

**CITY OF COQUILLE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
November 1, 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

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

Mayor Britton 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 Capehart stated that she was checking on the status of the new flagpole for the IOOF cemetery. She is also involved in putting up the new Christmas lights.

Mayor Britton pointed out that there were several people in the audience that were running for Council positions. He thanked everyone for running clean campaigns.

4. STAFF REPORTS

Library Director Conner referred to her Staff Report stating that circulation is down from the previous year, but the library is open 27 fewer hours a month. She reported that there is a meeting of the Friends of the Library scheduled for the following Tuesday in the small auditorium.

Police Chief Reaves reported that his department had received a \$500 donation to the Dare Program from Walmart. Chief Reaves also reported that he and the other department heads are working with Day Wireless in implementing the integration of the radio system with the Public Works Department and other agencies. His department is still working on the new records management system also.

Public Works Director Higgins' Staff Report was included in the packet and Fire Chief Waddington's report was handed out at the meeting.

5. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager O'Connor's report was included in the packet, which he went over with the Council. He stated that the auditors have decided not to postpone the audit and will be starting the audit this next week. Mr. O'Connor reported that there would be a Public Hearing scheduled for January 3, 2005 on an annexation request from Richard Swing on West Fourth Street. Also, on February 7, 2005 a Public Hearing will be set regarding a City-initiated annexation request on a portion of East Main Street adjacent to 11 South Elliott Street.

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Judy Costello of 170 N Adams Streets reported that the downtown merchants will be decorating for Christmas on November 20th and will have an open house on November 26th and 27th. All of the planters in the downtown area are being replanted. There will also be a raffle. The proceeds will be used to buy skates for the children

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

8. REQUEST BY FAWN FOR USE OF COQUILLE COMMUNITY BUILDING

It was stated that FAWN is requesting free use of the Community Building for March 13 and August 28, 2005. Mayor Britton stated that this had been allowed in past years. Councilor Hagen made a motion to approve the request for the rent to be waived at the Community Building. Councilor Wiese seconded. All voted in favor.

9. REQUEST BY BUD FINLEY TO PLACE A CONCRETE MEMORIAL BENCH IN STURDIVANT PARK IN MEMORY OF HIS FATHER IKE FINLEY

After some discussion, Councilor Wiese made a motion to approve the request for a concrete memorial bench in the memory of Ike Finley to be located by the fishing hole at Sturdivant Park. Councilor Capehart seconded. There was some discussion about creating a plan for the location of memorials at Sturdivant Park. All voted in favor.

10. RECOMMENDATION OF FOREST LAND MANAGEMENT BOARD

Councilor Wiese went over the recommendation from the Forest Land Management Board on how to proceed with management of the City's forestlands. The Committee is recommending that a 70 acre parcel be logged. A map of the proposed location was handed out to everyone. He explained what would need to be done before the logging can be started in the summer. The plan includes putting funds aside for future maintenance and replanting needs and funding needs for future sales. There was some discussion about security needs on the logging site. City Manager O'Connor stated that the Sheriff's Department could do that for around \$100 a month. Councilor Anderson made a motion to approve the recommendation from the Forest Land Management Board. Councilor Daniels seconded. It was stated that the City's net revenues should be approximately \$300,000. Also some of the monies from the sale will have to go to repair Second Street from Gould to Johnson. All voted in favor.

11. RESOLUTION 2-2005 A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE LICENSE, PERMITS, AND PROCEDURES BOOK AND ADOPTING NEW WATER, SEWER RATES FOR THE CITY OF COQUILLE AND AUTHORIZING THE RATES AND FEES CONTAINED THEREIN

City Manager O'Connor explained that the Budget Committee, as the result of a rate study, agreed on this increase in the minimum water and sewer rates. Councilor Anderson made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2-2005, a Resolution amending the license, permits, and procedures book and adopting new water, sewer rates for the City of Coquille and authorizing the rates and fees contained therein. Councilor Capehart seconded. All voted in favor.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business, Mayor Britton adjourned the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

Mayor

ATTEST: _____
City Recorder

