

## **MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

**August 17, 1999**

The minutes of the proceedings of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Coos Bay, Coos County, Oregon, beginning at 7 p.m. with a work session in the Council Chambers and proceeding to a regular session at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 500 Central Avenue, Coos Bay, Oregon.

### **Those Present**

Those present were Council President Cindi Miller, Councilors Joe Benetti, Jeff McKeown, Don Spangler, Kevin Stufflebean, and Judy Weeks. Mayor Joanne Verger was out of town for the National League of Cities Conference in Welches, Oregon. Councilor Stufflebean was out of town. City staff present were City Manager Bill Grile, Deputy Recorder Joyce Jansen, City Attorney Randall Tosh, Community Services Director Bill Finney, Finance Director Janell Howard, Police Chief Chuck Knight, and Fire Chief Stan Gibson.

### **WORK SESSION**

President Miller reviewed the consent calendar. Councilor Weeks inquired about the need for the public records policy and City Manager Bill Grile reported the City did not currently have a written policy for handling public information requests. President Miller reviewed the remainder of agenda. Councilor McKeown asked if other citizens could apply for the Commission on Children and Families and commented he was interested in being appointed. Councilor Weeks reported citizens can also apply. City Attorney Randall Tosh reported the City has a lien on property near 4<sup>th</sup> and Johnson that the County has foreclosed on for non-payment of property taxes. Mr. Tosh suggested the Council authorize purchase of the property with the purpose of selling it to redeem the cost of the City lien. He noted the City would be required to pay the back taxes in the amount of \$1,541, and the City lien is in the amount of \$3800.

City Manager Bill Grile reviewed a possibility of doing murals in the City and noted that the City of Reedsport is also looking into murals and he will be meeting with artist Karl Shutz. Mr. Grile reported North Bend will be discussing PEG TV at a work session on August 23<sup>rd</sup>. He commended Steve Doty for making arrangements for the poles to allow banners on Hwy 101 North and noted the project will cost \$3500. Mr. Grile reported progress has been made on removal of the New Carissa stern and they expect to float the stern out to sea by October 1<sup>st</sup>. He spoke to Bill Milwee about obtaining more artifacts from the ship and a binnacle has been loaned to the City for the display. Mr. Grile reported a local sculptor is interested in using some of the metal from the New Carissa and he will be meeting with the artist on Friday at the scrap yard. Mr. Grile reported appraisals have been ordered on the park house and the Ed Lund building. Helpline is eager to move from the Ed Lund building to the Eastside fire hall which is expected to be around the first of October. Councilor Spangler inquired if the Ed Lund building could be used to house PEG TV. Mr. Grile reported the problem would be in getting the cable and the signal for the channels.

Mr. Grile reported staff will bring a report to the Council at the next meeting regarding wastewater capital projects; however, raising the rates will not be revisited. He commented a demonstration on voice over IP technology will be held on August 25<sup>th</sup> at the Red Lion from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Staff and Council are invited to attend.

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### COUNCIL MEETING

#### Flag Salute

President Miller opened the meeting and led the assembly in the salute to the flag.

#### Consent Calendar

President Miller reviewed the consent calendar which consisted of approval of an OLCC license for the Cedar Grill for a greater privilege dispenser, Class A; approval of an OLCC license for the M'Ocean Market for new owner; approval of an intergovernmental agreement with the City of Bandon for municipal judge; and adoption of Resolution 99-26 establishing a public records policy. Councilor Spangler moved to approve the consent calendar as presented. Councilor Weeks seconded the motion which passed with all Councilors present voting aye.

#### Report from Marshfield High School by Meliah Masiba

Marshfield High School representative Meliah Masiba reported the Link Program will begin this fall which provides seniors to show freshmen students around campus. Marshfield High students will be participating with Washington and California students in the political process by holding a mock convention and elections in the Spring. Ms. Masiba reported construction at the high school will begin shortly; Pirate night will be held on September 2<sup>nd</sup> beginning at 4:30 p.m. with the football scrimmage held at 7:30 p.m., and students will present the play Greater Tuna the first week of November. A new event, Club Fair 99, will be held this year to familiarize students with available school clubs. The first home football game will be on September 17<sup>th</sup> against Ashland and the first home volleyball game will be on the 9<sup>th</sup> against Sheldon.

#### Appreciation Awards for Safety Town Teens by Officer Darrell King

Officer Darrell King introduced Officer Mike Olson from North Bend and presented certificates to the youth who helped with Safety Town. Officer King reported this is the 9<sup>th</sup> year for Safety Town and the first year as a joint Coos Bay-North Bend program. Officer King commended the youth on their dedication and hard work, and recognized Susie Moore and Artie George for outstanding performance as head youth leaders. Special recognition was also given to the Bay Area Sportsmans Association for sponsoring the Safety Town program during the past nine years. Officer King introduced Hank Lepley, 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher from Madison School and recognized him as a youth role model and for helping with the program. Students receiving recognition include Jade Boardman, Brad Burnette, Kayla Bower, Niki Caffey, Kim Connely, Melissa Coonse, Joe Cowan, Tysen Cullne, Adrienne Dolezal, Tyler Draper, Jaime Ferry, Artie George, Nick Grassham, Tabitha Goodman, Katie Gross, Shelley Gross, Kara Hanna, Kyle Helland, Brian Holcomb, Hannah Hunt, Annie Johnson, Elizabeth Keane, Kristen Kridelbaugh, Ashlee McCarthy, Stacey McCullough, Trish McGuire, Susie Moore, Kaley Murdock, Ashley Pennington, Andrew Porter, Josh Scarberry, Kayla Schmidt, Kara Spence, Jenny Wallis, Brian Webb, Jenna Webb, and Annie Woods.

Chief Chuck Knight commended the students for their work and presented an appreciation plaque to Officers Robert Lounsbury, Rob Scoville, Darrell King, and Mike Olson, and Anita Miller. Chief Knight noted the plaque was given anonymously by a Bay Area citizen who wished to express appreciation for the commitment of those involved with teaching our youth.

#### Department Head Report by Finance Director Janell Howard

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Finance Director Janell Howard reported the department is currently involved in preparing and helping with the audit which is going very smoothly. The City has new auditors this year and is very pleased with their work. Ms. Howard reported she has been working on procedures for the Urban Renewal Agency bonding, working on wastewater capital funding, and beginning the implementation of Y2K programming. Councilor McKeown inquired if the Water Board is Y2K compliant and Ms. Howard responded the City will be receiving documentation in the near future.

### **Appointment of Representative from the City Council to the Commission on Children and Families**

City Manager Bill Grile reported Senate Bill 579 requires the Commission on Children and Families have members from local municipal governments serve on their commission. Commission members are appointed by the Board of County Commissioners for four-year terms. Mr. Grile reported Mayor Verger has recommended Councilor Cindi Miller as the City's representative to the Commission. Councilor Weeks moved to ratify Cindi Miller's appointment to the Commission on Children and Families. Councilor McKeown seconded the motion which passed with all Councilors present voting aye.

### **Award of Bid for Repairs to Pump Station No. 15**

Community Services Director Bill Finney reported the storm water system is in need of repairs and OMI reconfirmed a break and general poor condition of the line in October 1996. The project consists of replacing 14' of both the inflow and outflow pipes to the pump station located at the Fred Meyer shopping center. Councilor Weeks moved to award the contracts to JBS Construction in the amount of \$52,500 and Dyer Partnership in the amount of \$2,970. Councilor Spangler seconded the motion which passed with all Councilors present voting aye.

### **Public Comments**

Peter Cooley, Coos Bay, expressed concern that the City has plans to turn the Eastside tennis court into a basketball court at a time when several tennis courts have already been lost. Mr. Cooley commented it is the only tennis court in Eastside and if Eastside was still a city they would not obliterate the court. Councilor Spangler inquired about the usage of the court and Mr. Cooley responded it is used a few days each week. There was further discussion on using the court for both tennis and basketball, and cost of improving the court to regulation size. Mr. Finney reported the matter is scheduled before the next Parks Commission meeting on September 13<sup>th</sup> with a recommendation to the City Council on September 21<sup>st</sup>.

Robert King, Coos Bay, asked if the municipal court is under Mr. Grile's domain and Mr. Grile responded he is responsible for city staff. City Attorney Randall Tosh commented the procedure and documents are the prerogative of Judge Hinrichs. Mr. King reported he has four cases pending in front of the court. He received a notice of failure to appear and he was very concerned since he had not received a notice in the first place. Mr. Tosh explained the matter should be taken up with the judge and not the City Council and the notice was actually a notice to appear at the next court session. Mr. King asked for confirmation that he would be required to pay for City staff to research his July 8<sup>th</sup> information request and Mr. Grile confirmed that he would be required to pay.

### **City Attorney's Report**

City Attorney Randall Tosh reported a draft of the lease with the Coos Historical Society will be

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presented at the September 7<sup>th</sup> Council meeting. Mr. Tosh requested Council consider purchasing property located in Block 49, Lots 4 and 5, Railroad Addition to Marshfield for the purpose of selling to pay the City lien. The County has foreclosed on the parcel for unpaid property taxes in the amount of \$1575.35. Councilor Weeks commented the motion should include the per diem. Councilor Spangler moved to purchase the property in the amount of \$1575.35 including per diem. Councilor McKeown seconded the motion which passed with all Councilors present voting aye.

### **City Manager's Report**

City Manager Bill Grile reported a meeting had been held by the Port regarding improvements needed for the operation of the railroad bridge and noted funding is available for 80 percent of the repairs and 20 percent would come from lottery funds. In order for the Port to receive lottery funds, they must own the facility. The question before the Port is if they take ownership and the rail service ceases to exist, the Port would be responsible for removing the bridge at an estimated cost of \$3 million. Mr. Grile reported the meeting was well-attended by representatives from other cities and entities and the clear consensus is to keep the bridge operational. Options were discussed at the meeting of a possible partnership with Bay Area cities, formation of a separate entity, or making the repairs and turning the ownership of the bridge over to the state.

### **Mayor and Council Comments**

**Councilor McKeown** commented at the Joint Coos Bay-North Bend council meeting it had been suggested that each city have a member on the Boys and Girls Club Board. A letter requesting a Council appointment will be coming to the Council in the near future.

**Councilor Weeks** congratulated Officers King and Olson on the Safety Town and DARE programs. She inquired about the freeing up portions of 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup> Streets for truck parking. Mr. Finney distributed maps showing areas for truck parking, and after further discussion it was decided to tour the areas. Councilor Weeks reminded everyone of the library grand opening on Friday at 10 a.m.

**Councilor Spangler** commented the responsibility for 20 percent of the cost of repairs to the bridge should be borne by the railroad as well as removal of the bridge if they discontinue using it. He further commented the taxpayers should not bear the expenses for the repairs and the bridge should not be owned by a public body.

**President Miller** reminded the Council of the Urban Renewal Agency meeting on Thursday at 7 p.m. and reviewed the agenda for the meeting.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Council, President Miller adjourned the meeting to September 7, 1999 at 6 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

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Cindi Miller  
Council President of the City of Coos Bay  
Coos County, Oregon

ATTEST:

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Joyce Jansen  
Deputy Recorder of the City of Coos Bay  
Coos County, Oregon