

CITY OF COQUILLE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
June 5, 2006

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Steve Britton, Councilors: E.N. “Corky” Daniels, Loren Wiese, Mollie Anderson, Jan Torbeck, 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, Library Director Anne Conner.

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

Councilor Wiese called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Britton arrived with apologies for being late at 7:05 p.m.

2. MAYOR’S COMMENTS

The Coquille Fire Department received a letter of recognition from the VFW.

3. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilors Wiese, Hagen and Anderson were thankful for the nice weather for the Gay 90’s celebration. Councilor Torbeck announced that she had been elected the President of the Council of the Beta Sigma Phi and mentioned the Valentine Ball on Feb. 10th, and issued an invitation. Last years event raised over \$1,000. Councilor Capehart said the Chamber raised \$180 with a dunk tank at the Gay 90’s celebration and mentioned the upcoming family fun day Tuesday July 4th at Sturdivant Park. Mayor Britton would like to see the old cars back next year for the Gay 90’s celebration.

4. STAFF REPORTS

Chief Reaves noted his report is in the Council packet and asked if there were any questions and introduced the new Explorer Troop. Librarian Conner had no additions to her report. Public Works Director Higgins said he had put the detailed version of his report in the packet and would switch back to the summary next time. Attorney Trew had no comments. Finance Director Dufner said the investment fund was currently earning 4.9% and being invested in longer term securities as the rate moved up. Dufner also mentioned the upcoming vacancies on the Council and that election packets were available at City Hall.

5. CITY MANAGER REPORTS

City Manager O’Connor informed the Council that there was two full price offers on City Hall. He also mentioned that the local realtors would like to see the Council list the GP property on MLS to see if the City could sell it as well.

6. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Mr. Dennis White of 1190 Woodridge Road said that Mrs. Darling who lives below his property has planted bamboo and it is taking over his property. He has cut it down as it grows but it comes right back up. His wife showed a sample of the root system that is spreading under their yard. Mr. White said he had offered to cut the bamboo on Mrs. Darling's property back but she did not want that. He asked that the Council research what could be done about these types of plants.

Cy Winberg of River's Edge RV Park presented the Council with a petition that had been submitted to ODOT concerning a pedestrian crossing of Hwy 42 with 72 signatures on it. The City of Coquille has also submitted a request to ODOT regarding the crosswalk. In response to a question from the audience about the disposition of the GP property, City Manager O'Connor responded the contract with MBK had expired and Safeway has not communicated with anyone regarding the parcel.

7. CONSENT CALANDER

After reviewing the minutes from the May 1st regular council minutes and the Special Council meeting of May 25th, Councilor Anderson made a motion to accept the minutes without revision, Councilor Capehart seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

8. FINDING OF FACT AND FINAL ORDERS – SMEJKAL

Councilor Anderson made a motion to affirm the decision of the Planning Commission and to adopt the Final Order and Finding of Fact approving the Application of James Smejkal for a Conditional Use, Planned Development and Variance. Councilor Capehart seconded the motion, all voted in favor.

9. FINDING OF FACT AND FINAL ORDERS – FISHER – ORDINANCE 1459

The Mayor opened a Public Hearing in regarding a request by Joel and Linda Fisher for A Comprehensive Plan amendment, a Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment and Annexation at 7:33 p.m. Attorney Trew read the description of the property tax lot 28 12 06 CC #1900. The lot currently lies partially within the city and the owner would like to have the entire parcel within the city limits so sewer connections can be made to the southern portion. The Mayor began by asking if any Council Members had made ex-parte contact with the applicant including a visit to the site in question and if so they should declare it now. None had. The Mayor asked if any Councilor had any personal bias or personal interest that would preclude participation in this hearing, there were none. The Mayor then asked if anyone objected to the jurisdiction of the Council to hear this matter, no one did. The Mayor then asked Mr. Trew to proceed. Trew outlined the process to be followed. Trew asked for any person that wished to speak to stand and state their name and address and to make their comments or address any question to the Council. The planning staff will cite any criteria applicable to the comment or question. Failure to state any question or comment precludes appeal. The failure of the applicant to provide information in sufficient detail to address the comments or questions precludes any action by the applicant. Public Works Director explained the applicant had applied for annexation to have his entire parcel included in the city limits. An existing house on the property did not have enough property to repair the septic system, and the City of

Coquille would not extend sewer services to property outside the city limits so the landowner would like for the property to be annexed into the city. Joel Fisher 56631 Levy Bunch Road said he would like to have the City annex the property to allow for sewer hook-up. The Mayor asked if there were any opponents to this action. There were none. The Mayor said there would be no rebuttal as there were no opponents. Councilor Wiese said the report was well done, Mr. Higgins said Crystal Shoji had prepared it. The Mayor asked for additional arguments regarding the application. There were none. The Mayor then closed the Public Hearing at 7:41 p.m.

The Mayor proceeded with Council discussion. Councilor Wiese commented that the City should make the property whole, Councilor Torbeck would like to see a house built there. The Mayor asked for a motion to direct staff to prepare and present a Final Order and Findings of Fact regarding the annexation of the Fisher property. Councilor Wiese made the motion. Councilor Anderson seconded the motion, all voted in favor.

Staff had presented a Final Order and Findings of Fact. Councilor Anderson made a motion to adopt the Final Order and Findings of Fact. Councilor Capehart seconded the motion, all voted in favor.

Councilor Anderson moved to adopt Ordinance 1459 – AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY TO THE CITY OF COQUILLE, OREGON. Councilor Capehart seconded the motion, a roll call vote was taken, Councilor Daniels, aye, Councilor Wiese, aye, Councilor Hagen, aye, Mayor Britton, aye, Councilor Torbeck, aye, Councilor Anderson, aye, Councilor Capehart, aye. The ordinance passed unanimously.

10. REQUEST BY COQUILLE CUB PACK 314 TO HOLD A 4TH OF JULY FLAG CEREMONY AT THE COMMUNITY BUILDING AND FREE USAGE OF THE KITCHEN AND SMALL AUDITORIUM FOR A FUND RAISER.

Councilor Wiese made a motion to allow the scouts to hold the flag ceremony and breakfast fundraiser. Councilor Capehart seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

11. REQUEST BY TERRY & EVELYN LUCE OF HAWKS VIEW WINERY FOR A WINE GARDEN IN STURDIVANT PARK ON JULY 4, 2006 IN CONJUNCTION WITH AN ART SHOW.

Terry Luce of Myrtle Point asked for permission to serve local wines at the art show on July 4, 2006. He and other local growers and wine makers have insurance and have spoken with the OLCC. He will also speak with the Police Chief regarding security. Councilor Torbeck made a motion to approve the request to have a wine garden at the art show. Councilor Anderson seconded the motion, all voted in favor.

12. RESOLUTION 12-2006 A RESOLUTION RESINDING HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACE IN FRONT OF 1222 N. BAXTER STREET.

Councilor Anderson made a motion to approve the resolution; Councilor Torbeck seconded the motion, all voted in favor.

13. RESOLUTION 11-2006 A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE LICENSE, PERMITS AND PROCEDURES BOOK AND ADOPTION NEW WATER AND SEWER RATES FOR THE CITY OF COQUILLE AND NEW RATES FOR PURCHASING CITY WATER FROM A FIRE HYDRANT AND AUTHORIZING THE RATES AND FEES CONTAINED THEREIN.

Councilor Anderson made a motion to adopt resolution 11-2006; Councilor Capehart seconded the motion, all voted in favor.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Britton adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Mayor Steve Britton

ATTEST: _____

Deputy City Recorder