

CITY OF COQUILLE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
May 3, 2010

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Steve Britton, Councilors E.N. “Corky” Daniels, Loran Wiese, Linda Short, Fran Capehart and Matt Muenchrath.

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Terence O’Connor, Public Works Director John Higgins, Police Chief Mark Dannels, Finance Director Chuck Dufner, City Attorney John Trew and Deputy Recorder Rene Collins

PRESS: None

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Britton called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. MAYOR’S COMMENTS

Mayor Britton said Council and Staff will continue to meet until they can come up with some goals for the next physical year. Goal planning is very challenging due to the City’s budget constraints in the next fiscal year.

Councilor Capehart read a proclamation supporting the annual sale of Buddy Poppies by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. Mayor Britton promulgated the proclamation

Councilor Capehart said the Buddy Poppies will be sold at McKay’s on the third Thursday and Friday of May 2010.

4. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Muenchrath said hopefully the rain will stop so we can enjoy the Coquille valley.

Councilor Wiese thanked the budget committee for all their help and coming to the meeting.

Councilor Short said a Champagne Benefit for the Pool will be held at the Sawdusters Theatre on May 28th. Councilor Short attended a class at Bandon about URAs and how they work.

Councilor Capehart said she was sorry she missed the budget meeting in April; she was recovering from surgery.

5. STAFF REPORTS

Finance Director Dufner said changes are being made to the budget and will be adopted on June 14, 2010. The auditors are now required to communicate directly with Council and if any has any question just let him know. GASB 54 requires that all funds be put in one of several designations to help the information being processed. A resolution will be prepared for Councils approval designating the funds in each category.

Public Works Director/Planner Higgins said he wanted to add that May is yard debris pickup every Tuesday. Citizens will need to call with their address, name and phone number. Mayor Britton said there were 17 people who had their water shut off this month and said it shows how tough things are.

Chief Dannels wanted to introduce Janice Blue who has joined the team; she comes with 27 years of experience from Reno. Ms. Blue said that she is glad to be here and everyone has been very kind and the community has welcomed her. Chief said ODOT had agreed to give the Police Department two radar trailers for free, but instead they received one for the cost of \$500.00. The police department received a \$2,000 radar grant. Chief Dannels said that Chaplin Steele has organized a multi-agency Law Enforcement Memorial Service to be held on May 15th at Sturdivant Park at 11:30 a.m. The Spring Fling Dance,

which is drug and alcohol free will be held at the Elk Club on May 22nd and there might be a bowling night in June for the youth.

Chief Dannels and City Manager O'Connor will be meeting with the school board to discuss the importance of the School Resource Officer position and funding that goes with the program.

National Night Out will be on August 3 and this year they would like to have a community event which includes an event in the community. Some of the thoughts are to take a building that has been neglected possibly paint the front of the building.

6. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager O'Connor said the national food chain legal council has contacted him even though an agreement has not been reached. Planner Higgins has had some conversations with their architect.

The Library Director is still on vacation, but there has been some ongoing discussion between the Les Schwab Retirement Corporation and the library concerning the possible sale of their building to the City. They will try to respond by May 10, 2010.

The City was successful in applying for and receiving a grant in the amount of \$215,000 from the Oregon State Marine Board. The project will include a redesign and re-paving of the parking area between the Sturdivant Park restrooms and the boat launching facility. Other projects selected were Florence, Port Orford, and Coos Bay also received grant dollars.

Attached is a list of ODOT approved projects, 19 received funding, but Coquille is on the waiting list at this time. Some cities received funding for more than one project. The projects were only for off road pedestrian trails or transit projects

7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Carol Clayburn wanted to thank Council for allowing the proceeds from the skate to be donated to Relay for Life, the donations were \$748.50 for skating and \$193.50 for food sales for a total of \$942.00. She asked if they could sell food at the next four hour skate to benefit Relay for Life; Council said that she would be allowed to do that. Ms. Clayburn said she will contact the City for the Logo to be put on the shirts.

Geno Landrum asked by the Coquille Sentinel to sit in as a reporter. He would like to offer his condolences because the City did not receive the ODV Home and feels the decision was already made before they arrived. He said he had an opportunity to visit with the DEQ recently and feels that the new system may only have a life of ten years.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. City Council minutes April 5, 2010
- B. Budget Committee minutes April 19, 2010

Councilor Daniels made a motion to approve the consent calendar. Councilor Wiese seconded the motion; all voted in favor.

9. LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION – EL TAPATIO

City Manager O'Connor said the Police Department has not received any more information from the applicant.

The Liquor Commission does not seem to have an issue with the name being different. Staff recommends denial of the application and even though the City recommends denial the State will make their own decision.

Councilor Wiese made a motion to deny the Liquor License application from El Tapatio Cuahutemoc Restaurant. Councilor Short seconded the motion; all voted in favor.

10. RESOLUTION 04-2010 A RESOLUTION AMENDING SECTIONS 13.1.1 & 13.1.2 OF THE CITY OF COQUILLE PERSONNEL AND POLICYT MANUAL – VACTION ACCRUALS

Finance Director Dufner said the union staff will receive a yearly increase during the 2010-2011 fiscal year and the non-union employees will not. The union staff receives more vacation days during their years of service than the non-union staff. The resolution would equal the vacation for union and non-union employees. The most it would cost the city is \$3,500 for the year for Fire and Ambulance because they are required to always have someone on duty. Councilor Muenchrath suggested that it become effective July 1, 2010, Finance Director Dufner agreed.

Councilor Muenchrath made a motion to adopt resolution 04-2010 amending sections 13.1.1 and 13.1.2 of the City of Coquille personnel and policy manual – vacation accruals to be effective July 1, 2010. Councilor Wiese seconded the motion; all voted in favor.

11. RESOLUTION 05-2010 A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN PERSONAL PROPERTY TO BE SURPLUS PROPERTY AND PROVIDING FOR THE DISPOSITION OF SUCH PROPERTY

Chief Dannels said it is a car they purchased for \$500 from the City of North Bend and now has become an extra and they would like to donate it to Bandon for an administration car.

Councilor Wiese made a motion to adopt resolution 05-2010 declaring certain personal property to be surplus property and providing for the disposition of such property. Councilor Capehart seconded the motion; all voted in favor.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Britton adjourned the Council Meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Mayor, Steve Britton

ATTEST: _____
Deputy Recorder