

CITY OF COQUILLE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
April 1, 2013

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

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Marchant, Finance Director Dufner, Police Chief Blue, Fire Chief Waddington, Library Director Conner, Public Works & Planning Director Urban, Deputy Recorder Collins, and City Attorney Trew

PRESS: None

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

Executive Session

EXECUTIVE SESSION – PURSUANT TO ORS 192.660(2) (E) TO CONDUCT DELIBERATIONS WITH PERSONS DESIGNATED BY THE GOVERNING BODY TO NEGOTIATE REAL PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS

Mayor Rowe said the City of Coquille will now meet in executive session to conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions.

This executive session is held pursuant to ORS 192.660 (2) (e), which allows the Council to meet in executive session for the purpose of conducting deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions.

Representatives of the news media and designated staff shall be allowed to attend the executive session. All other members of the audience are asked to leave the room. Representatives of the news media are specifically directed not to report on any of the deliberations during the executive session except to state the general subject of the session as previously announced. No decision may be made in executive session. At the end of the executive session, Council will return to open session and welcome the audience back into the room.

Mayor Rowe called the executive session to order at 6:30 p.m.
Mayor Rowe adjourned the executive session at 6:53

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rowe called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Rowe reminded the audience that there is a three minute rule when addressing the council. Mayor Rowe attended a meeting at the Capitol in support of the schools.

4. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Heaton said she spent most of March in Texas but she did attend the Western Benefit Dance and really enjoyed the line dancing

Councilor Chappelle invited everyone to come and enjoy the first street fair of the summer downtown on June 21st. Mayor Rowe thanked Councilor Chappelle and Short for taking on the summer street fair program.

Councilor Short said the Swimming and Water Safety Program for the 2nd and 3rd graders still needs donations to help fund the cost of the life guards. The letters were sent out last week for the “Free Swim Day” and 3 ½

days have been funded. Councilor Short also said the Carousel meeting was held last week; everyone is invited to the next meeting this month.

Councilor Capehart said baseball started yesterday and she is very excited. The Country Western Benefit Dance raised approximately \$1,775.50. The Gay 90s Celebration will have activities at Sturdivant Park and the river. The next meeting for the carousel is April 25th at 6:00. The League of Oregon Cities is holding their regional meeting on Wednesday April 3rd at 5:00 p.m. at the Community Center and they have invited Council Members and Staff to attend.

5. STAFF REPORTS

Fire Chief Waddington thanked everyone for attending the Pancake for Life Breakfast they raised approximately \$2,000 for the Portland Burn Center. Mayor said that it was a great benefit and he thanked all the volunteers and staff who worked on this benefit.

Library Director Conner said the Friends Of The Library purchased a needs assessment for Coquille Library and they looked at expansion of the current library and a new library. The assessment recommended an additional 11,000 square feet which would not work in the current location. If anyone would like to look at the assessment she has it.

Public Works Director Urban had nothing to add to his written report and there were no questions from Council.

Chief Blue said about a month ago she was on duty in the early morning and someone raced through town and she could not safely pursue the person. She has directed the officers to work Hwy 42 part of the time because traffic was not slowing down. Chief is afraid there could be a fatality and she did not want to have to respond to that type of call. She had set up a directed patrol that would be by the new WWTP; she procured a trooper to help with the directed patrol. She read the email that was sent to the officers regarding the planned directed patrol; the email was then shared on face book by a reserve officer. She read some of the face book responses and they were very negative. Chief wanted everyone to know that if you break the law you go to jail or get a ticket. Councilor Heaton said the speed limit signs are well placed and visible and everyone should obey them.

Finance Director Dufner said the investment fund is earning 3.97% for the perpetual care fund. There are new photos on website. He is working on budget and it will be on the website by April 11th and the Budget Meeting is April 15th. Councilor Heaton asked if Dufner had investigated about getting a scanner for the old records. He replied he is budgeting 5,000 to get a scanner and possibly have a student scan our records.

6. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Marchant said he will be going to Salem on April 9th for the River Walk Grant application presentation, and he had nothing to add to his report.

7. PUBLIC HEARING – POSSIBLE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY

Mayor Rowe opened the public hearing at 7:17 and stated this public hearing is to take comment on the possible purchase of real property located at 400 N Central, Coquille, Oregon.

Julie Watte, 874 N Henry, Asked where the money will come from to purchase the property. Finance Director Dufner said from the Rietman Trust Fund interest and money raised from the Friends of the Library. Watte asked if McKay's will be going away. Councilor Short said they will continue to rent. Watte asked when the purchase would take place. City Manager Marchant said the City has 30 to 90 days to perform due diligence.

Mayor Rowe closed the public hearing at 7:21

8. MOTION ON POSSIBLE PROPERTY PURCHASE OF 400 N. CENTRAL, COQUILLE, OREGON

Mayor Rowe asked Council if anyone wanted to make a motion regarding the purchase of 400 N. Central. Councilor Capehart made a motion to purchase 400 N Central. Councilor Heaton seconded. Councilor Wiese said we have talked about this for a lot of years, had public hearings, put the information in the paper and thinks it is the time to make the purchase. Councilor Capehart amended the motion to add based on a satisfactory inspection. Councilor Heaton seconded the amended motion, all voted in favor.

9. PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED USER FEE INCREASE FOR COQUILLE COMMUNITY CENTER AND SWIMMING POOL

The Public Hearing is to take comment on the proposed user fee increase for the Coquille Community Center and the swimming pool. Mayor Rowe opened the public hearing at 7:24 p.m.

Nichole Graham, 1320 N. Gould, said she thinks the out of town people should not be charged a higher fee because they spend money here and helped raise the funds for the pool. She thinks it will run people out of our town and that is not what we want. Ms. Graham suggested raising the adults rates not the children. She is concerned about the cost of a computer program to track the out of town people. Councilor Short said she is not against out of town people paying more because they do not pay city taxes, but had not thought of only raising the adult rates. Ms. Graham said if you purchase a punch card here it is only good for this year and other pool punch cards do not expire.

Mayor Rowe closed the public hearing at 7:30 p.m.

10. RESOLUTION 07-2013 A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE LICENSE, PERMITS, AND PROCEDURES BOOK AND ADOPTING NEW COQUILLE COMMUNITY CENTER AND SWIMMING POOL USE FEES.

Councilor Graham said he is concerned that non residents including residents would pay a dollar more and asked where do you break the line at the boundary? He asked how the data system would be tracked especially for Coquille students who live outside the City limits. City Manager Marchant said we would provide a resident ID card with proof of residence and the holders would be eligible for free swim days and the resident rates. The boundary would be the city limits because those residents pay taxes for city services. The idea is to look at a long term sustainable way of maintaining city facilities. The City has invested a great deal in the new pool and the concern is to maintain revenues in such a way to sustain and support it so we can make it available to the most amount of people for the longest amount of time. Councilor Chappelle said the out of town people who are swimming in our pool are also spending other dollars in our town. He agrees maybe we should look at the adult rate increase. Marchant said after talking with the Pool Manager that the out of town people mostly visit on the free swim days and not on paying days.

Councilor Capehart said Bandon Recreation brings children over to swim and skate for two hours as does Myrtle Point. Marchant said not every situation has been addressed because this is a general policy and if they have special needs they would need to bring those issues to Council. Mayor Rowe said the pool rate has not been raised for a decade and he thinks the residents deserve a lower rate because they pay taxes and it could free up some tax dollars for other projects. Councilor Wiese said the pool will probably never be self sustaining but by adding a \$1 it would gain approximately \$16,000 in income making the cost of operating the pool approximately \$34,000.

Councilor Wiese made a motion to adopt resolution 07-2013, a resolution amending the license, permits, and procedures book and adopting new Coquille Community Center and Swimming Pool use fees Councilor Heaton seconded the motion. The Vote was 4 to 3 motion passed; opposing the motion were Councilor Short, Chappelle, and Graham.

11. RESOLUTION 08-2013 A RESOLUTION ADOPTING AS PART OF THE POLICIES OF THE CITY OF COQUILLE THE ATTACHED CITY FACILITIES USER AGREEMENT

Councilor Short asked when did the City start charging for using the park behind the community Center. City Manager Marchant said that would be only if someone wanted to reserve the picnic area.

Councilor Wiese moved to adopt Resolution 08-2103 as part of the policies of the City of Coquille the attached City facilities user agreement. Councilor Chappelle seconded the motion, the vote was 6 to 1, Councilor Short voted no.

12. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Steve Brittan, 56181 Hawthorn; Said a lot people here because of the document that Chief Blue wrote and was posted on Face Book. He has received a lot of calls regarding this issue and they are not the type of people that would get up and talk. Britton asked is it normal practice for a Chief to give a directive to officer's site and not give warnings and he thought it was up to the officer's discretion. Councilor Heaton asked if they are breaking the law they can receive a ticket. Brittan does not want to see what has been built up the Police Department

over the past years broke down with the community and he feels this could be happening and the truck drivers feel singled out.

Brad Jones, 911 N Collier, questioned Councilor Heaton's comment at the last safety committee meeting when someone claimed he saw the Chiefs daughter speeding. Councilor Heaton said she was being facetious.

13. CONSENT CALENDAR

- a. CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF MARCH 4, 2013
- b. CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF MARCH 14, 2013
- c. CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF MARCH 15, 2013
- d. COOS COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD APPOINTMENT OF SALLY ABEYTA

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

14. RESOLUTION 05-2013 A RESOLUTION PERTAINING TO TRAFFIC AND PARKING IN THE CITY OF COQUILLE, COOS COUNTY, OREGON (Stop Signs at 12th & Dean)

Mayor Rowe said the safety committee meeting recommended this being passed. Public Works Director/Planner Urban said he spoke with the resident on the SW corner and they have concerns about vehicles cutting the corner and possible accidents. The school children use this intersection when going from one school to another.

Councilor Wiese made a motion to adopt resolution 05-2013 pertaining to traffic and parking in the City of Coquille, Coos County, Oregon. Councilor Chappelle seconded the motion. All councilor members voted in favor.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Rowe adjourned the council meeting at 7:52 p.m.

Mayor, Matt Rowe

City Recorder, Rene Collins