

**CITY OF COQUILLE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
September 8, 2015**

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

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Ben Marchant, Finance Director Dufner, Police Chief Blue, Library Director Conner, Planning/Public Works Director Urban and City Recorder Collins

PRESS: None

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

1. Call to ORDER

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Rowe said he attended the Oregon Coast Economic Summit last month. The legislators discussed what would be coming up in the next session, and what the successes and failures were of the last session. Mayor Rowe feels the biggest failure last session was not passing a meaningful transportation bill, but they will work to pass a bill in the next session. He also spoke to the Prime Timers in August, and they feel every extra dollar should be going to road and street improvements. There are two vacancies on the Library Board if anyone is interested. Mayor Rowe reminded everyone this Friday is the 14th anniversary of September 11th. He wants everyone to remember the victims and their families, and the sacrifice of the service men and women who were thrust into harm's way after the attacks.

4. Council Comments

Councilor Heaton was concerned about the request for funds for the carousel animal, and she spoke with Finance Director Dufner about making the purchase, and was told we have funds available. She would like to have this item placed on the agenda so a vote can be taken. Councilor Chappelle made a motion to put the request for the City to purchase a carousel animal on the agenda. Councilor Short seconded the motion, Mayor Rowe and Councilor Graham voted no, and all other councilors voted in favor.

Councilor Short feels it is important that the City Council supports the purchase of an animal because it will help with getting other entities to support the carousel. She talked to Prime Timers a few years ago and agreed with the Mayor that they are interested in what the speakers are talking about.

Councilor Capehart said she has some pictures of the Lakeside beach area. She attended Wayne Krieger's 75th birthday. She mentioned the Oregon Historical Maritime Museum opens tomorrow. If any student is interested in participating in the essay program for Voice of Democracy or Patriots Pin, they should let her know.

Mayor Rowe said the City has made an investment in the carousel by donating a piece of property for the Carousel on the GP site.

5. Staff Reports

Library Director Conner did not have anything to add to her report. The next trivia night is November 14, 2015 with a theme of sports.

Police Chief Blue would like to remove the 15 minute parking signs by Pacific Air Comfort, and remove some of the 2 hour parking times in residential areas. The City also received a stop sign petition requesting a four way stop at the intersection of East 9th Street and North Elliott Street. Councilor Wiese would like these issues to go before the Public Safety Committee, and have them make a recommendation to City Council. City Manager Marchant said council may direct staff to take items to a committee but staff does not bring things directly to a committee. City Council would like to refer the proposed traffic signage to the Public Safety Committee. Mayor Rowe thanked Chief Blue for working with the school district on getting flashing school zone signs. Chief Blue said she thinks we will only get two of the signs. Councilor Short asked what happens after the people are arrested, Chief Blue replied that they are booked and released. Councilor Heaton suggested adding the time of release to the press release. Chief Blue said the K9 Police Golf Tournament will be held September, and more teams are needed. The Police Department will be issuing friendly clean your yard up notices in the community.

Public Works Director Urban said the City received a letter from Oregon Marines Board awarding the City a grant in the amount of approximately \$9,850 for replacing a dock piling.

Finance Director Dufner said the investment account is earning 2.43% and has a duration of 2.59 years.

6. City Manager's Report

City Manager Marchant did not have anything to add to his report. He attended the Coos County trails meeting and several people attended. They discussed drafting a memorandum of understanding and maintenance agreement, and it should be ready for the next meeting

Councilor Heaton asked if we have a date to discuss the Main Street Program. City Manager Marchant asked if council would like to schedule a work session, and they said yes. It was decided City Manager Marchant would work on scheduling a work session later in the month.

7. Public Participation

Richard Fish, 94458 Rink Creek Lane, Coquille, showed pictures of the River Walk in the early foggy morning. He knows an artist that created a bronzed sculpture, which also includes brass, and it stands about six foot tall. He thinks it would look nice at the entrance to the River Walk on the right side. Councilor Capehart asked if the sculpture has a story, and Mr. Fish said it is a welcoming Indian. The price would be \$10,000. He would like the City to endorse the purchase of the sculpture, and he will also present it to the Rotary Club tomorrow.

Ollie Huffman, 2340 Shelly Road Coquille, said the dump trucks were very cautious while traveling up and down Shelly Road. She also feels if the City can spend money on a carousel animal they should spend money on paving streets.

Jean Ivy, 61 E 1st, Coquille, said last month she asked about letting military veterans swim free, and asked when a decision would be made. Mayor Rowe said the Administration Committee would be the one to make the recommendation to the council. Ms. Ivy would like the fixed income seniors to be included in the free swims with the military veterans. Councilor Capehart asked Ms. Ivy to send a letter stating what she would like to have the administration committee discuss.

8. Accept Quotes for Transient Dock Piling

Public Works Director Urban said a wood piling on the transient dock broke off, and unless we replace the piling we could lose the entire dock in a large storm. The low quote was for \$25,000, but was told today by Gardiner & Smith it could be done for \$19,750 if the City could provide the piling. That would allow the project to meet the requirements for a Marine Board Grant.

Councilor Heaton made a motion to accept the following quotes to replace the fishing dock piling at Sturdivant Park; Billeter Marine \$44,000, West Coast Contractors \$31,414, Gardiner & Smith Construction \$25,000. Councilor Capehart seconded the motion, and all voted in favor

9. Award Contract for transient Dock Piling Quote

Councilor Heaton made a motion to award the Sturdivant Park Fishing Dock Pile replacement to Gardiner & Smith in the amount of \$19,750. Councilor Capehart seconded the motion, and all voted in favor.

10. Accept Quotes for Street Projects

Councilor Graham asked how the quotes compared to the engineers pricing on the overlay projects, and Public Works Director Urban said he did not get an estimate from the engineer. Urban felt comfortable with the amount quotes as they related to similar projects and didn't want to incur engineering costs. Councilor Heaton said the intersection of 6th and Birch has a hill and asked if the design would change, Public Works Director Urban said the design would not change.

Councilor Short made a motion to accept the following quotes for the following street projects

- 12th Street between Baxter & Dean Street- Johnson Rock Products \$36,740
- Collier Street between 7th and 8th Street – Johnson Rock Products \$33,450
- 6th & Birch Street Intersection – Johnson Rock Products \$35,753

Councilor Capehart seconded the motion, and all councilors voted in favor.

11. Award Contracts for street Projects

Councilor Capehart made motion to award the following contracts to Johnson Rock Products in the amount of \$105,943;

- 12th Street between Baxter & Dean Street- Johnson Rock Products \$36,740
- Collier Street between 7th and 8th Street – Johnson Rock Products \$33,450
- 6th & Birch Street Intersection – Johnson Rock Products \$35,753

Councilor Heaton seconded the motion, and all councilors voted in favor.

12. Adjourn City Council Meeting

Mayor Rowe adjourned the City Council meeting at 7:49 p.m.

City of Coquille Urban Renewal Agency Meeting September 7, 2015

1. Call to Order

Chairman Wiese called the Urban Renewal Agency to order at 7:50 p.m.

2. Urban Renewal Agency Possible projects discussion

City Manager Marchant said several council members have asked about the snack shack at the community building and other projects in the general area, for example;

- Repair sidewalks around the community building
- Reitman Park Improvements including a shelter, lighting, pathways.
- Resurface Parking area behind the park
- Snack Shack to be used for the community building and the pool
- Install picnic benches in front of the community center
- Reconfigure and resurface Birch Street
- Reconfigure parking and add island for drop boxes on First Street

City Marchant said staff is looking for funding to help with these projects, such as grants the downtown revitalization projects that will be discussed at a work session. Public Works Director Urban said the idea is to look at the projects and decide if you want staff to continue to pursue them. Member Rowe suggested there be a few RV parking spaces for visitors. Member Short talked with some citizens about these items, and they are concerned about the sidewalks around the community center. Member Rowe asked how much we have in the budget for sidewalks, and Finance Director Dufner said approximately \$26,000. Member Rowe asked if that money could be used for repairs, and Dufner said that money has been used for capital items in the past. He does not know if it can be used for these repairs, and Member Rowe said he would like to have an answer to that question. Member Short said we need to know what these projects would cost. Finance Director Dufner said we have \$20,000 in our community center building fund for the snack shack. The members would like to see a design for the snack shack. President Wiese feels the resurfacing of the parking lot does not need to be done this year. Member Heaton thinks the order of projects is good. Public Works Director Urban said he would prefer to wait on reconfiguring and resurfacing Birch Street until there is some grant money available. City Manager Marchant said some of the businesses want the angle parking on the second block and a small loading zone. City Manager Marchant said they will get pricing for the projects, and staff will take off the last two items.

3. Adjournment

President Wiese adjourned the Urban Renewal Agency Meeting at 8:20 p.m.