

CITY OF COQUILLE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
June 1, 2009

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

STAFF PRESENT: Public Works Director John Higgins, Dave Chappelle, Library Director Anne Conner, Fire Chief Waddington, Finance Director Chuck Dufner and City Attorney John Trew.

PRESS: The World, Coquille Community News, and Coquille Valley Sentinel

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 7:00 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Britton announced that the Gay 90s celebration is this weekend and invited everyone to attend.

4. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Capehart said she would be out of town during the Gay 90s celebration and Police Department would have the dunk tank and face painting. Councilor Short said the dog park is complete and the grand opening will be on Saturday. She attended the Memorial Day celebration at Sturdivant and it was nice. Councilor Wiese visited Sanford Heights on Saturday while Girl Scouts worked on their service project. Councilor Daniels said the flower baskets hanging around town look great. Councilor Muenchrath congratulated the Class of 2009.

5. STAFF REPORTS

Officer Chappelle said Reserves Travis Britton, Mike Fjeld and Dustin May will be graduating June 9, 2009 from the training academy held at SWOCC. Chief Dannels was one of the 32 police chiefs chosen to attend the Rural Executive Management training in Reno. Three cars were purchased from the Coos Bay Police Department for \$800 each. The Police Department cleaned out the old shooting range in the basement of the Community Building and found a 1968 radar gun, which will be used for display. The police department is working on a new youth program. Officer Arredondo has completed her field training and will be attending a two week academy training to transfer her certification.

Library Director Conner said the final circulation for May was 6,345.

Public Works Director Higgins said the sewer lines were cleaned by Spec's Industries. The public works building is approximately 75% complete and the next step will be moving out of the old buildings.

Chief Waddington hosted the Hitch, Pitch and Run on May 17th and Seth Waddington went on to compete in Eugene and placed third.

Finance Director Dufner said the investment account is still earning over 5%. The budget is posted in the paper and the next meeting is on June 17, 2009. Comspan replaced the router with a faster one and it will allow the Police Department to possibly save some money on their phone lines.

6. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager O'Connor received confirmation from Coos Curry Electric that the CCEC Board has authorized the purchase of 2.6743 acres on the GP site for the agreed amount of \$270,266.08; the total cost to CCE with the road extension is \$603,828. The closing is projected for this week with construction starting next spring.

O'Connor reminded everyone during an earthquake you need to drop, cover and hold. This is the safety measure being asked to be followed by the Oregon emergency agreement.

Mr. Anderson from DEQ responded to his letter and said there was no intent on their part to mislead the City of Coquille. Mr. Anderson had no answers to the questions or comments the City Manager raised in his letter. The Director wishes to meet with him when he is in Coos Bay in July. Mayor Britton and City Manager O'Connor said Senator Merkley was under the impression by the state that the money had been distributed across the state on a per capita basis. It was suggested that how the dollars are distributed be reviewed.

7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Niki Graham thanked Councilor Short and Wiese for visiting the girl scouts at the Sanford Heights Park on Saturday while the girls were working on cleaning it up

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. City Council minutes May 4, 2009
- B. City Council Minutes of May 19, 2009
- C. Annual Amendment for Library Services

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

9. RESOLUTION 11-2009 A RESOLUTION PERTAINING TO A SPECIAL CITY ALLOTMENT FOR THE CITY OF COQUILLE, COOS COUNTY, OREGON FOR ODOT FUNDS

Public works director Higgins said this is the \$25,000 yearly grant application offered by Oregon Department of Transportation. The total price of the project is \$126,880 for two blocks (E. 3rd St. from N. Baxter St. to N. Dean Street). Councilor Wiese made a motion to adopt resolution 11-2009 pertaining to a special city allotment for the City of Coquille, Coos County, Oregon for ODOT funds. Councilor Parker seconded the motion; all voted in favor.

10. POWERPOINT PRESENTATION – RIVER WALK PRESENTATION TO OREGON PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION – DENNIS GRAHAM

Dennis Graham presented the PowerPoint slide show that he would be presenting to the State of Oregon Parks and Recreation Department in June.

11. POWERPOINT PRESENTATION ON LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES BY MR. LEE DAVIS

This is local economic development strategies presented by Mr. Lee Davis. He thanked City Manager O'Connor for his time over the past month. Mr. Davis is a graduate of Coquille High School and is concerned about the Community and the City; he presented a local economic development strategy for Coquille. Councilor Wiese said he had created the questions, so now we need the answers. Mr. Davis said the people are here and we need to use the resources we have and not be dependent on the lumber industry. Dr. Keller said the downtown studio will be starting education programs that will enhance the education of the local children and hopefully build their enthusiasm.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Britton adjourned the Council Meeting at 8:12 p.m.

Mayor, Steve Britton

ATTEST: _____
Deputy Recorder

**City of Coquille
Urban Renewal Agency
June 1, 2009**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Urban Renewal Chairman Wiese called the meeting to order at 8:27 p.m.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

Urban Renewal Minutes of May 4, 2009

Member Britton made a motion to approve the consent calendar. Member Capehart seconded the motion; all voted in favor.

3. Recommendation to award consultant contract to Leleand Consulting group

Executive Director O'Connor said on May 11th and 13th the interviews were conducted with Tashaman & Associates, Leleand Consulting and The Benkendorf Association from the RFP's received. The proposals range from \$14,974 to \$31,000. The interview committee suggested the contract be granted to the Leland Consulting Group and one the people in the group was originally involved when the URA was formed. Leland Consulting believes Council needs to have patience during the development of the GP site; it could take up to 10 years or more to get the right fit. The original contract was \$24,515 and there is an additional cost of \$6,500 for the site planning and charrette for the GP site, the total contract cost is \$31,015.00. Chairman Wiese said the Leland group was very enthusiastic. Member Short said she hopes that some of the goals set are met. O'Connor said the group's main function is to review how the URA works and if the program needs to be updated.

Member Parker made a motion to award the consulting contract to Leleand Consulting for \$24,515 with added cost of \$6,500 for a charrette. Member Muenchrath seconded the motion; all voted in favor.

4. Adjournment

Chairman Wiese adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Chairman Wiese

Deputy Recorder, Rene Collins