

CITY OF COQUILLE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
August 3, 2009

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

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Terence O’Connor, Public Works Director John Higgins, Police Chief Mark Dannels, Library Director Anne Conner, Fire Chief Dave Waddington, Finance Director Chuck Dufner and City Attorney John Trew.

PRESS: 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

4. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Capehart said she wanted thank all the people who helped during Coquille day at the fair in the Community Tent, which was the hottest day of the year. Due to the economy the attendance was down; only a few larger buyers attended the livestock auction. Linda Short said people have been letting her know how lucky we are to have Chief Dannels and encouraged everyone to buy local as the merchants are trying to carry a larger variety. The Victorian Tea will be held at the Sherwood House on September 26 and 27th. Councilor Parker said he had a good time at the fair. Councilor Wiese also encouraged people to buy local and congratulated Councilor Muenchrath on being voted as Boss of the Year. Councilor Daniels said the lot behind Bills Place needs to be looked at because the two trees planted are breaking the sidewalk. Councilor Muenchrath said he is looking forward to the upcoming projects in City.

5. STAFF REPORTS

Fire Chief Dave Waddington thanked everyone for supporting the 22nd Annual Steak feed and the 153 cars that attended the car show and served over 1,000 dinners.

Public Works director Higgins said the waterline on South Mill Avenue has been completed. He thanked the Mormon Church for the great job they did on the weekend cleanup.

Library Director Conner said she is still adding computer equipment from the Gates Grant they received.

Chief Dannels said the Police Department is busy getting ready for National Night Out on August 4th from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. and they will probably go longer. The Police Department did not received the three year COPS grant they applied for. Nine agencies were given grants. Coquille was ranked 13 out of 101 applications. Councilor Muenchrath asked if there were any grants for a one year funding. Dannels said they will continue to look. City Manager O’Connor said that half of the money had to go to areas with populations under 150,000; Oregon received five million dollars in total.

Finance Director Dufner said the investment account is still earning 4.87% but is dropping off as the dollars are maturing and they will renew at 1.5%. There was an upgrade performed on the Microsoft Office Programs.

Attorney Trew said after further review Jerry Wadsworth could sell his franchises and the new owners would have to follow the rules and reapply when the franchise expired.

City Manager O'Connor said the new council chamber chairs were purchased from the Veterans Administration surplus in White City. State parks said the River Walk would not be funded this year. The grant writer said that the technical phase scored high and the questions session scores were not as high. It has been suggested that we start talking to our state legislators about how the scoring system works, and why those who sit on the board are able to score their own projects, which received funding. The grant writer will be investigating some federal funding that might be available.

The City of Coburg in June filed a petition to Environmental Quality Commission asking them to modify their regulations and add some additional Oregon administration rules stating that those communities that have a prior financial relationship with DEQ could be considered for funding for stimulus dollars. There is an opportunity to comment in support of the petition and comment on the proposed rules by DEQ. There are revised ORA's on the DEQ's site, but not sure if they will be adopted. Councilor Muenchrath asked if we should be added as a co-petitioner, and O'Connor said it is too late for that, but he did send a letter and they are scheduled to discuss it on August 21st. Councilor Muenchrath asked that we look into it further. The City Manager O'Connor said he would do that.

Craig Filip, from DEQ Household Hazard Waste, gave a presentation on solid waste. The steps in the plan implementation are the following: We are asking that the City Council approve an increase in the franchise garbage rate to accommodate the \$3.27 tipping fee surcharge to fund plan implementation. We are asking all 10 incorporated Cities of Coos and Curry County to adopt the plan, which shows support of the program. There is an intergovernmental agreement between the Cities and the County which forms the steering committee and each City can have a representative on the committee.

Councilor Muenchrath asked what the fiscal impact to an individual in Coquille. Mr. Filip said on average a resident would pay an additional \$3.28 a year and commercial companies would see an increase of .39 cents per container yard per month. The program is aimed to protect your water source. He follows up on pollution complaints and 80% of those complaints are in Coos County. The waste is not only on public land, it is on private property. The events will be hosted in various areas to serve the 66,000 people in Coos and Curry County. Councilor Wiese asked who collects the money. Filip said Coos County collects the funds from the franchise holders and those funds are held separate fund and the steering committee will oversee the implementation of the plan.

City Manager O'Connor said tomorrow there will be a preconstruction meeting with Knife River about the street improvements.

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Nancy Keller reported that the downtown Studio needs more volunteers; there has been a variety of programs provided and more on the agenda. They would like feedback from the community on what types of programs they want; they have been very supportive of the studio. They will be providing face painting at national night out. There will be a meeting tomorrow night and they welcome everyone to bring their ideas. The programs are for all ages.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. City Council minutes June 30, 2009
- B. City Council minutes July 6, 2009
- C. City Council Minutes July 17, 2009

Councilor Wiese made a motion to approve the consent calendar with additional note. Councilor Parker seconded the motion; all voted in favor.

8. LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION (EL TAPATIO MEXICAN RESTAURANT)

Councilor Muenchrath made a motion to approve the liquor license application for El Tapatio Mexican Restaurant. Councilor Short seconded the motion; all voted in favor.

9. RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE STERLING BANK AS THE CITY DEPOSITORY

Finance Director Dufner said he has been talking with US Bank about the amount of interest the City was receiving on their deposits. The City then switched to a non-interest bearing account that you receive an earnings credit which is then applied to the monthly bill, and we still owe at the end of the month. He requested proposals from the Sterling and Umpqua Banks. The Sterling proposal seems like it would work best for the City.

Councilor Wiese made a motion to adopt Resolution 18-2009 designating Sterling Savings Bank as the provider of depository services for the City of Coquille. Councilor Muenchrath seconded the motion; all voted in favor.

10. RESOLUTION TO AMMEND THE LICENSE, PERMITS, AND PROCEDURES BOOK ADOPTING NEW RATES FOR THE CITY OF COQUILLE COMMUNITY BUILDING

City Manager O'Connor said that after several meetings of the administrative committees, they recommend the deposit be doubled when alcohol is being served and those who use the building at no charge will be charged a non-refundable fee of \$20.00 for the floor care.

Councilor Wiese made a motion to adopt resolution 19-2009 amending the license, permits, and procedures book and adopting of new rates for the City of Coquille Community Building and authorizing the rates and fees contained therein. Councilor Parker seconded the motion; all voted in favor.

11. ACCEPT BIDS FOR GRAPE STREET SEWER EXTENSION AND AWARD THE BID

Public Works Director Higgins said Dyer Partnership requested quotes on the sewer replacement on Grape Street. The line now serves 6 residences and 1 business. The line is too small for the capacity. Bids were received from Bandon Concrete, John Williams and Johnson Rock.

Councilor Wiese made a motion to accept the following bids:

Bandon Concrete \$23,136
John Williams \$24,250
Johnson Rock \$40,684

Councilor Muenchrath seconded the motion; all voted in favor.

Councilor Wiese made a motion to award the bid to replace the sewer line on North Grape Street to Bandon Concrete in the amount of \$23,136. Councilor Muenchrath seconded the motion; all voted in favor.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Britton adjourned the Council Meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Mayor, Steve Britton

ATTEST: _____
Deputy Recorder

City of Coquille
Urban Renewal Agency
August 3, 2009

1. CALL TO ORDER

Urban Renewal Chairman Wiese called the meeting to order at 8:21 p.m.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Urban Renewal Minutes of July 6, 2009

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

3. PRESENTATION BY THE POOL COMMITTEE

Sharon Usselman, 1274 W. 14th, is representing the Coquille Pool Committee. The City of Coquille Comprehensive plan says the following: The potential for recreational activity in this City should be capitalized through promotion, encouragement of development of additional overnight lodging facilities and the encouragement of development of conventional facilities. The Community Building and the Pool represent a conventional facility. The Committee is requesting \$325,000 to be used for the Coquille Swimming Pool remodeling project. Ms. Usselman presented a listing of the grants and funds they are applying for to help with the project. If URA approves the request it would give the committee 1/3 the support from the city which is required from many of the grant givers. The 1/3 support also will allow the committee to have architectural drawings and take bids. The feasibility study has been completed with the conclusion being there is a need for the pool to updated and support from the community and surrounding areas. The Committee has raised \$250,000.

Judy Gederos, 18 E 6th Street, said this project is huge and everyone is working very hard. The \$250,785.31 has been raised by donations and fund raisers in the community.

Linda Short, 650 S 1st Avenue, said the pool is very important to this community it is healthy, safe and provides summer jobs for teens. Member Short started a free swim day program has raised \$30,000 over the last 6 years. This has provided opportunity for the children and adults.

Ms. Usselman said the pool is a gathering place for all ages; it provides lessons for the young and the old. Our pool is the oldest community pool in the state. It was completed in 1953. The wading pool was built in the 60's. It does not meet the basic standards or all the state and federal guidelines. A new facility would allow a year around pool, swim team, and there would be events scheduled for the facility. The therapy channel would help with physical therapy. Tourism would be brought to our area because of the events held at the pool.

Gary Combs, 3736 Chester North Bend, said 40 years ago he was the parks director and the pool needed repair then. The state wide outside recreation plan says that outdoor providers are facing the following challenges; rapidly aging population, fewer youth learning outdoor skills, increasingly diverse population and decreasing levels of physically active individuals. Swimming is one of the most popular activities. He stated several grants have been applied for and some already received, which can be seen on the listing presented. He believes the pool project could receive a large amount of grant dollars. There are no similar facilities in this area including Coos Bay and North Bend. Most grants require matching funds which can be dollars or in some cases labor.

Don Kinnard, Fat Elk Road, asked if the pool fits the criteria for the use of URA funds. Chairman Wiese said that will be discussed later in the presentation.

Nancy Keller said the pool will help with childhood obesity and those with arthritis. She feels this is an investment in the community and their health.

Chairman Wiese said we have consultants reviewing the URA funding sources, how much we can bond, and what the money can be used for. City Manager O'Connor said there is an open house hosted by the consultants on Thursday at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall. During the open house they will be getting citizens' ideas of how they would like to see the money spent. URA is under some guidelines restricting the amount that could be contributed to the swimming pool project. O'Connor said the pool is in the original plan and has been identified as a project. The consultants are anticipating the completion of their report in October.

Member Britton said he feels that this is the most worthwhile project that has come before the URA agency.

Member Muenchrath asked if there is a way to fast track to see what dollars are available so the committee does not have to wait 6 months. Director O'Connor said the issue is money flow, not the amount. All the projects need to be identified by the URA and determine if they want to go for a bond. Gary Combs said that the cost of the pool project needs to be reviewed as they may be lower and the information is needed go forward with grant requests. O'Connor said that the cost of engineering and architecture is about 18% of the total project. Lowell Thomas said that the committee would not need cash until the building project starts. Chairman Wiese wanted to remind everyone that the dollars spent on the pool will not increase the taxable assets of the City. Director O'Connor said that we need to wait for the report from the consultants to make any decisions.

4. Adjournment

Chairman Wiese adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

Chairman Wiese

Deputy Recorder, Rene Collins