

**City of Coquille  
Council Meeting Minutes  
April 1, 2019**

**COUNCIL PRESENT:** Council President Nighswonger, Councilor Layton, Councilor Rowe, Councilor Pinkston, Councilor Parker and Councilor Wirebaugh

**STAFF PRESENT:** City Manager Dufner, Finance Director Rowe, Fire Chief Ferren, Library Director Conner, Police Chief Sanders, 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. MAYOR'S COMMENT**

Mayor Simonetti had no comment

**4. COUNCIL COMMENT**

Councilor Layton no comment

Councilor Rowe told the Council that the transportation district has cut the routes for Coquille from three times a day to two.

Councilor Nighswonger no comment

Councilor Pinkston attended Trivia Night at the Library, and shopped at the new furniture store in Coquille, also thanked the staff for their hard work on the water crisis.

Councilor Parker attended the Health Fair in Coquille presented by Coquille Valley Hospital.

Councilor Wirebaugh also attended the Health Fair in Coquille, and said it was twice as big this year.

**5. PROMOTED RESERVE OFFICERS**

City Recorder Stolz read the oath to Police Reserve Sergeant Dennis Hyatt, Police Reserve Corporal Chris Ulm, both were promoted within the Reserve Program.

## **6. STAFF REPORTS**

Police Chief Sanders said they finished the application and interview process for the two officer positions open and have two candidates chosen. As long as they get through the background investigations they will start in May.

Library Director Conner said the grant application to digitize the Sentinel newspaper up to 1939 was successful.

Public Works Director Urban said the docks will be here this week and the construction to install them will begin.

Fire Chief Ferren said they need to buy about 35 new turn outs for the Volunteer Firemen and they run from \$4,000 to \$6,000.

Finance Director Rowe said as of February 28, 2019 Seattle Northwest shows the yield on cost is 2.17% and the duration is 2.56 years. Rowe also told Council that Springbrook (our finance software) has been sold again and if we choose to stay with them the City will have a significant investment to upgrade both software and hardware. She will continue to explore other options for the city.

## **7. CITY MANAGER REPORT**

City Manager Chuck Dufner told Council there is a pre-membrane filter we can buy and install that would improve the water in the reservoir and the river. It removes solids in the very beginning before the water hits the plant.

## **8. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Councilor Pinkston moved to accept the consent calendar; Councilor Nighswonger seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

## **9. MOTION TO DELAY THE DONATION OF THE FIRE WHISTLE**

It was decided by the City Attorney that the whistle has been surpluses and anyone who wants to discuss the whistle needs to speak with the Museum.

## **10. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

*Bob Beers 57292 Crest Acres* spoke about the House Bill 2152 changing the law to the owners standing timber being taxed at the timber value. Bob encouraged everyone to contact Brock Smith and get more information on House Bill 2152.

*Jean Ivey Gurney Owner of The Sentinel Newspaper* said she did not live here when the GP whistle was going but she knows a lot of the public would like to have the whistle on again.

**11. ADJOURN AT 7:50 PM**

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City Recorder, Jennifer Stolz

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Mayor, Kathi Simonetti

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