

**CITY OF COQUILLE**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**November 2, 2015**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – AN EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE CITY COUNCIL IS ALLOWED UNDER SECTION 192.610 (2)(A) TO CONSIDER THE EMPLOYMENT OF A PUBLIC OFFICER, EMPLOYEE, STAFF MEMBER OR INDIVIDUAL AGENT.**

Mayor Rowe said the city of Coquille council will meet in executive session pursuant to ORS 192.660 (2) (a), which allows the council to meet in executive session to consider the employment of a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent. Designated staff shall be allowed to attend the executive session. All other members of the representatives of the news media and audience are asked to leave the room. No decision may be made in executive session. At the end of the executive session, we will return to open session and welcome the audience back into the room.

Mayor Rowe called the executive session to order at 6:32 p.m.  
Mayor Rowe closed the executive session at 6:50 p.m.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Rowe called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**2. Pledge of allegiance**

**3. Mayor's Comments**

Mayor Rowe said there will be a work session at 7:00 p.m. on November 9<sup>th</sup> to discuss possible amendment changes and some other issues.

Mayor Rowe asked council if they have any objection to appointing Robin Goche to the Library Board, there were no objections. Mayor Rowe appointed Robin Goche to the Library Board with a term to expire on July 1, 2017. There is still one vacancy on the Library Board and he is reviewing some applications.

City Manger Marchant received a Flag from Captain Muenchrath that was flown on a B-1 bomber in support of Operation Inherent Resolve on October 15, 2015 for the City of Coquille.

**4 Council Comments**

Councilor Graham said he just returned from a 10 day elk hunting trip.

Councilor Heaton attended the Parks Planning, and the River Walk Committee meetings and Fire Department open house. She is on the Shop with the Hero's planning comitte, which allows children to shop with police officers and fire fighters. She thought the Air Force Jazz Band performance was very good.

Councilor Wiese congratulated the Red Devils winning the conference title with an undefeated season of 9 and 0. This is the first playoff game in Coquille since 1970, for the last 60 years the Coquille Red Devils has had only 2 announcers.

Councilor Short attended a lot of the same things Councilor Heaton attended. She said the Boy Scouts did a great job at the Air Force Jazz Band Concert. She enjoyed seeing the high school home coming parade. Councilor Short said all the trick-or-treaters were very polite and most of them had been downtown for trick-or-treating. The Carousel will host a Victorian Tea on December 5th at 11:00 and 2:30 and the tickets are \$15.

Councilor Capehart thanked the public works department for everything they do and City staff. She thanked the VFW, and school district for helping with the Air Force Jazz Concert and about 475 people attended. She thought the Parks Committee meeting went very well. She attended the Fair Board meeting and said the theme for the 2016 fair is "A Barn full of Fun for Everyone". Councilor Capehart said The Emergency Preparedness fair is scheduled for February 27<sup>th</sup>.

## **5. Staff Reports**

Fire Chief Waddington thanked Coquille Community Christian Church for their donation to the ambulance fund in the amount of \$1,400 which will be used to purchase a stair chair. Approximately 156 children attended the Fire Department Open House.

Library Director Conner said November 14<sup>th</sup> is the Team Trivia and the dress up theme is sports.

Police Chief Blue attended the Air Force Jazz Band Concert and they escorted a person out that was making a disturbance. She thanked the officers that helped with the trick-or-treat downtown event. Councilor Heaton was disappointed that people were concerned with what Chief Blue was wearing when she responded to a possible threat to the high school. Chief Blue said when she responded she had been out running when she was notified about the possible threat.

Finance Director Dufner said the investment yield is 2.45% and duration is 2.81 years. The City received transient lodging funds from the Rivers Edge RV Park. Councilor Short asked what is the next step in getting the local motel to make their payment; Finance Director Dufner said they are discussing the next steps with the attorney.

## **6. City Manager's Report**

City Manger Marchant attended a very interested DEQ training session on sustainable management practices for water and WWTP utilities. Other cities are facing things that we have in the past and our city will be working on our collection system which includes the inflow and infiltration system.

Councilor Chappelle asked about the plan for our downtown revitalization, Marchant said we do not have one at this time. Urban Renewal Agency has some possible projects.

## **7. Public Participation**

Cathi Simmonetti, Coquille Chamber of Commerce, thanked the City for the support for the Commanders Jazz Band Concert. The next event is Christmas in Coquille on December 5<sup>th</sup> and it will start around 3:00 p.m. in the afternoon with tours of the Sawdust Theatre and there will be many other functions. She attended the Oregon State Chamber of Conference in Silverton.

Ollie Huffman, 2340 Shelly Rd, Coquille, was very impressed with the log truck drivers and how courteous they have been. They do not support the city buying a carousel animal.

Ophoe Keen, 845 E. 1<sup>st</sup> Street Coquille, she is in support of the carousel and there are a number of people in this town who have donated time and money to this project and this is a good project. She thinks the City should purchase a animal which will be visible.

Suzanne Swan, Shelly Road Coquille, thanked the City, Police Chief Blue and Fire Chief Waddington for their support during the Downtown Halloween Trick-or-Treat event.

## **8. Consent Calendar**

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Councilor Capehart made a motion to adopt the consent calendar. Councilor Heaton seconded the motion, all voted in favor.

**9. ORDINANCE 1499 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COQUILLE, OREGON, AMENDING ORDINANCE 1436 TO AMEND THE FRANCHISE FEE OF THE NON-EXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE WITH NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS COMPANY FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE TERM OF THE PARTIES FRANCHISE AGREEMENT.**

City Manger Marchant last month there was some franchise fee structure change and NW natural did participate but did acknowledge that with the most favored city status that another city was already at 5.94% and they would like our rate to be the same and this ordinance reflects the change.

Councilor Heaton made a motion to ready Ordinance 1436 by title only. Councilor Wiese seconded the motion, all voted in favor.

Councilor Wiese made a motion to adopt ordinance 1499 an ordinance of the city council of the city of coquille, Oregon, amending ordinance 1436 to amend the franchise fee of the non-exclusive franchise with Northwest Natural Gas Company for the remainder of the term of the parties franchise agreement. Councilor Heaton seconded the motion.

Councilor Graham-Yes  
Councilor Heaton Yes  
Councilor Wiese- Yes  
Councilor Chappelle-Yes  
Councilor Short-Yes  
Councilor Capehart-Yes  
Mayor Rowe-No

Ordinance 1496 passed 6-1

**10. RESOLUTION 15-2015 IN SUPPORT OF THE COOS BAY LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS (LNG) EXPORT TERMINAL AND THE PACIFIC CONNECTOR NATURAL GAS PIPELINE**

Mayor Rowe called for public comment:

David Jennings, 1585 N Dean Coquille, said this is a complicated issue and he is concerned that is short changes county government. Under the Jordan Cove revenue plan they would not pay property taxes in the amount 16% and would pay a community service fee in lieu of taxes and the county would received 12.25% during the construction phase and 9.25% after completion of the construction phase. The county will receive 1.24 million a year and if Jordan Cove paid taxes the county would receive between 3.9 and 4.0 million per year. He thinks the City might want to look at a resolution that looks at the revenue and urge a more equitable community service fee because the impact to the county services affects Coquille negatively. He does feel the revenue share to the county is totally inadequate and the reason is because dollars are being set aside for the estuary and water front partnership.

Mayor Rowe said that during the construction phase we would have an influx of 4,000 people and would see some growth and we would need more law enforcement to help with this influx of people.

Councilor Wiese said the resolution is in support of the project. Mayor Rowe said the resolution looks like a blank check and he would like a more refined resolution.

Dan Pennington, 99386 Middle Creek Road Fairview, lives about 2 miles from the proposed pipeline

and he thinks the vote should be if we should do project not the monetary value. The project will bring 150 long term and 300 people losing part of their property. This pipeline does not benefit our people the gas goes to China to build their area. The pipeline will be built through the forest and river systems, and people's property and it is not worth the risk. He feels the jobs are not worth the trade of the damage to the land.

Dan Prah said the natural gas would be coming from fracked gas fields in Canada and the Rockies. Fracking pumps a large amount of gasses and it poisons aquifers for millions of years and the earth. He feels the trade off is not worth it and we should not support the project..

Jackie Billings 1297 N Knott, they are not affected by the pipeline themselves but there are a lot of people that are. The foreign countries will gain from it not us; it will destroy the oyster beds and there may be job losses and it will affect crabbing and our river. The pipeline will leak and they are taking land without the owner's consent.

Dan Billings, 1297 N Knott, asked the council to watch a 7 minute video on u-tube called 36 Inches.

John Clavle, 1102 Twin Oaks Lane Winston, he is an affected land owner. In 2002-2003 Coos County floated a bond to put a 12 inch pipeline in. The County entered into an agreement with Jordan Cover to reserve pipeline capacity of 40 million cubic feet, which they have been paying for. The draft contract shows that the pipeline will not be able to be filled and so no gas will be taken out. IF the PSI was increased to 800 the most that could be delivered is 37 million cubic feet. The County will not be able to sell them gas.

Clarence Adams, 2039 Ireland Rd Winston OR, said if you support this you are supporting the installation of the pipeline as it will be installed within 300 feet of his house and the Williams Company does not have the best safety record. The property values could decrease by 30% where the line goes through. He would like council to question the measurable impact on natural gas prices. He encourages council to get more information before they decide to vote.

Frank Adams, 1731 Ireland Road Winston OR, is a land owner and does not like that our country allows a foreign country to use the threat of eminent domain to take his land that he fought so hard to earn with little or no benefit to the people of Oregon. If they were going to use local workers we would not need to build more houses. The project is not good for our country, citizens or children.

James Dahlman 344 Winston OR, does any remember September 9, 2010; there was a gas line explosion in California and 8 people lost their lives and 58 people were injured. The flames were over 1,000 feet tall. He is an affected land owner and because he lives in a rural area and the construction safety standards are low. Consider the safety standards and he doesn't feel like a foreign company can impose eminent domain.

Mary Geddry, Coquille OR, said there is no need for the City to address the resolution and feels council needs to review the whereas statements. She suggested council look at the impacts on other communities that have put in the same type of Export terminal.

Nonda Henderson, 58375 Fairview Road Fairview OR, was damaged by the 1<sup>st</sup> pipeline which destroyed his well. People have worked all their lives to build their land and put their children through school. He had to sue and got another well and it only produces about a 1/3 of his old well.

Grace Pettygrove, 93680 Easy Lane Green Acres OR, She opposes the construction of this pipeline and feels a resolution coming from the council should represent those in the community.

Jody McCaffree, North Bend OR, recommended tabling the resolution until council has had time to

review the information presented to them. She said that by signing the resolution you are authorizing the taking of people's property and the gas will not stay in America. Gas prices will go up which will increase the cost of energy including natural gas. The pipeline will go through oyster ground and the estuary which is a problem. The jobs created will not be sustainable.

Paul Wattee, Coquille OR, said the air we will be breathing will have over 2 million green gasses that will be coming down on top of us. He asked if we are required to have 3 bids for paving. City Manager Marchant said there was a misunderstanding; there were three bids for the paving and the waterline will be installed by public works.

Mayor Rowe asked if there was a motion on the floor, there was none; no action on the resolution.

#### **11. RIVERWALK PHASE II PROPOSAL.**

City Manager Marchant said City, River Walk Committee and the County have joined together to extend the river walk trail to Johnson Mill County Pond. The committee is looking at pursuing a grant through the Oregon Department of Transportation. The Grant will fund 70% of the project that has a lifespan greater than 20 years which would include a walking/bike trail which would be asphalt and 10' wide. There needs to be engineering work done for the project which could cost over 500,000 which would require a match of approximately \$150,000 or more. The initial engineering initial cost would be approximately \$24,000. Marchant felt the Council needed to be made aware and he wants council to review the project and see what they think. Councilor Capehart made a motion to authorize the engineering services for phase II of the river walk. Councilor Heaton seconded the motion. Councilor Graham said that the work will not be wasted as the cost of the project will be needed even if it takes several years to complete. Marchant said Steve Major went on a walk on part of the proposed trail and was encouraged by the condition of the existing trail and he thinks it will cost less to have the project completed as did the road manger. Councilor Graham said he will put it on the river walk committee agenda. Councilor Capehart amended the motion to authorize the engineering services for phase II of the river walk not to exceed \$15,000.00. Councilor Short seconded the amended motion, all voted in favor

#### **12. ADJOURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Mayor Rowe adjourned the council meeting at 8:45 p.m.

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**Mayor, Matt Rowe**

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**City Recorder, Rene Collins**

## CITY OF COQUILLE URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY MEETING

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Wiese called the meeting to order at 8:46 p.m.

### **2. DENNY'S PIZZA, 98 E 1<sup>ST</sup> ST. COQUILLE OR, REQUESTING MATCHING FUNDS FOR SIGNAGE AND PAINTING**

Denny's Pizza 98 E 1<sup>st</sup>, are proposing repainting the building and replacing signs and the total expense is \$8,274.50 and \$2,700 for painting. Member Short asked if they mural will be redone at this time; Mr. Nighsonger said not at this time possibly in the future. Member Rowe made a motion to match the funding in the amount o\$5,487.25. Member Capehart seconded the motion; Member Short voted no all other voted yes.

### **3. POSSIBLE PROJECTS DISCUSSION**

City Manager Marchant revied the project list and cost estimates for the projects

- Reitmans Park Improvements \$56,000
- Resurface all \$60,000-80,000
- REpair of sidewalks \$10,000
- Construct a new snack shack \$6035
- Purchase and install picnic benches \$4464
- Reconfigure and resurgace Birth Street \$65,000
- Reconfigure parking and add island for drop boxes \$10,000

Chairman Wiese said it would be nice to finish Reitman park for the next summer. Member Graham said it would be nice to have the plan for the snack shack.

Member Heaton suggested council make a priority

Member Capehart made a motion to spend \$6,035 on a architectural plan for the snack shack for the community center. Member Graham seconded the motion. Member Rowe said he thought the URA was to create tax bases and he does not agree with the motion. Member Heaton said it would be a permanent part of the building and it will have to match the community building. Chairman Wiese , Member Capehart, Heaton and Graham voted yes; Member Rowe, Chappelle voted no.

### **4. DISCUSSION OF PURCHASING A CAROUSEL ANIMAL**

Member Heaton suggested council make a priority

4 Carousel animal

Donna Wilson, 56238 Baker RD Coquille, has been volunteering with the carousel and it is a project that has 19 animals and the mechanism has been purchased. The carousel can be an anchor and it is good for children and adults and will be a draw for the county. She visited the Salem Carousel and it brings in alot of toursim to there area and it could here also. THE Carousel committee is asking the City to show there support for this project. Member Graahm asked who will own the carousel when it is completed, Ms. Wilson said the Carousel committee will.

Kay Marino, showed a proposed drawing of the carousel building. She thanked the City for the support that they have shown by donating a piece of property. She asked the URA to approve the purchase of a carousel animal.

Bill Marino showed an aerial view of the building. The building will encompass a multi purpose room that can be rented out for various functions. There would be a gift store, storage, maintenance room. He said the money for this carousel animal would not take money roads and sidewalks.

Member Rowe said the URS money could be used for streets.

Ken Means, Fairview, said the GP site has been the property of Coquille for 20 years and nothing has been done and this is the first project that could possibly work. If the carousel gets built that the rest of the property will sell in 3 years.

Offie King, said they are asking to purchase a carousel horse and could have an emblem of the city's choice and it would be great if the City bought the first animal.

Member HEaton said we have one of the best artists in the world and we have an opportunity to display this art. Member Short will help the community because people will visit other businesses and it shows the others that the City supports the project. Member CHappelle said the Port of Bandon had contacted him about a steam boat ride form and asked why people would come to Coquille and he stated the various events and he thinks the Carousel would be an addition to the City. Member ROWe said the City supports the project but he has a hard time asking the citizens for more money.

Cathi Simmonette, has put a lot of work into tourism this year and is working on turning the hwy 42 into a scenic by way. When this is complete there will be destination stops and the carousel can be one of those.

Member Capehart made a motion to purchase an animal. Member Heaton seconded the motion. Wiese said he will work to find other funds for this project. Member ROWe said he will get in the dunk tank for \$1,000 to support the project.