

CITY OF COQUILLE

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

July 16, 2012

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Muenchrath Council President Loran Wiese, Councilors E.N. “Corky” Daniels, Bryan Baird, Tim Spanberger, and Linda Short.

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

PRESS: None

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

1. CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council President Wiese called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

2. MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Muenchrath welcomed everyone to the July City Council meeting

Mayor Muenchrath said the pool dedication was fun on Saturday and he was able to go down the slide. He said it is quite an achievement to have this wonderful new pool in Coquille and thanked the pool committee, citizens and staff for all their hard work. He said the Waste Water Treatment plant is moving along and the decorative wall looks great.

3. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Baird said has been enjoying the pool with his children. He has some pamphlets for a free soccer camp put on by Epuerto in Coos Bay if anyone is interested. His children have been enjoying the summer reading program that the Library has been providing.

Councilor Daniels said the concrete work on the Waste Water Treatment plant is very interesting looking.

Councilor Wiese said that he just returned from a 3,800 mile trip and it was 116 in Phoenix and it was unbelievably hot, but they had a good time. He thinks the pool is wonderful and congratulated the committee on all their hard work.

Councilor Spanberger said his children are enjoying the pool; especially the slide and he likes the lazy river.

Councilor Short thanked everyone who attended the ribbon cutting for the pool on Saturday. She visited the area where they are working on the river walk and it is very exciting, the bricks should be going in soon. She has the forms available to purchase bricks and they will be installed during this phase.

Mayor Muenchrath said the City received a thank you card from the Small Cities coordinator and the Red cross.

4. STAFF REPORTS

Fire Chief Waddington introduced Brian Train; he received the Oregon Volunteer of the year for 2012, he has been a volunteer for approximately 9 years. Mayor Muenchrath thanked Mr. Train for all he does for the Fire Department. Mayor also thanked Chief Waddington for the training his department provides to all the volunteers.

Public Works Director did not have anything to add to his report. Mayor Muenchrath asked if we know if the City will hear from DEQ about the spill from the sewer plant. Urban said he received a call from them saying they will be sending a letter to the enforcement division and they will be sending Urban a draft of the letter and will speak with him before it is forwarded the enforcement division. Urban said he and City Manager Marchant are working on response. Mayor Muenchrath said the striping that the county did on Central looks great.

Library Director Conner said the summer reading program has been over whelmed with children. She said her computer went down and the new parts have arrived and it is being repaired.

Chief Blue said the police department was quiet during the 4th of July except for a few firework calls.

Finance Director Dufner said the investment fund is earning 4.18%. The auditor discovered an error in the fire fund budget and it will be handled on item #7 of the agenda. The website is coming along and the code red system will be placed on the website so citizens can sign up for notifications. In August there will be a public hearing about increasing the SDC charges and possible approving of a resolution and ordinance.

5. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Marchant introduced Justin Thomas; he will be interning for the next 5 weeks. He is attending college Southern Oregon University and majoring in business management.

We are looking forward to Tuesday at the Coos County Fair as it will be Coquille Day. We will give away 100 day passes for the pool and be asking some Coquille Trivia questions.

City Manager Marchant said he and the Mayor had a conference call with Today in America. They want to produce a 5 minute video showing the community which would be narrated by a celebrity the cost would be approximately \$20,000. Marchant thinks a promotional video of the area could helpful in promoting Coquille's economic identity that would help with the economic development. He received a quote from another production company for the same type of production; the cost would be approximately \$6,000. Councilor Short said she watched the video and wonders how we would fill the time; City Manager Marchant said that we would focus on the quality of life here; fishing, climate, culture, river walk, pool, and the GP site. Mayor Muenchrath said that we need to follow through the work we have already done on the GP site, especially because of the work that is being done there and the economic study that is in the process. Councilor Wiese said that it would be good to target certain markets because it is more valuable. Councilor Short thinks we need to keep the young people here with jobs and hopefully this will help get jobs here. City Manager Marchant will be focusing on some other economic development strategies at this time and we will not participate in the Today in America program at this time.

City Manager Marchant said he will be adding updating the municipal code to his priority list.

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

City Council minutes of June 4, 2012

City Council minutes of June 18, 2012

City Council minutes of June 26, 2012

Resolution 14-2012 – Annual resolution extending Coquille's Workers Compensation coverage to

Volunteers of the City of Coquille

Councilor Wiese made a motion to approve the consent calendar as presented. Councilor Spanberger seconded the motion. Mayor Muenchrath abstained from voting as he did not attend June council meetings; all others voted in favor

8. Notice and Correction of budget document error 2012-2013

Finance Director Dufner said that during the 2012-2013 process he listed in the adopted column \$137,000 on the "Transfer From General Fund" line in the fire fund it should have been on the "Committed Property Tax Receipts. The correction has been made to the budget.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Short said this is the an important part of the year and our Mayor and three Council positions are up for election in November and this is the time of year when you file your papers to run if you are interested.

Mayor Muenchrath adjourned the meeting at 7:40

Mayor, Matt Muenchrath

Deputy Recorder, Rene Collins