

**CITY OF COQUILLE  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
March 20, 2007**

**COUNCIL PRESENT:** Mayor Steve Britton, Councilors: E.N. "Corky" Daniels, Kathy Hagen, Bruce Parker, Linda Short, Fran Capehart and Loran Wiese

**STAFF PRESENT:** City Manager Terence O'Connor, Public Works Director John Higgins, Finance Director Chuck Dufner, City Attorney John Trew

**PRESS:** Alexander Rich The World

**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 City Council Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**2. EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO ORS 192.660 (2)(E) FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONFERRING WITH THE PERSON DESIGNATED BY THE GOVERNING BODY TO NEGOTIATE REAL PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS.**

Mayor Britton announced that the City Council would meet in executive session pursuant to ORS 192.660 (2)(e) for the purpose of conferring with the person designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions. It was explained that representatives of the news media and designated staff shall be allowed to attend, but all members of the audience are asked to leave the room. The news media cannot report on the deliberations from the executive session and no decision will be made in executive session. The executive session was open at 6:05 for discussion on the sale of the GP Site and the sale of City Hall; the executive session was closed at 6:55 p.m.

**2. GP Proposals**

Councilor Capehart made a motion to decline the four offers made on the GP site. Councilor Wiese seconded the motion, all voted in favor.

The mayor stated that the City wants the GP site to be developed in a manner that is in the best interest in use of the land. There may need to be a master plan developed which would include possibly dividing the land into plots. The offers that were brought to Council would take a piece on the west side and long run down the river front and that would not be fair if someone wanted a parcel to include some water front. Councilor Capehart said that if someone makes an offer it needs to state when construction would start. Councilor Parker said that the City should just do a general drawing showing the vision of the layout in 1 to 3 acre parcels and talk about a price, and let people know that the property is not for sale to hold for speculation. If someone has an idea the City is more than willing to listen.

The Council decided to plan a councilor work session to discuss the development of the GP site. Mayor Britton said we should communicate and work with the Carousel people to possibly tie it into the river walk. Councilor Wiese said Mr. Means needs to understand that we are interested in the carousel; we just need to get a plan.

**3. ADJOURNMENT**

Hearing no further business, Mayor Britton adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

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Mayor Steve Britton

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy City Recorder