

CITY OF COQUILLE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
May 2, 2011

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Matt Muenchrath, Council President Loran Wiese, Councilors E.N. “Corky” Daniels, Linda Short, Fran Capehart, Tim Spanberger, and Bryan Baird.

STAFF PRESENT: Public Works Director John Higgins, Finance Director Chuck Dufner, Police Chief Mark Dannels, Fire Chief Dave Waddington, Library Director Anne Conner, City Attorney John Trew and Deputy Recorder Rene Collins.

PRESS: The World

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Muenchrath called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Muenchrath said he has glad to be home and is very excited about the upcoming “Smoke on the River” event planned for September.

Mayor Muenchrath read a proclamation supporting the annual sale of Buddy Poppies by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. Mayor Muenchrath promulgated the proclamation

4. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Spanberger was glad to see the sun, he attend the United Valley Christian Academy auction and had a great time. He is excited about the new hospital and all the work that is going on.

Councilor Baird said he has been working with the kids on the softball team.

Councilor Short said she is working on the free swim days with a goal of 16 and 6 are paid for, if anyone would like to sponsor a day just let her know. The garden tour is scheduled for July 9th and they are looking for some additional gardens to be on the tour; if you are interested, contact Robin Hurston. There have been several Coquille Hospital, Chamber and Saw Dusters advertisements in magazines. Cycle Oregon will be coming through Coquille and they will be resting at Sturdivant Park in September and she thinks that Coquille should do something for them.

Councilor Capehart said this Saturday at 1:00 p.m. is the celebration of life for Nikki Whitty and everyone is invited. Councilor Capehart is selling buttons for the Gay 90’s drawing also at 4:00 on Saturday there will be a Cinco de Mayo celebration at the Community Center. She is also selling \$12 tickets for Chief Dannels “Last Supper” celebration on May 24, 2011 and for the Sawdust Theatre Champagne Benefit Show for \$25.00. There will be a Stand-down event held at the Empire Fire Hall for the homeless veterans this year.

5. STAFF REPORTS

Library Director Anne Conner said it will take a couple of days to move three rows of books. Trivia night will be on May 21, 2011, pizza will be provided.

Fire Chief Waddington said at Safety Day at Lincoln School the Fire Department presented a spider man and the kids enjoyed him.

Planner Higgins did not have anything to add to his report. Mayor Muenchrath asked if there have been any complaints about 5th Street road condition. Higgins said yes and some patching should be completed this week and most of the hauling of dirt has been completed. This year's brush pick-up will start tomorrow and plastic bags are not allowed this year due to the garbage dumping regulations; they need to be paper, boxes or bundled.

Sergeant Blue said Officer Sanborn received the DUII task force award for "Advocate of the Year." He runs the task force for Southern Oregon. The follow up is continuing on the homicide and tips are coming in and being followed up. Sergeant Blue reminded people to lock their cars because someone is taking change, CD's and misc. items from cars. Two new reserves are being sworn in this week on Wednesday.

Finance Director Dufner said the corporate bonds are yielding a return at 4.60%. The audit will be June 13-14 and they will return in October for a week of field work. Mayor asked about the memorandum of understanding. Dufner said Attorney Trew will be reviewing the document.

6. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Robert Jump is working with the City on planning a BBQ competition. The event is called "Smoke On the Water" and he is looking for support with the games. It is also planned to have live blues music on Saturday and a beer garden. There are no other events scheduled the weekend of September 16th -17th in the County; it is free and open to the public. The proceeds will be donated to the river walk section at Sturdivant Park. Mr. Jump would like to have the City co-sponsorship the event and the City Manager would also recommend the City sponsor the ASCAP license cost of \$309, which is necessary to allow the bands to play in public. Council may want to adjust the state revenue sharing dollars to include this event.

Robert Jump has great pricing for posters and t-shirts with limited number of both. Mayor Muenchrath said he thinks this a great event and lets people interact and there are a lot of different things available for people to do at the event. Councilor Short asked if we could donate \$2,000. Mayor Muenchrath asked where the money would come from. Finance Director Dufner said it could come out of Council goals; \$4,000 is budgeted for 2011-2012. Susan Heaton, 530 W 4th St., thinks we should use the local talent for judging as long as they are not related to the contestants.

Councilor Wiese made a motion to co-sponsorship the "Smoke on the Water" event. Councilor Daniels seconded the motion; all voted in favor.

The City will be hosting a going away dinner on May 24, dinner with a no host bar provided by the Eagles. Councilor Capehart made a motion to waive the \$35.00 back ground check fee. Councilor Short seconded the motion; all voted in favor.

Fire Chief Waddington and City Manager O'Connor have discussed the problems with new fire trucks being taller and not fitting inside. HGE has been contacted and they will assess if a new Fire Hall or remodel is needed. The cost of the review is \$9,500 and it will be paid out of the Fire Department Reserves. If there is no objection the agreement will be signed. There were no concerns from Council.

7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mayor Muenchrath called for any public participation excluding item 15. There were none.

8. CONSTENT CALENDAR

- City Council minutes from April 4, 2011
- Budget Meeting minutes from April 11, 2011

Councilor Capehart made a motion to approve the consent calendar. Councilor Spanberger seconded the motion; all voted in favor.

9. PUBLIC HEARING – USDA LOAN AND GRANT

Finance Director Dufner said the public hearing to hear comment on the loan of 2.4 million dollar loan and a \$600,000 grant from USDA for the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Mayor Muenchrath opened the public hearing at 7:43 p.m.

Mayor called for any public comments; there were none. The public hearing was closed at 7:44.

10. RESOLUTION 07-2011 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR THE INCURRENCE OF INDEBTEDNESS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING A PORTION OF THE COST OF CONSTRUCTING SEWER PLANT IMPROVEMENTS AND ACCEPTING A GRANT FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WASTE WATER PLANT

Councilor Spanberger made a motion authorizing and providing for the incurrence of indebtedness for the purpose of providing a portion of the cost of constructing the sewer plant improvements and accepting a grant from the United State Department of Agriculture for the waste water plant. Councilor Capehart seconded the motion; all voted in favor.

11. PUBLIC HEARING – STATE SHARED REVENUES

City Manager O'Connor said the State changed the time frame May to June for the adoption of the ordinance to receive State Revenue Sharing dollars and this also requires a public hearing.

Mayor Muenchrath opened the public hearing on State Revenue sharing at 8:27.

Mayor Muenchrath called for any public comments; there were none. The public hearing was closed at 8:28.

12. ORDINANCE 1482 AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE CITY'S ELECTION TO RECEIVE STATE REVENUES

Councilor Spanberger made a motion to adopt ordinance 1482 and Councilor Short seconded the motion. A roll-call vote was taken. The following voted in favor: Mayor Muenchrath, Councilor Wiese, Short, Capehart Baird, Spanberger, and Daniels.

13. INCREASE OF COQUILLE VALLEY AMBULANCE PATIENT TRANSPORT FEES

Chief Waddington said the ambulance rates have not been in raised in approximately 8 years. By keeping the rates the same the budget dollars are shrinking and it is causing a strain on the quality of service that can be provided. If the ambulance fund is not financial solvent they could lose their licensing. Fire med will still be available, payments are available for customers and you do not have to have insurance to sign up for fire med.

Ms. Petry said the ambulance service is appreciated as they have checked on her and she was fine.

14. RESOLUTION 08-2011 A RESOLUTION INCREASING THE PATIENT TRANSPORT FEES FOR THE COQUILLE VALLEY AMBUALNCE

Councilor Capehart made a motion to adopt resolution 08-2011 increasing the patient transport fees for the Coquille Valley Ambulance. Councilor Spanberger seconded the motion; all voted in favor.

15. RESOLUTION 05-2011 A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE COOS COUNTY JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER

City Manager O'Connor said the County is facing financial difficulties and they are considering budget cuts in different areas, one being in the juvenile detention center. The juveniles would be transported to Douglas County by the juvenile staff. The law enforcement departments are concerned about the closure and the effects it would have on the program. City Manager O'Conner attended a County Commissioners meeting where they received a couple of budget saving measures that may help both the county and the employees. The resolution is calling for support and request the County Commissioners take every possible measure to retain the Juvenile Detention Facility.

Councilor Wiese made a motion to remove the resolution 05-2011 from table. Councilor Short seconded the motion, all voted in favor.

Mike Lehman, HR Director Coos County, said it has been discussed for several years about closing the Juvenile Detention Center. Over the last few years the State has been cutting funding to the program and the county is cutting budget dollars across the board due to less money coming from the State. The proposal that came up can we close the department and save money. Their budget is about 1 million with half being spent on the detention center and the other half being spent on those not in juvenile detention. The County can rent 3 beds with a use it or lose it program with an option of two beds pay it if you use it. The County average is 5 juveniles per day over

the year. Most court proceeding would be held by video conference. Every high risk juvenile will be in detention; those who are not attending school we usually find another way we can to get their attention. We can save up to \$280,000. The County will be cutting jobs in the juvenile department which seems to be the least impact to the county or jobs in other departments. The Sheriff said if they take anyone out of his budget he will have to shut down a pod which is 45 prisoners. The decision has not been made. The county is still working through the budget issues. If there were going to be single staffing it raises so many issues in security, liability, officer safety and prisoner safety. This is a no win situation. Councilor Daniels asked who would transport the Juveniles; Lehman said county staff will transport. Who will be transporting female Juveniles? Lehman said at this time it is a single officer transport and it will remain the same. Lehman said cameras are budgeted in all transfer cars for the Juveniles. Councilor Short asked how will it affect our Police Department. City Manager O'Connor said it should not affect how we interact with the Juvenile Department. Councilor Spanberger asked what if they can't be transported immediately. The officer may be out of service until someone is available.

Shawn Jennings, 1585 N Dean, has been in the community for 20 years. Mr. Jennings has worked for the Juvenile Department for 28 years. They feel there will not be enough accountability in this community. Today there were 8 children in detention. The facility has housed up to 15, and the population in the detention center does vary. The juvenile center is also a treatment center. The juveniles need to be held accountable for their actions especially with the gang activity, petty theft, and sex offences. The amount they are looking to cut is \$250,000 and there is a movement to get the SRS ruled passed again which will help. Ms. Jennings feels you need to get more information; the average for last year was 8 juvenile per day. Mr. Lehman's average does not include out of county juveniles who were housed here. The juvenile department serves all cities in the county not just Coquille and she is urging Council to support the 05-2011 resolution. She said it is not about the jobs; it's about keeping the service here and helping the children.

Nancy Keller, Rink Creek Rd, had to use the Juvenile Detention Center for one of her own children. She feels taking the children to Roseburg becomes very detrimental to the family dynamics and the child's support system. Ms. Keller supports keeping the Juvenile Center open for the use of the cities in the County.

Councilor Wiese feels that the facility should remain open and supports the resolution presented to Council. Mayor Muenchrath thinks losing the facility will be hard but the County has a hard decision to make for the new budget year.

Councilor Wiese made a motion to adopt resolution 05-2011 in support for the Coos County Juvenile Detention Center. Councilor Short second the motion. Councilor Baird abstained; all others voted in favor.

16. RESOLUTION 06-2011 A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE LICENSE, PERMITS, AND PROCEDURES BOOK AND ADOPTING NEW SEWER RATES FOR THE CITY OF COQUILLE AND AUTHORIZING THE RATES AND FEES CONTAINED THEREIN

City Manager O'Connor said raising the sewer rates is required for the City to be eligible for loans and grants from the USDA for the new sewer plant. The City is still waiting for the USDA to approve the WWTP plan.

Councilor Capehart made a motion to adopt resolution 06-2011 amending the license, permits, and procedures book and adopting sewer rates for the City of Coquille and authorizing the rates and fees contained therein. Councilor Short seconded the motion; all voted in favor.

17. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Muenchrath adjourned the meeting at 8:40

Mayor, Matt Muenchrath

Deputy Recorder, Rene Collins

City of Coquille
Urban Renewal Agency
May 2, 2011

1. CALL TO ORDER

Urban Renewal Chairman Wiese called the meeting to order at 8:46 p.m.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

Member Capehart made a motion to approve the URA minutes of March 7, 2011. Member Spanberger seconded the motion; all voted in favor.

3. Request for URA Façade and sign funds by Miguel and Juana Ferrer, 1220 W Central Blvd.

Miguel Ferrer, 55935 Finley Loop, heard about the program URA façade program and was glad this is available for the businesses. They want to open for dinner in July and they want it to look nice by getting a new awning and lighted sign. Member Muenchrath said the new awning and sign will look great.

Member Spanberger made a motion to approve the URA funds in the amount \$3,187.50 for the façade and sign improvements at 1220 W. Central Blvd. Member Capehart seconded the motion; all voted in favor.

4. Adjournment

Chairman Wiese adjourned the meeting at 8:51 p.m.

Chairman, Loran Wiese

Deputy Recorder, Rene Collins