

CITY OF COQUILLE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

October 1, 2012

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

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Ben Marchant, Finance Director Chuck Dufner, Police Chief Janice Blue, Public Work & Planning Director Kevin Urban, Library Director Anne Conner, Fire Chief Dave Waddington, City Attorney John Trew and City Recorder Rene Collins.

PRESS: The Sentinel

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

1. CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Muenchrath called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Muenchrath welcomed everyone to the October Council Meeting. He spoke with the City Manager earlier today and it looks like we will be able to take care of one of our street issues. Mayor Muenchrath said it good to have the children back in school and on a schedule and to see people catching fish at the river.

3. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Capehart said she attend the League of Oregon Cities Conference (LOC) in Salem along with Councilor Short and City Manager Marchant. They met with the state agencies and visited with former representative Bob Repine and thanked him for helping us get some money for the WWTP. She has information books for the Veterans from ODVA. Some people signed a petition for a signal at the post office corner; 77 signatures were collected. They met with Mr. Garrett who is head of ODOT and City Manager Marchant will be meeting for further discussion. She attended a session on Volunteers. There will be an hour seminar how to attract volunteers and she will hold a meeting on October 11th at 3:00 p.m. She also attended other sessions and thinks we need to look into solar energy. She toured the City of Dallas and it was very nice.

Councilor Short enjoyed the sessions and learned a lot and got some ideas that she feels can help Coquille.

Councilor Spanberger said he was out of town last week and is glad to be back home and would like the nice weather to last until the end of October.

Councilor Wiese said he is enjoying the weather. He attended the Coquille Red Devils Hall of Fame Dinner where the state champion basketball team of 1966 was inducted into the hall of fame. It is a great function and the booster club did a great job.

Councilor Baird said he thinks people seem to be slowing down in the school zones.

4. STAFF REPORTS

Fire Chief Waddington said next Thursday, October 11th is the Annual Fire Prevention Open House from 6-8. The children get to ride on the fire trucks and go through a simulated smoke filled room.

Public Works Director Urban asked for direction on the \$25,000 grant for the paving of Baxter around Third Street. Previously the county was going to participate; Urban will ask if they would like to still participate. He will also ask for the grant to be extended into the next fiscal year if the Council would like to still do this project. He believes the overlay cost is around \$60,000. Council agreed to have Urban have the grant extended and to try and have that area of Baxter Street repaired.

Library Director Conner said they are back up to full staff and the children's library program will start next week. Trivia night is scheduled for October and reminded everyone to get their teams together.

Police Chief Blue said that 2 new officers were hired; one will go to academy in October and the other will go to academy in January 2013. October 27th is the masquerade ball and October 31st is the Halloween skate party and both events benefit Shop With The Heroes. Chief Blue said that if anyone is interested in volunteering to help or chaperone on December 16, 2012 to let her or Fire Chief Waddington know.

Finance Director Dufner said the investment account continues to earn over 4%. The budget document is completed and is on the website and was sent of the GFOA for review. The website will be online next Monday so remember to check it out. Finance Director Dufner will be out of town at the end of the month for the OMFA Conference.

5. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Marchant said that ODOT did agree that the issue of a pedestrian signal by the post office needs to be reviewed due to the change in activity in the area across the hi-way such as the river walk, RV park and all the other activities in that area.

Toured the Department of Safety Standards and Training (DPST) and was very impressed with the academy and the tools make the training very real.

Mayor Muenchrath asked how the closing of the pool went; Urban said that Mike Arellano has cleaned and closed the pool house and the pool will be covered with the covers we have at this time. City Manager Marchant has left a message for the pool manager to call him.

Councilor Wiese asked about the ODOT property and if Council can tour the building and property. It looks like the appraisal for the lease of the property will not be done by the end of the month. Mayor Muenchrath asked if Thursday after Councilor Capehart' volunteer training was a possibility.

Mayor Muenchrath thanked Robert Jump for all his hard work on Smoke on the Water. Robert Jump thanked City Council, the Eagles and Chamber of Commerce for all their help. He heard that people wanted full meals so he will work on that for next year. There is a possibility of two stages next year. Jump thought the event was a success and it will be bigger next year.

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Jackie Dotzauer, 753 Riverside Drive, is concerned about an incident that took place during the Kiwanis garage sale. She had a pizza box and put it in the dumpster and the camp host told her to take the trash out and put in another trash can. During this conversation the host was yelling at her. She was told that the dumpster was for campers and his trash only. Public Works/Planner Urban said we are looking at purchasing another can for the park; he apologized for the poor customer service she received and encouraged everyone that if there is an issue to give him a call and he will talk with the park host. Councilor Short said she also received a call from a citizen with the same type of concern about how they were treated.

Judy Weeks, 1050 N Cedar Point Rd C12, has talked in depth about the problem with Chief Blue. She gave copy to ODOT. Today Officer Smith was looking for something on the side of the rode and people were still flying by. The people who get off at 2:30 p.m. do not stop at the stop sign and they are on two wheels most of the time. There is also a person who rides a motorcycle who leaves around eleven that speeds out and you can hear his bike all the way through the park. City Manager Marchant will be speaking with the Roseburg Lumber manager about the situation. Councilor Wiese said the speed limit was 55 and was lowered to 40 when the bypass was put in. Councilor Daniels said that the road coming from Roseburg Lumber and from the trailer park are both outside the city limits and any changes will have to be made by ODOT. Ms. Weeks would like the school zone speed to continue from the high school to 10th Street because of the number of children who walk in that area; It does not make sense to have two different speeds in that area. Councilor Wiese said that has been a fight with ODOT for years and Urban said that that area is County and they are usually easy to work with. She also questioned about compression breaks in the City, Urban said that there is an ordinance addressing that noise issue but that ODOT puts the signs on the highway. Mayor Muenchrath said the safety committee can look at the issue about the school zone speed limit.

Patricia Anderson, 778 SE. 3rd Avenue, is concerned about commercial truck traffic on SE 3rd Avenue with the sharp turn and new pavement. Her question is can anyone take their commercial trucks up and down the street at any time and use a power washer on their vehicles. Ms. Anderson would like to know why the Council would pass an ordinance allowing commercial trucks to park in residential areas. Councilor Daniels said that there used to be a weight limit on trucks. She asked if he is allowed to power wash his truck and let the water run down the road. City Recorder Collins said previously the log trucks had to purchase a residential parking permit in the amount of \$10 per year and the permit allowed the person to choose 3 days a week that they could take their truck home to park and perform routine maintenance. That ordinance was repealed allowing log trucks to be parked in residential areas at all times. City Manager Marchant said there is not a law against using a power washer and council can look at the weight limit that is allowed. Councilor Wiese said they also need to

look at the safety issue of trucks on SE 3rd Street. Ms. Anderson said DEQ requires a person to have a permit if they are using hot water and chemicals to wash their vehicles. Mayor Muenchrath said Council said they will take a look at the issue.

Jim Harris, 142 N Adams, said the Merchants Association would like to have the street lights changed from low wattage at the cost of \$80 each to the higher wattage which costs less in the long run; which will light the downtown area up better for safety and for the Police department. Mr. Harris said there is a total of 12 poles and he has the list of the pole numbers. Mayor Muenchrath asked about changing the lights out as they burn out. Urban said he will gather the information and have it on the next agenda.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. City Council minutes of September 4, 2012

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

8. 1ST & CENTRAL PAVING

Public Works / Planner Urban presented two proposals for the paving of the intersection at 1st and Central and two companies declined to prepare a quote; he suggested we complete this in this season. Knife River proposal was the least expensive and they suggested 4" of asphalt with the cost being higher \$27,650. Laskey-Clifton Corporations proposals was \$25,722 with 2" of asphalt. Urban said it should last for about 25 years and address any issue of cracks. Mayor Muenchrath said we need to let people know as soon as possible; Urban said the intersection will be closed for approximately 3-4 days. Council asked Public Works / Planner Urban what option he recommends; he said option 3 or 4 is the best.

Councilor Wiese made a motion to accept the quotes from Knife River and Laskey-Clifton. Councilor Short seconded the motion; all voted in favor.

Councilor Wiese made a motion to accept Knife River's quote for paving of the intersection of 1st and Central Street not to exceed \$27,650. Councilor Capehart second the motion; all voted in favor.

Mayor Muenchrath said that included in your packet was a letter from the Chamber of Commerce asking to use the Community Building for Christmas in Coquille on December 1st, 2012. Councilor Wiese made a motion to allow the Chamber of Commerce Christmas in Coquille on December 1st, 2012 and waiving of the rental fees. Councilor Spanberger seconded the motion; all voted in favor.

Mayor Muenchrath said that on October 13th there is a Health and Fitness fair at the Community Building.

9. AJOURNMENT

Mayor Muenchrath adjourned the meeting at 8:07

Mayor, Matt Muenchrath

City Recorder, Rene Collins