the \$45,000 the Ambulance Fund has in the equipment replacement fund, and directing the City Manager to make an Emergency purchase of an ambulance. Councilor Nighswonger seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

**12. MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF AN AMBULANCE**

Councilor Pinkston made a motion to authorize the purchase of the 2017 Dodge 4500 Demo stock#165978 for \$165,952.00, Councilor Wiese seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

**13. FORESTRY BOARD MEETING SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATION**

Councilor Wiese made a motion to proceed with the cut and secondly to retain Stuntzner to prepare and manage the harvest Mayor Simonetti asked for discussion.

Garret Kleiner explained that the Forestry Board voted to recommend to the City Council that the timber cut be done, and 50% of the profits will go to the street fund. Second Street could be put off until the timber cut is complete. Garrett Kleiner also told council they could bid and cut the timber in one year depending on the market. City Council agreed that Stuntzner should bid the timber cut.

Councilor Graham seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

**14. ADJOURN**

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City Recorder, Jennifer Stolz

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Mayor, Kathi Simonetti

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