

CITY OF COQUILLE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
April 6, 2015

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Matt Rowe, Council President Loran Wiese, Councilors Dennis Graham, Susan Heaton, Dave Chappelle, Fran Capehart and Linda Short.

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Ben Marchant, Finance Director Chuck Dufner, Library Director Anne Conner, Public Works & Planning Director Kevin Urban, Fire Chief Dave Waddington, City Recorder Rene Collins, Chief Janice Blue and City Attorney Matt Muenchrath

PRESS: Coquille Valley Courant

AUDIENCE: A roster of those present is on file in the City Recorder's Office

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rowe called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Rowe said it was great to see a

4. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Heaton said she is proud of her granddaughter for passing her EMT training. She invited everyone to the Garden Club meeting the next day at 2:00 p.m., and to the Seed Club meeting on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 6:00 p.m. at the Owen Building. Councilor Heaton had traveled back to Texas to visit family and friends, and drove through a snow storm on the way home. Her daughter has started a garden seed starting party at the Coquille Valley Hospital, which will be held on March 13th from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m..

Councilor Wiese said he

Councilor Chappelle

Councilor Short said the Carousel

Councilor Capehart

5. STAFF REPORTS

Police Chief

Library Director Conner said there will be a book sale will be in the next couple of months, and Trivia Night will be held on May 9th with a roaring 20's theme.

Fire Chief Waddington

Public Works Director/Planner Urban said

Finance Director Dufner said the Reitman Trust Fund earned 2.25% in February with

duration of 2.30 years.

6. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Marchant said.

7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Ollie Huffman, 2340 Shelly Rd, asked how many officers are on the force. Officer Smith said 6 fulltime and 3 reserve officers at different levels. She asked how many can write tickets, and Smith said they all can. She asked if a "J turn" is illegal at the jail. Officer Smith said usually it is illegal. She thanked the Police Department for patrolling by her house even though people are still speeding. She thanked the Mayor for apologizing to her for the treatment she received at the previous council meeting.

George Johnson, 1249 W 14th Street, asked if there were going to be any free swim days this year. He thought they had been provided due to economic issues for families, and he thinks they are important and hope they continue. Service organizations, parents, and businesses have donated to this program over the past 12 years. He understands that there have been some problems of capacity on free swim days. He would like the pool staff to handle the number to be admitted, and give those who cannot enter a swim ticket for a different day. He suggested the rules be posted for all to see, and if the children do not adhere to the rules there needs to be consequences. Mayor Rowe said the pool loses money and staff is struggling to make it at least break even. Mayor Rowe said the free swim days will not take place this year. Pool Manager Joe Nichols said he does not want to take the free swim days away, but would like to have a family night instead.

Kathy Simonetti, 16 E. 1st Coquille, Chamber of the Commerce President, said the theme for Gay 90's is "Follow the River Brick Road." They will be looking for someone to design a logo for the buttons.

Suzzane Swan, 94576 Shelly Rd, said the community is concerned about K9 Kara barking and not responding to the handlers command, and the police logs show Kara alerts on marijuana. Ms. Swan asked who amends the City Ordinances, and Mayor Rowe responded that council does amendments. Officer Smith said Kara is OPI certified and that includes personal protection. Officer Smith said he has not had a problem with her minding him. When she is in service, which is when she in the car, she barks because she thinks it time to work. Also, she is not imprinted with marijuana, but some arrests have multiple types of drugs found. Councilor Chappelle asked if all dogs go to the same training, Officer Smith said they do not, and the City chose Adlerhorst, which operates under federal standards. Swan then asked if the decorative art work at the wastewater plant was included in the original plan, and what was the cost. Mayor Rowe said the cost was \$225,000. Finance Director Dufner said the decorative art work was part of the overall bid for the wastewater treatment plant. There were several participants involved in the financing for the decorative wall at the cost of \$225,000. The loans will be paid in 20 and 40 years and there is no way to tell which agency the money came from. Councilor Graham asked if the contractor offered not to do the wall, and City Marchant replied that yes, they had, with very little cost savings because the walls themselves could not be deleted. The wall decoration was chosen for cost savings due to the low maintenance once it was complete.

Tom Olson, 57 N Adams, asked if there could be a stop sign at 1st Street and N. Adams Street to get the traffic to slow down. The crosswalk is a hazard, and maybe more people would go downtown. Mayor Rowe said that could be put on the next safety committee

meeting agenda.

Jackie Pinkston, 490 E. 1st Street, Coquille, asked what it costs a year to maintain the pool, and she felt the free swim days help support the pool. She wanted to thank the library, and Shelly from the library, for helping with the preschoolers literacy program. Kiwanis provided a carpet for the children to set on during story time at the school.

Hugh Pinkston, 490 E. 1st Street, Coquille, said he has seen a lot of changes over the years, and he would like to see the new library. He is glad to see that Council supports that goal. Mayor Rowe said the rent money from McKay's goes back into the library fund. Councilor Graham said the City Council stated that they wanted to go forward with the design phase of the library.

Bob Beers, Crest Acres Rd., Coquille, is in support of the free swim days. He said he filled out the survey stating the road way from 2nd Street to Johnson Street needed to be fixed, and it completed within a couple of weeks. He said people are making J turns in front of the post office, and U turns in front of the mail box in front of the community building on a regular basis.

Rich Fish, Rink Creek Rd., Coquille, thanked the City for the endorsement of the new public library. He expressed how important the library is to a small town, and how it is used by children and people of all ages. He encouraged City Council to continue to support the library. He thinks that if the Council meetings were moved to 6:00 p.m. more people would attend.

Sharon Neilsen, 275 S. Irving, Coquille, said there is a house near hers that homeless people occupied, and now there is more trash around the home. They called the police department. She asked about the regulations on abandoned houses. City Attorney Muenchrath said the City is working on an ordinance, and hopefully it can go to a committee next month. Officer Smith said it is important to call dispatch as soon as they see something suspicious.

Janet Reed, 81 E. 1st Street, Coquille, agreed with Mr. Olson that we need a stop sign at 1st and Adams, because the cross walk is not safe. She asked if the landlord is responsible for the sidewalk, and Mayor Rowe said yes. She said the sidewalk around her meter is not level, and Public Works Director Urban said he could have someone look at it. She said her awning is very dirty, and would the City write the owner a letter to clean it. Mayor Rowe said that is between her and her landlord and the City would not be involved. She asked about the sidewalk in front of Bill's Place. She said is terrible, and asked if the City could write a letter to the owner, Mayor Rowe said he would speak to the owner.

Councilor Short thanked everyone who spoke in support about the free swim program.

Ethel Petrey, Shelly Rd., Coquille, asked if the council packet is delivered to the library. City Recorder Collins answered that it is delivered. She asked when the budget meeting is scheduled, and Finance Director Dufner said it is set for April 20th at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Rowe thanked everyone for asking questions and being involved in government.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

- **Council Minutes of March 2, 2015**

Councilor Capehart made a motion to approve the consent calendar. Councilor Heaton

seconded the motion, and all voted in favor.

9. RESOLUTION 01-2015 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING SPECIFIC PURPOSE GRANTS AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS

10. RESOLUTION 02-2015 A RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS BETWEEN CATEGORIES WITHIN THE SAME FUND

11. RESOLUTION 03-2015 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR A LOCAL GOVERNMENT GRANT FROM THE OREGON PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT FOR THE COMPLETION OF RIETMAN PARK

12. CONTRACT AMENDMENT FOR INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF COOS AND CURRY COUNTIES HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

13. RESOLUTION 04-2015 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COQUILLE ADOPTING A VOLUNTEER POLICY PROGRAM

14. RESOLUTION 05-2015 A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE LICENSE, PERMITS, AND PROCEDURES BOOK AND AUTHORIZING THE RATES AND FEES CONTAINED THEREIN

15. ORDINANCE 1493 – AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY OF COQUILLE MUNICIPAL CODE TITLE 13, PUBLIC SERVICES

16. TIMBER SALE 2014 – ACCEPT BIDS

17. TIMBER SALE 2014 AWARD BID

18. DISCUSSION ABOUT TRANSIT LODGING TAX

19. ADJOURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Rowe adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Mayor, Matt Rowe

City Recorder, Rene Collins