

**CITY OF COQUILLE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
September 7, 2004**

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Steve Britton, Councilors: E.N. "Corky" Daniels, Kathy Hagen, Mollie Anderson, Jan Torbeck, Fran Capehart and Loran Wiese

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Terence O'Connor, Public Works Director John Higgins, Accounting Tech Ruth Graham, City Attorney John Trew, Library Director Anne Conner, Police Chief Mike Reaves, Fire Chief Dave Waddington

PRESS: Dan Schreiber, The World

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

1. CALL TO ORDER /PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Acting Mayor Wiese called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led those assembled in a flag salute.

2. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

None

3. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Torbeck stated that a citizen contacted her regarding the development of the old G.P. site. She would like to see a workshop scheduled to discuss this matter. Councilor Anderson asked if there had been any more interest from developers for the site. City Manager O'Connor stated that he has recently received three packets for the sub-committee to look at. Councilor Capehart stated that Saturday September 11th was Patriot's Day at the Veteran's Memorial at Sturdivant Park. She also reported that on Sunday the VFW would be hosting a potluck picnic at Sturdivant Park. Councilor Hagen asked about the status of the video cameras at the recycle bins. Public Works Director Higgins reported that they are making progress on this project. Councilor Hagen asked if Mr. Higgins would please look into the cost of changing the location of the entrance to the Fifth Street Park restrooms. Mrs. Hagen also stated that prisoners from the jail are now available. A possible project for the prisoners would be cleaning up the streets.

4. STAFF REPORTS

Fire Chief Waddington, Public Works Director Higgins, and Library Director Conner read their Staff Reports. Also Police Chief Reaves read his Staff Report and updated everyone on the findings from the shooting that occurred on August 22nd. He also stated that progress is being made with the communication grant monies to integrate the communication systems with Public Works. Chief Reaves presented recognition awards to Councilor Capehart and Bruce Parker. He stated that both of the people recognized have helped a lot with City functions. Tom King and Ray Nichols were also recognized for their years of service with the Coquille Police Department. Mr. King could not attend the Council Meeting. Mr. Nichols was present to receive his award.

5. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

EXECUTIVE SESSION

City Manager O'Connor stated that because of some information that has been received regarding one of the agenda items, Council will be going into an Executive Session at this time pursuant to ORS 192.660 (1) (e) To conduct deliberations with persons 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. Acting Mayor Wiese opened the meeting into regular session at 7:40 p.m. Mayor Britton was in attendance at this time.

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City Manager O'Connor stated that Greg Stone from Stutzner Engineering was at the Forest Land Management Board Meeting on August 19th. They went over the Forest Land Management Plan that was prepared by Stutzner Engineering and the Committee recommended approval of the plan by the City Council with the modifications that were made. The City Council got a copy of the plan. City Manager O'Connor stated that Council might want to go over the document, including the changes, with Mr. Stone at a workshop session. After some discussion, it was decided that the workshop session would be held on either September 21 or 28th at 7:00 p.m. with the Forest Land Management Board being invited.

City Manager O'Connor reported that October 14th would be City Hall Day. All of the legislative candidates from Senate and House Districts 1 and House District 2 will be invited. It will be held at the Community Building at 7:00 pm. and they will discuss issues unique to cities.

Mr. O'Connor reported that he has three responses from Master Development Consultants for the G.P. site for the sub-committee to review.

Mayor Britton stated that he would be going to Eugene to talk with the people from Safeway about the possibility of a store still being sited on the G.P. site. Also the old Southwestern Motors building will be demolished within three weeks.

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilor Anderson made a motion to approve the consent calendar. Councilor Capehart seconded. All voted in favor.

8. RESOLUTION 15-2004 A RESOLUTION MAKING FINDINGS OF FACTS AND DECLARING 331 HIGHWAY 42 SURPLUS PROPERTY

Councilor Anderson made a motion to adopt Resolution 15-2004, a Resolution making findings of facts and declaring 331 Highway 42 surplus property. Councilor Wiese seconded. City Manager O'Connor clarified the location of the property. All voted in favor.

9. DISCUSSION ON SELLING PROPERTY LOCATED AT 331 HIGHWAY 42

Councilor Anderson explained that the City wouldn't be looking at selling this property to Peggy Schevill if she hadn't come to Council to ask to buy it and the property wouldn't be worth what it is if it wasn't for Mrs. Schevill's improvement to it. Mrs. Anderson feels that the City would normally go through a process including taking bids, but Mrs. Schevill has made such improvements to this property, she should be given first chance to purchase it. Mayor Britton stated that there was a public hearing on August 6, 2004 about this matter and there was no opposition received and no other interest shown at that time.

10. RESOLUTION 16-2004 A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR UNBUDGETED TRANSFERS OF FUNDS BETWEEN CATEGORIES BUT WITHIN THE SAME FUND

Councilor Anderson made a motion to adopt Resolution 16-2004, a Resolution providing for unbudgeted transfer of funds between categories but within the same fund. Councilor Capehart seconded. All voted in favor.

11. PRESENTATION BY CITY ENGINEER STEVE MAJOR ON DETERIORATED SEWER COLLECTION LINES

Steve Major of the Dyer Partnership updated Council on the Facilities Plan and presented a slide show and video, which highlighted some of the main trouble spots in the sewer collection lines.

12. AWARD OF REPAIR WORK ON SEWER COLLECTION LINES

Public Works Director Higgins pointed out that several entities were contacted about this project and most were either too busy or didn't have the necessary equipment to do the project. Pipe Experts from Tacoma, Washington offered an estimate of \$18,496 to do the project. Councilor Anderson made a motion to accept the bid from Pipe Experts for the repair and cleaning of the sewer collection lines. Councilor Capehart seconded. Councilor Wiese asked about seeing the results of the project. Mr. Higgins stated that there would be another tape showing what was done. All voted in favor.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business, Councilor Wiese adjourned the meeting at 8:54 p.m.

Mayor

ATTEST: _____
City Recorder