

City of Coquille
Council Meeting Minutes
June 5, 2017

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Simonetti, Councilors Hugh Pinkston, Julie Nighswonger, Kyle Wirebaugh, Loran Wiese, and Linda 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

REGULAR SESSION

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Simonetti called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Simonetti announced she attended the Governors conference in Salem for a week; she was called to the House of Representatives floor to accept an award Coquille received. She will be walking in the Rose Parade next weekend with all the mayors in Oregon.

LOC (League of Oregon Cities) was held in Reedsport. Mayor volunteered Coquille to host the next meeting on August 23rd.

Mayor Simonetti will be working with the School District on a competition called "If I were Mayor." It will be part of the curriculum next year.

Hugh Pinkston will not be able to serve on the Planning Committee, Mayor appointed Sandy Denny from US Bank to sit on the planning committee.

4. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Wiese attended National Cancer Day in Corvallis. He donated a canoe and raised \$6,000.

Councilor Nighswonger glad Gay 90's is over, but was a great day for Denny's, a record breaking day for the pizza parlor.

Councilor Graham said there are new interpretive signs down at the River walk. He attended a concert at the high school that was a fundraiser for the Eagle project to raise money for new instruments.

Councilor Short said Gay 90's was great and so was the beer garden. She heard a lot of compliments from people. The Carousel received a \$35,000 grant, and they raised \$10,000 at their own fundraiser. They were also asked to be at the tall ships.

Councilor Pinkston said Gay 90's was a great day. He spoke about how the Librarian said she applied for a grant to help with new library, but because City is not poor enough we did not qualify. I discovered last week that Coquille is rated one of the poorest cities in the United States. He attended both Coquille graduations; Coquille High School graduates received \$370,000 in grants this year.

Councilor Wirebaugh congratulated the Police and Fire and Ambulance for their participation in Gay 90's. He ran in the rotary run and told Urban he did a great job on 5th St Park.

6. STAFF REPORTS

Finance Director Julie Rowe announced as of April 30, 2017 finance report, the yield on investment is 2.11%, and duration is 2.62 years.

Fire Chief Waddington was absent but Justin Ferren was present and said that the golf tournament was great but they had fewer teams this year. They are hoping they made at least the same as last year if not more.

Public Works Director Urban said he thought he was finished with the Fish cleaning station but they have asked for another document and pictures. Councilor Short asked about the code enforcement letters, how long does a resident have before they are served with a fine. Urban said 14 days but if we pay Public Works to clean up their property, we put a lien on the property and Chief can write them a citation.

Chief of Police Sanders said Gay 90's went well and all the officers were here and on duty. Two of the officers will graduate from academy this Friday, he will attend the graduation.

He spoke of a meeting he attended in Coos Bay and the subject of Marijuana tax came up as the City of Coos Bay received their first check of \$1800. The Narcotics team is asking that the surrounding counties donate all of half of their tax money to their organization. We do not have a tax on Marijuana yet but Scott and Chuck will be speaking in the near future about implementing one.

The Department was able to purchase two vehicles from Coos Bay at the cost of \$2,000.00 each. They came fully equipped, they will just have the signage on the outside replaced with Coquille information.

Library Director Conner was absent but Chuck announced he could answer questions anyone had. Councilor Graham asked if the new estimate (1.92 million) of the new library included the furnishings and the shelving. Dufner answered yes that it also includes the addition of some solar panels that raised the cost due to the roof needing more reinforcement to hold the extra weight. The contract has not been signed and we are not ready to proceed until the library can raise more money by fundraising.

7. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Dufner had Johnny come in as Pool Manager to keep you all updated on the pool. Johnny and Jessica are both doing a great job. They will be selling shaved ice at the door of the pool. All lifeguards will get their food handlers card to sell the shaved ice. They are \$2 for a small and \$3 for a large.

E. Main still needs to be cleaned up; Chief is still working on this with the abatements.

Chuck said he will be attending the Oregon City Managers meeting. He has never done a union negotiation alone and will get the training he needs.

We received a bequest from a Mrs. Stern; to be used for the tennis facility at one of the parks. We have two tennis courts, one at 5th St Park and one at Sanford Heights. We will use the money as it was designated.

Mayor Simonetti and Councilor Short and Nighswonger would like to be First Impressions representatives.

The Street Sweeper did his first sweep night before Gay 90's. There were too many cars on Adams st, so that street was missed. We will get a schedule from him and inform the residents, so they can keep the street clear on those days. It was suggested to put the schedule on line and in the newspaper.

Chuck provided a summer calendar to go over future meetings and show his vacation days. It was agreed that the meeting will be on the 17th of July, skip the month of August, and plan on having it September 5th, a Tuesday after Labor Day.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilor Short made a motion to accept the minutes from April 17, 2017, Councilor Wiese seconded the motion, all voted in favor.

Councilor Wiese made a motion to accept the minutes from May 1st, 2017, all voted in favor.

9. RESOLUTION 08-2017- A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE AMENDED AND RESTATED 457 (B) GOVERNMENTAL DOCUMENT IN THE CITY OF COQUILLE, COOS COUNTY, OREGON

Councilor Short moved to amend 457(b) plan to include a Roth option and a participant loan option, Councilor Pinkston seconded the motion, all voted in favor.

10. CENTRAL AVENUE SLIDE REPAIR

All agreed to the cost breakdown (with a minor change by our engineer), on the slide repair, and we will retain the entire ODOT grant.

Council took a consensus to only sign if the amount is \$25,000 max to fix, if they won't sign it, we won't go through with it.

11. RESOLUTION 06-2017- A RESOLUTION INCREASING WATER AND SEWER RATES

This will go into effect July 1st, 2017.

Councilor Wiese moved to accept Resolution 06-2017, Councilor Pinkston seconded, all voted in favor.

12. ADJOURN at 8:50 pm

City Recorder, Jennifer Stolz

Mayor, Kathi Simonetti
