

**CITY OF COQUILLE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
January 17, 2006**

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Steve Britton, Councilors: E.N. "Corky" Daniels, Loran Wiese, Jan Torbeck, Mollie Anderson and Fran Capehart

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Terence O'Connor, Finance Director Chuck Dufner, Public Works Director John Higgins, Police Chief Mike Reaves.

PRESS: None

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

1. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Britton called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

2. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

None

3. COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilor Capehart said that the Chocolate Fantasy was a success with over 100 in attendance; the guest speakers were Tim Slater and Senator Ben Westlund.

4. STAFF REPORTS

Public Works Director Higgins did not have anything to report. Chief Reaves reported he attended the Law Enforcement Executive Training Seminar and there was a comprehensive training on the Arabic mindset and Muslim Extremism. Chief Reaves and Fire Chief Waddington have spoken with Sheriff Andy Jackson about some of the issues that arose during the suspicious package incident at the courthouse. Finance Director Dufner distributed the QSP investment information and we should earn about \$79,000.00 on our investment.

5. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager O'Connor attended a Ballots and Bond Workshop in Salem last week and it seems apparent that it is a better choice to raise the rates instead of taxes at \$6.00 per thousand for 7.5 million dollars. Mayor Britton stated that Bandon can not raise their rates without a vote of the people and that may be why they are looking at a tax increase.

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

The council reviewed the minutes of the City Council meeting of January 3, 2006. Councilor Anderson made a motion to approve the consent calendar. Councilor Daniels seconded the motion, all voted in favor.

8. PUBLIC HEARING – REQUEST FOR A RATE INCREASE BY WADSWORTH GARBAGE DISPOSAL

Mayor Britton opened the Public Hearing at 7:10 for a garbage rate increase. Mr. Wadsworth stated that there had not been an increase in 5 years and they are requesting a raise in residential and commercial garbage rates. City Manager O'Connor said that it would be 6% on a single can, 7% on double cans, 8% on additional cans, 7% on 1 cubic yard containers and 6% on 1.5 cubic yard containers. Councilor Anderson stated that the

increase is understandable due to fuel cost increases and the expense of recycling. Mr. Wadsworth stated that the biggest increase in costs have been in fuel and insurance. Mayor Britton closed the public hearing at 7:13.

9. RESOLUTION 06-2006 A RESOLUTION CHANGING THE RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL GARBAGE COLLECTION RATES AND APPROVING A RATE INCREASE FOR THE FRANCHISE HOLDER.

Councilor Anderson made a motion to adopt resolution 06-2006 changing the residential and commercial garbage collection rates and approving a rate increase for the franchise holder. Councilor Capehart seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

10. RESOLUTION 07-2006 A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE APPLICATION FOR FUNDING TO THE RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM OF THE STATE OF OREGON PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Councilor Anderson made a motion to adopt resolution 07-2006 supporting the application for funding to the recreational trails program of the State of Oregon Parks and Recreation Department. Councilor Capehart seconded the motion. City Manager O'Connor said that during the States Parks grant training he learned that a group of lay people review the application and choose the projects to funded. Approximately 96 letters of intent have been received by the State Parks and they estimate 70 applications and 20 projects to be awarded grants. Sixty percent of all eligible costs could be funded which includes maintenance and restoration; it does not include lighting, platforms, and interpretive signage. Councilor Torbeck asked if there is a penalty for only applying for a path or would you not show lighting and signs. O'Conner replied that the committee does like to see plans and that ongoing work is being done. The committee will try to fund as many projects as possible. The path would be from Cedar to the end the ODOT building, about 3800 feet. Bandon will be submitting a walkway project from the boat basin to the South Jetty beach along the road. The committee may look at that as a sidewalk due to a large portion being alongside the road. The estimated cost of the pavement for our path is \$330,000; if the project were chosen we could be awarded up to \$150,000 and leaves the City with the remainder of \$180,000. We could also apply next year for additional funding because of the phases the path will be done in. The path will be handicapped accessible and our application should be competitive with the others. Councilor Torbeck asked about the engineering on the trestle; the City Manager stated that it is on hold at this time until we know if we have been awarded the grant from the State Parks. Councilor Anderson wanted to know if bikes, skating, skateboards and mopeds would be allowed on the path; O'Connor said yes, they would be allowed and that would give us extra points on the application. Councilor Anderson asked if lights would be installed; the City Manager said yes, he would like to see Bollard lighting used. All voted in favor.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Mayor Steve Britton

ATTEST: _____
Deputy City Recorder