

**CITY OF COQUILLE**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**May 1, 2006**

**COUNCIL PRESENT:** Mayor Steve Britton, Councilors: Loren Wiese, Mollie Anderson, Kathy Hagen and Fran Capehart

**STAFF PRESENT:** City Manager Terence O'Connor, Finance Director Chuck Dufner, Public Works Director John Higgins, City Attorney John Trew, Police Chief Mike Reaves, Fire Chief Dave Waddington, Library Director Anne Conner, and Deputy Recorder Rene Collins

**PRESS:** Robert Jump, The Coquille Valley Sentinel

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

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

Councilor Capehart read a Proclamation urging the citizens of Coquille to support the VFW's efforts on behalf of veterans by purchasing and wearing the Buddy Poppies. The Buddy Poppies will be sold on May 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>.

**4. COUNCIL REPORTS**

Councilor Capehart said today is National Law Enforcement Day and wants everyone to remember those who have given or are giving their service. She also said the community building will be closed from June 5 through June 18 for the cleaning of the floors; the library will be open.

**5. STAFF REPORTS**

Fire Chief Waddington said everything is going well. Spring baseball has started at Sturdivant Park. Councilor Hagen asked how many children are participating and he said they have several teams with varying ages. A Member of the audience asked if the fire department could wash down the streets at Sturdivant Park and the Fire Chief said they have done that in the past and does not help; the silt does not move. The Mayor asked if citizens are allowed to pickup silt at the park and Public Works Director Higgins said yes for personal use. City Manager O'Connor said the City has applied for a grant to fund floodgates for the boat ramp to keep the silt from coming in. Mayor Britton asked about the gangway plank at the boat ramp. Mr. Higgins said the Oregon State Marine Board was willing to spend \$10,000 for the repairs; the bid received was \$20,000. We are in the process of looking to the County for additional flood funding, but we may be too late. A copy of the small city allotment grant application has been included in your packet to repair the area in front of Safeway and is due by June 1, 2006. Public Works has

purchased a 2006 Chevy Silverado for the water department. Coos County looked at the slide in front of the Burger Barn and estimated the cost of repair is \$6,000 including sidewalks and we plan to work on that during the summer. ODOT quoted \$18,000 to redo all the crosswalks in town and that should start in about three weeks. A letter was sent to Mr. Dunham per Council request about the pigeon problems on Adams and we have not received a response at this time. The Forest Land Management Board needs two additional members and they do not have to live in the City limits to participate. A meeting will be scheduled for the Forest Land Management Board. Library Director Conner said that Sheriff Jackson would research why the outreach service had been restricted at the jail. She extended an invitation to anyone interested in being on the fund raising planning committee for the Library Foundation. Police Chief Reaves said there were two corrections to the Traffic Safety Committee Minute from April 26, 2006. Member Anderson called the meeting to order in the absence of Member Wiese, and on the second page, Member Parker made the motion to have the Parking Committee formed. The results of the meeting is the recommendation to Council that a parking committee be formed made up of Council, Downtown Merchants Association members and Judy Costello. The second recommendation was to refer the request for a second parking enforcement officer to the Parking Committee. The Chief also said Sergeant Smith is selling t-shirts for the Olympic torch run. Councilor Anderson suggested that it would be helpful to have someone from the County on the Parking Committee. Finance Director Dufner included in the packet a chart showing our investment account and it is doing better with the investment company than it would have with other investment options. The website remake is about 80% complete at this time.

## **6. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

City Manager O'Connor received an email from Seattle Northwest stating that under the current investments for the perpetual care of the Reitman money that we would be receiving \$86,000 in interest earnings. He also reviewed the citations and warnings issued the past 3 years and you will notice that more warnings than tickets are issued. The number of DUII and Driving While Suspended citations has decreased over the last few years, which is a positive move for the community. Mr. O'Connor will be meeting with HGE next week to discuss the River Walk process and the City Hall remodel, which could start in June. City Hall was shown 3 times on the weekend and two parties showed interest. The City Manager introduced Mike Mischkot of City County Insurance Services. Mr. Mischkot said Councilor Wiese will be missed from the CCIS board of directors and presented him with a the Loran Wiese perpetual trophy that will be presented to a football player each year

## **7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Cy Wenberg, Rivers Edge RV Park, stated that the occupants of the Rivers Edge RV Park do not have a safe passage across Hwy 42 and the only crosswalk is at the Safeway intersection. There will be 50 additional spaces filled during the summer months, which will add approximately 100 people to the City. We are suggesting an additional crosswalk at the street at Birch and Hwy 42 and if possible a signal. Kathy Szarkowski, Rivers Edge RV Park, did a survey of 16 out of 24 residents: 5 don't walk up town, and 3 would walk if there were a light. Eleven of the sixteen walk up town, two do not feel safe while crossing the road, 9 would not say if they felt safe or not. Fifteen of the

sixteen would like to see a light bar crosswalk. Councilor Capehart said the ODOT said they would do a study and take under consideration the request for a light and crosswalk at Birch & Hwy 42; we will be asking them in September for the results. Councilor Anderson said the need for a crosswalk will be increased due to the forming of the River Walk. Councilor Wiese said the cost is about ¼ million dollars for an electric signal. Ms. Szarkowski asked if a petition could be submitted with the request for the study results and Council replied yes. Lowell Thomas from Operation Coquille said they would be having their annual cleanup on May 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. On May 19<sup>th</sup> they will work in Sturdivant Park, on May 20<sup>th</sup> there will be a group working on the river front parkway and another group in the downtown core area pulling weeds out of the sidewalk and picking up trash and they would appreciate any volunteers.

#### **8. CONSENT CALENDAR**

City Manager O'Connor added the City Council Minutes of April 17, 2006, to the consent calendar. Councilor Anderson made a motion to approve the consent calendar with addition of the April 17, 2006 council minutes. Councilor Capehart seconded the motion; all voted in favor.

#### **9. DIALOGUE WITH PORT OF BANDON**

Robert Miller, a commissioner from Port of Bandon, spoke to the council. He was elected a few years ago and has learned that part of the area the Port services is the Lower Coquille River. Most of our current service has been concentrated on the Johnson Log Pond. The Port of Bandon has been approached about helping with the Coquille River Walk Project. We have attended meetings and we are learning a lot and trying to find an appropriate role to play. The Port of Bandon wants to know that their involvement is going to grow and that the project is going to be valued by the citizens. The object tonight is to bring to your attention a request that the Council help us identify the Coquille opportunity that makes sense. Possibly the Council could recommend through a resolution that the most appropriate, helpful and valuable way we can add to Coquille is through the River Walk Project. Also representing the Port of Bandon is the Port Director Alex Linke and grant writer Linda Phillips.

#### **10. RESOLUTION 10-2006**

Councilor Anderson moved to adopt resolution 10-2006 special city allotment grant application on E. 1<sup>st</sup> street from N. Adams to N. Baxter Street. Councilor Wiese seconded the motion. The City Manger said the city would pay for the water line. All Council members voted in favor.

#### **11. RED ROOSTER LIQUOR LICENSE REQUEST**

Councilor Anderson made a motion to recommend approval of the liquor license application submitted by the Red Rooster. Councilor Wiese seconded the motion; all voted in favor.

#### **12. REQUEST BY OPERATION COQUILLE FOR FUNDS TO PAY FOR FREIGHT ON FLOWER PROJECT EQUIPMENT**

City manager stated that the URA allocated \$1,600.00 to Operation Coquille for the watering devices. They were charged \$354.67 for shipping, which included brokerage and duty fees and the cost of the watering tanks was \$75.00 more than originally

requested. Councilor Anderson said that Operation Coquille does a wonderful job and knows everyone appreciates all the work they do in the City, but requested in the future that they do more investigation on the cost of their projects. She also suggested they approach the Downtown Merchants Association and the Chamber for some financial support for these projects. Linda Short said both of those organizations are on limited budgets, and if Operation Coquille has to pay for the additional cost there will be four to five fewer baskets. Councilor Capehart made a motion to fund the additional shipping costs using council goals at the cost of \$354.00. Councilor Anderson seconded the motion. Councilor Capehart amended her motion to take \$429.67 from council goals to fund the freight and the additional cost of the watering devices. Councilor Anderson seconded the motion, all voted in favor.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Britton adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

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Mayor Steve Britton

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Deputy City Recorder

**COQUILLE URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
May 1, 2006**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Urban Renewal Chairman Wiese called the meeting to order at 7:56 p.m.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Executive Director O'Connor added the Urban Renewal minutes from February 6, 2006 to the consent calendar. Member Anderson made a motion to approve both sets of minutes. Member Capehart seconded the motion, all voted in favor.

**3. REVIEW OF ENGINEER DESIGN COST INCREASE ON RIVERWALK PROJECT.**

Executive Director O'Connor said that he received bids in September 2005 from HGE and Dyer but withheld awarding those pending the results of the State Parks and Recreation grant application. We have been notified we did not receive any funding. He checked with each of the companies to see if the bids he received were still valid. HGE said their costs were still valid and Dyer asked for a 3% increase from \$35,370.00 to \$36,430.00.

Member Anderson asked what work HGE would be performing for \$25,250.00. Mr. O'Connor said they would be doing the design work and partner with Dyer on six items including some layout work. The \$36,430 by Dyer is for doing the surveying and drawings used for bidding and HGE will do the drawings concerning the trestle. The total cost is \$61,680.00

Member Britton made the motion to approve the \$25,250.00 to HGE and \$36,430.00 to The Dyer Partnership for a total of \$61,680.00 for the engineering and design of the River Walk Project. Councilor Hagen seconded the motion, all voted in favor.

**4. ADJOURNMENT**

Hearing no further business, Chairman Wiese adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

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Chairman Wiese

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Deputy City Recorder