

**City of Coquille  
Special  
Council Meeting Minutes  
December 3, 2018**

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

**STAFF PRESENT:** City Manager Dufner, Finance Director Rowe, 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

**COUNCIL MEETING 7:00 P.M.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER @ 7:02 PM**

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

Mayor Simonetti commented Christmas in Coquille went great with lots of involvement in the parade.

**4. COUNCIL UPDATE**

Councilor Wiese had no comment

Councilor Nighswonger said she will miss the outgoing Councilors, Wiese, Graham and Short and thanked them for their time spent on the City.

Councilor Graham said him and his wife just returned from Hawaii and they enjoyed themselves going to a new island.

Councilor Pinkston announced that Monday and Tuesday's are the SMART reading days and need more volunteers. He said the Bear cupboard handed out 54 Turkey dinners this year for Thanksgiving.

Councilor Short said she enjoyed the Main Street meeting we held last week but hopes more people will start attending City meetings.

Councilor Wirebaugh said it's been an honor to work with the Senior Councilors who are leaving and wished them well. He said the signs Public Works installed look great.

Councilor Wiese directed staff to make offers for the GP site that best fit the city, Mayor took a consensus and all Council agreed. City Manager Dufner and Real Estate Agent Jenni Forbes will get together and come up with prices and offers for GP site.

## **5. STAFF UPDATES**

Chief Sanders told the Council that Bear Cupboard has reported twice in two months that items are missing. Officer Makinson put cameras up in there for 2 weeks but didn't see anything suspicious. Councilor Wirebaugh asked Chief if he had caught the person writing graffiti on Jefferson school and Sanders replied they have not been able to.

Library Director Conner was absent

Public Works Director Urban said we have a Nutria problem down at Sturdivant Park. ODFW says they will come in and trap them but they cannot be relocated. Urban is thinking of adding nesting boxes for owls to hopefully alleviate this problem.

Urban has submitted a variance to the in-water work window. Based on feedback from the Corps of Engineers, it looks like we will get the variance, but will only be able to work until March 15<sup>th</sup>. Then we could get back in the water May 15<sup>th</sup> and hopefully this will give us plenty of time to complete this project.

Fire Chief Ferren was absent

Finance Director Rowe said as of September 30, 2018 Seattle Northwest report shows the yield on cost is 2.9% and the duration is 2.28 years. October 31, 2018 Seattle Northwest report shows the yield on cost is 2.13% and the duration is 2.47 years.

## **6. CITY MANAGER REPORT**

City Manager Dufner said himself, Julie Rowe and Kevin Urban are now registered agents with the Oregon USDA Rural Development.

City Manager Dufner said the intersection at Central and 10<sup>th</sup>- Pacific Power had contacted us to take the traffic light out and put up a 4 way stop. Most of the time it wouldn't be an issue but when school is in session that street is too busy for just Stop signs. Dufner's idea is to write Pacific Power a letter and state we did not know of any problems with the traffic light nor do we have money in our budget to replace anything. Let them move their pole but we keep the traffic signals as is. All Councilors agreed with Dufner.

## **7. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Councilor Nighswonger moved to accept the consent calendar, Councilor Graham seconded the motion, all voted in favor.

## **8. PRESENTATION OF OFFICIAL CANVAS OF VOTES FROM THE COOS COUNTY ELECTIONS DEPT.**

Councilor Wiese moved to accept the canvas of votes read by the City Recorder, Councilor Pinkston seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

The new elected officials are Mayor Simonetti, Councilor Rowe, Councilor Layton and Councilor Parker.

**9. CITY ENGINEER STEVE MAJOR- UPDATE JEFFERSON SCHOOL**

Steve Major presented the Council with seven options for the Jefferson School building. If they chose to demolish the building it could possibly give them 12 more lots.

**10. ORDINANCE 1509 - AN ORDINANCE CREATING A NEW SECTION WITHIN THE CITY OF COQUILLE MUNICIPAL CODE, SECTION 6.05 PROHIBITING THE FEEDING OF PIGEONS ON PUBLIC STREETS AND PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PROPERTY WITH PUBLIC ACCESS**

Councilor Graham moved to suspend the rules of a second reading and read the Ordinance by title only, Councilor Pinkston seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Councilor Wiese moved to pass Ordinance 1509 creating a new section within the City of Coquille Municipal Code section 6.05 prohibiting the feeding of pigeons on public streets and public and private property with public access, Councilor Pinkston seconded the motion.

Roll Call was taken and unanimously passed, 7-0.

**11. PUBLIC HEARING ON CHANGING THE RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL GARBAGE COLLECTION RATES**

Mayor opened the Public Hearing at 7:50pm asking for public comment, hearing none closed the Public Hearing at 7:51pm.

**12. RESOLUTION 18-2018 A RESOLUTION CHANGING THE RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL GARBAGE COLLECTION RATES AND APPROVING A RATE INCREASE FOR THE FRANCHISE HOLDER**

Councilor Wiese moved to accept Resolution 18-2018, Councilor Pinkston seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

**13. PUBLIC HEARING REAL ESTATE**

Councilor Nighswonger recused herself from Agenda Item 14 & 15

Mayor opens the Public Hearing at 8:00 pm

Brandy Olmstead 1742 N Grape Court – Brandy asked Chuck there was a Resolution selling these lots back in April of 2016, why are we having another Public Hearing? Chuck looked up the rules to selling property and it states each offer needs to be published, hold a public hearing and sell the property.

Mayor closed the Public Hearing at 8:04pm

**14. RESOLUTION 19-2018- A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF OPTIONS TO PURCHASE CITY OWNED PROPERTY KNOWN AS LOTS 5, 7, & 8 OF THE JEFFERSON SUBDIVISION BY NIGHSWONGER LLC**

Councilor Graham moved to accept Resolution 19-2018, Councilor Pinkston seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

**15. RESOLUTION 20-2018- A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF CITY OWNED PROPERTY KNOWN AS THE JEFFERSON SUBDIVISION LOT 6 TO NIGHSWONGER LLC**

Mayor opened the Public Hearing at 8:05

Public comment- Brandy Olmstead 1742 N. Grape Court. She asked why they did not accept the highest bid on Lot 6. Attorney Muencrath directed the Council to not comment on anything spoke about in Executive session, and Mayor Simonetti told Brandy they have no comment at this time.

Mayor closed the Public Hearing at 8:07

Councilor Wiese moved to accept Resolution 20-2018, Councilor Short seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

**16. SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT AUDIO AND VISUAL SYSTEM**

Councilor Graham moved to authorize the City Manager to go for the Sole Source purchase not to exceed \$34,348. Councilor Pinkston seconded the motion and Councilor Graham, Mayor Simonetti, Councilor Pinkston, and Councilor Short agreed and Councilor Nighswonger, Wiese, and Wirebaugh opposed. Motion passed.

**17. CROSSWALK SIGN SOLUTIONS**

Councilor Wirebaugh moved to use option 2 and 2 if 2 doesn't work move to option 3, Councilor Wiese seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

**18. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**Darlene Storm Andrews** 1120 W 8<sup>th</sup> St- Darlene asked the Council what happened to the GP whistle that used to blow three times a day. Council explained that the decibals are too high for the health code. The whistle was fine out at the GP site but too close to citizens at the Fire Station.

**Ethel Pietry 1535 Shelly Rd-** Ethel brought to the Council's attention the new smart meters that Pacific Power is installing in everyone's homes. Ethel is concerned about this and why the public was never asked. City Manager Dufner said that Sam Carter from Pacific Power could not come tonight for comment but will be able to attend the meeting in January.

Meghan Wilson 1501 Shelly Rd.- She wants to opt out of the SMART meters because they put out twice the radiation, employees are losing their jobs and they are raising our rates. If you want to opt out of the SMART meter they are charging \$36.00.

**ADJOURN at 8:29 pm**