

CITY OF COQUILLE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
April 2, 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, Police Chief Mike Reaves, Fire Chief Dave Waddington, Public Works Director John Higgins, Finance Director Chuck Dufner, Library Director Anne Conner, City Attorney John Trew and Deputy Recorder Rene Collins

PRESS: Robert Jump Coquille Valley Sentinel

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

1. 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. Councilor Parker declared himself as having a potential conflict, as his company represents part of the sale of City Hall. The executive session was opened at 6:32 p.m. for discussion on the sale of City Hall. Executive session was closed at 7:20 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER /PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Britton called the City Council Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

2. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Britton said Cy Wenberg, a resident of the Rivers Edge RV Park, wrote ODOT to request a safe passage from the Rivers Edge RV Park across the highway.

3. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Wiese apologized for missing the planning session on Saturday. Councilor Hagen asked Public Works Director Higgins to set a Parks meeting in the next month. Councilor Short said 50 hanging baskets were planted two weeks ago and the cost is \$50.00 each, and she has 10 free day swims paid at \$350.00 each. Councilor Capehart said the Bridal Show is coming along and 25 vendors have reserved their booth space. Oregon Hunters Association served approximately 700 dinners on Saturday. Councilor Parker said he thought the goal planning session went well.

4. STAFF REPORTS

Police Chief Reaves said he needs approval to close certain streets outlined in the diagram for the car show and cruise at the Gay 90s celebration; the reserves and explorers will be used for traffic control. Councilor Hagen made a motion to approve the closure of the streets requested by the South Coast Cruisers for the Gay 90s Celebration. Councilor Capehart seconded the motion; all voted in favor. Officer Webley received top recommendations from the academy. Library Director Conner said if anyone has questions about the plan for a new library please come and talk to her. Public Works Director Higgins reminded everyone that on April 17, 2007 the public remand hearing will be held at the Community Building. He also reported one of the basins at the sewer plant is shut down until we receive parts. Fire Chief Waddington did not have anything to report. Finance Director Dufner said he will be updating the website to reflect the sale of the acreage at the GP site.

Attorney Trew reminded Council not to discuss the upcoming remand hearing with others because this will be a quasi-judicial hearing.

5. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager O'Connor presented a work sheet concerning goals from Adrienne Graham to be completed by Council and Staff. The City is moving forward with the next steps to building the new WWTP. The next step is getting an environmental study and digging test holes. When the State approves the environment report, the design phase will start. The bid for the WWTP will go out in late 2009 with the building to be completed in 2011. Some of the reserve money can be used for the reports instead of borrowing money. The State charges 4.5% with a one-year payback schedule for study costs. The cost for the construction of the WWTP four years ago was about 7 million; the estimated cost now is 9.2 million. The State said that by the end of year they should be able to tell us what the flow temperature should be.

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Lowell Thomas, 854 N. Elliott, said there would be some construction on the trail this summer. He also visited the City of Ferndale and they have half as many water/sewer users as the City of Coquille and the cost for their new plant will be 11 million and their base rate is around \$100 a month.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A: City Council Minutes of March 5, 2007
- B: City Council Minutes of March 20, 2007
- C: City Council Minutes of March 28, 2007
- D. 8th grade graduation class party – use of pool and auditorium (skating)

Councilor Hagen made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. Councilor Daniels seconded the motion; all voted in favor.

8. RESOLUTION 04-2007 A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN PERSONAL PROPERTY TO BE SURPLUS PROPERTY AND PROVIDING FOR THE DISPOSITION OF SUCH PROPERTY

Councilor Daniels made a motion to adopt resolution 04-2007 a resolution declaring certain personal property to be surplus property and providing for the disposition of such property. Councilor Short seconded the motion; all voted in favor.

Mayor Britton recessed the City Council meeting at 8:04 p.m. to proceed with the URA Meeting.

Mayor Britton reconvened the City Council meeting at 8:31 p.m.

Councilor Wiese asked the other council members to take an informal survey with some people about how they would feel about a gas tax where the funds would be dedicated to street and sidewalk improvements. City Manager O'Connor said a 2" overlay cost is \$2.74 per square foot. Planner Higgins said it would need to be specifically designated for streets and sidewalks or drainage would be included. City Manager O'Connor presented a report from the engineer showing what the costs would be to bring our road standards up. Mayor Britton said you are taxing those who are using the streets, not those who don't. O'Connor said that the Council might want to put together a citizen committee to review the engineer's recommendation and come up with ideas and a plan to fix the roads. They can discuss the gas tax option and take an informal survey of other citizens. John Spencer said he would participate on the committee. Mayor Britton said he will bring back a list of people at the next Council Meeting.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION – PURSUANT TO ORS 192.660(1)(i) FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING A PERFORMANCE EVALUATION OF THE CITY MANAGER

Mayor Britton announced that the City Council would meet in executive session pursuant to ORS 192.660 (1)(i) for the purpose of conducting a performance evaluation of the City Manager. Mayor Britton opened Executive Session at 9:05 p.m. Executive session was closed at 9:44 p.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business, Mayor Britton adjourned the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

Mayor Steve Britton

ATTEST: _____
Deputy City Recorder

COQUILLE URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
April 2, 2007

1. CALL TO ORDER

Urban Renewal Chairman Wiese called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Capehart made a motion to accept the minutes from the March 5, 2007 meeting. Member Britton seconded the motion; all voted in favor.

3. URA FINANCIAL UPDATE

Finance Director Dufner said the financial report shows that the Urban Renewal Agency expenditures came in a little higher than expected.

4. DISCUSSION OF STREETScape PROGRAM

A group of people has been working on trying to find some benches and planters. The items chosen are powder coated so they will hold up to the weather elements. The benches will be placed somewhat under cover, which help the life expectancy. The committee would like approval for the purchase of 12 benches and 10 flower containers at the cost of \$8,823.81, including freight. Member Britton said he looked at making the benches with plastic wood and cement legs and the cost would be about \$200.00. Mr. Spencer suggested they consider 6' benches for some of the areas, and asked about the 4 benches in front of the library. Chairman Wiese said they should order one 6' bench and the library benches are next on the list to be replaced. If some of the benches can be refurbished, they will be. Member Britton made a motion to approve the purchase of the 12 benches and 10 planters through Northwest Playground Equipment. Member Hagen seconded the motion; all voted in favor.

O'Connor presented the URA with Coos Bay's latest façade program. Member Short is concerned about the timing of finalizing the façade program and someone purchasing property in the area. Chairman Wiese said some programs are set in ordinances and some are done on the honor basis and we need to find a program that will work for everyone. Councilor Short said that URA is not telling people that things have to be changed now, but if they are going to paint we would like them to use something from the color pallet. Lowell Thomas said that there are many designs and color possibilities.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business, Chairman Wiese adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Chairman Wiese

ATTEST: _____
Secretary