

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

September 5, 2000

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 Mayor Joanne Verger, Councilors Joe Benetti, Don Spangler, Kevin Stufflebean, and Judy Weeks. Councilors Cindi Miller and Jeff McKeown were absent. City staff present were City Manager Bill Grile, Deputy Recorder Joyce Jansen, City Attorney Randall Tosh, Police Chief Chuck Knight, and Library Director Carol Ventgen.

WORK SESSION

Coos Bay-North Bend Water Board Manager Rob Schab gave an update on the Upper Pony Creek-Joe Ney water expansion project. Using slides Mr. Schab reviewed the current dam and the proposed new dam, explained the excavation and construction required to build the dam, and reviewed plans for construction of the dike, fishway, spillway, and headworks. Mr. Schab reported there are currently 17 wells in production in the dunes well field and four new wells are scheduled to be added. Mayor Verger inquired if the Water Board would be offering a tour of the improvements and Mr. Schab indicated a tour was planned for October. Councilor Weeks inquired when the project would be completed. Mr. Schab reported there are different components of the project; Catching Slough has been completed, Upper Pony Creek should be done in November 2001, and Joe Ney is scheduled to be completed the first week of October. Councilor Weeks expressed disappointment that the Water Board was not participating in the government access channel. Councilor Spangler commented citizens would like to see the Water Board's meetings on the access channel. Mr. Schab explained the Water Board would like to put special events on the channel and noted funding for the channel had not been budgeted.

COUNCIL MEETING

Flag Salute

Mayor Verger opened the meeting and led the assembly in the salute to the flag.

Consent Calendar

Mayor Verger reviewed the consent calendar which consisted of approval of the minutes from the July 5, 2000 meeting. Councilor Weeks moved to approve the calendar as presented. Councilor Stufflebean seconded the motion which passed with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

Recognition of Safety Town Volunteers by Coos Bay Officer Scott Snyder and North Bend Officer Mike Olson

Officer Scott Snyder reported the Safety Town program has been in existence for ten years and for

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the past two years Coos Bay and North Bend have done the program jointly. The intent of the two-week program is to teach safety skills to four and five year olds in preparation for kindergarten. Officer Mike Olson reported the program is made possible by a number of sponsors who supply materials and help teach the children. He presented a collage of this year's classes to the Bay Area Sportsmans Association in recognition of the Association's funding of the program since 1992. Officers Snyder and Olson presented certificates to high school students who helped teach this year's classes. Sgt Darrell King presented special awards to Susie Moore and Artie George in recognition of their six years of service.

Proclamation for 9-1-1 Awareness Week – September 9th through 17th and Recognition of North Coos 911 Staff by Lori Cooper

Coos Bay Dispatcher Lori Cooper reported Governor Kitzhaber designated the week of September 9-17 as 9-1-1 Awareness Week in Oregon in recognition of the people who work behind the scenes. Ms. Cooper read the proclamation to the assembly and presented certificates to Koren Fare, Tia Akers, Sheri Smith, Michelle Kirby, Sherri Layton, Rhonda Wilson, Cathy Stringer, Jude Isaacson and Tammy Lounsbury.

Report on Bay Area First Step by Roberta Grenier

Roberta Grenier, Director of Bay Area First Step, explained First Step is a 90-day transitional housing program for individuals recovering from drug and alcohol dependency. The first 30 days are spent in intensive outpatient treatment and by the time the patient has completed the program they are employed and are a part of the community. The program began in 1997 and focuses on putting families back together and providing a strong support system for people in treatment. First Step is currently in the process of acquiring an eight unit apartment complex as well as property to construct a new 90-day transitional home. Mayor Verger inquired if the program is court mandated and Ms. Grenier people are accepted only if they are truly committed to treatment. She further explained First Step works with Mental Health Department, Newmark Center, South Coast Business Development, and provides counseling as well.

Department Head Report by Carol Ventgen

Library Director Carol Ventgen reported the summer program has been completed, with the new school year new activities are planned, and the Friends of the Library have funded the children's programs for 24 years from proceeds raised by the used book sales. The American Girl's tea party will be held again this year and will include a display of American Girl dolls, and a special Halloween program will be held Saturday, October 28th. Extended open hours have shown an increase in items checked out per day from 1100 to 1200. Oregon ranks 4th in the nation per capita in library use at almost ten books per person being checked out. Coos Bay is at 11.8. City Manager Bill Grile congratulated Ms. Ventgen on 25 years of service with the City.

Award of Bid for the North Front Street Paving Project

City Manager Bill Grile reported the project has been worked on for two years using \$150,000 in grant monies from the ODOT Fund Exchange Program. Bids were received from Bracelin-Yeager in the amount of \$239,293.15 and Johnson Rock Products in the amount of \$247,893.00. The project requires an additional \$54,211. Mr. Grile explained the project includes using a rubber material along the train rails to

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lengthen the life of the street. The railroad declined to partner with the city on the project. Staff is recommending awarding the bid to Bracelin-Yeager with the additional funding to be taken from Urban Renewal.

Councilor Spangler disagreed with using taxpayer dollars to maintain the railroad track. Mr. Grile commented without replacing the rails and ties the street would fail. Mr. Ericson of Dyer Partnership, reported problems would arise if the city paved the street without replacing the ties and part of the improvements include gauging the rails. Councilor Stufflebean commented if the city does not address the rail problems and resurfaces the street, the railroad company's neglect would cause problems with the street. \$46,353 of the bid is for tie replacement and regauging the rails. Mayor Verger commented if the street is to be improved, the rails should be repaired. Councilor Benetti commented only a portion of the rail lines would be improved. City Attorney Randall Tosh commented the rails go underneath the public right of way and becomes the basis for looking at the improvement as part of the right of way. Consensus of the Council to have staff contact the railroad company about the project and bring the matter back to the Council September 19th.

Authorization to Proceed with the Greenwood/Elm Local Improvement District

City Manager Bill Grile explained the residents of Greenwood Avenue, Elm Avenue and the connecting ally west of North 10th Street are requesting proceeding with a local improvement district. They are also requesting the \$1,000 bond be waived. Mr. Grile reported it has been Council practice when no risk is involved in the city doing the engineering work, the bond has been waived. Councilor Benetti declared a conflict of interest. Councilor Weeks moved to accept the petition to form the Greenwood/Elm local improvement district and waive the \$1000 bond. Councilor Spangler seconded the motion which passed with Mayor Verger and Councilors Spangler, Stufflebean, and Weeks voting aye; Councilors Miller and McKeown were absent; and Councilor Benetti abstaining from the vote.

Review of 10th Street Sewer Improvement Contract

City Manager Bill Grile reported the project is to rehabilitate the sanitary sewer lines serving Anderson Avenue west of South 10th Street. The first phase of the project was completed in 1998; the second phase was designed in 1999 but not completed due to budget constraints. The project was estimated at \$81,000. Two bids were received; Ike Parker Construction for \$141,927.40 and JBS Construction for \$180,313. Staff is recommending the bids be rejected. Councilor Stufflebean moved to reject the bids. Councilor Spangler seconded the motion which passed with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

Public Comments

Sargent Webster, North Bend, expressed concern about the maintenance and liability the proposed Fifth Street Plaza fountain would present.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Bill Grile reported Music and More in Mingus will be held on Saturday, the Boys and Girls Club grand opening will be held on Sunday; and the boardwalk aquarium will be completed by the end of the week. Applications for the Community Services Director position will be accepted through October 20th.

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Mayor and Council Comments

Councilor Weeks apologized for missing the employee luncheon and congratulated the Safety Town volunteers for making the program a success.

Councilor Spangler suggested the city manager contact the port manager about negotiating with the railroad company. He will be attending the Fiber Optics Consortium meeting on the 12th in Eugene to review RFPs.

Councilor Benetti reminded everyone of the Marshfield High School game this weekend; he thanked the Corps of Engineers for the tour of the dredge; and inquired about the plant growth in Mingus Lake. Mr. Grile reported staff has tried several methods and is researching a resolution to the problem.

Councilor Stufflebean commented on receiving phone calls regarding the city paving in front of Sunset School on registration day and the first day of school. He reported he has accepted employment with the Senior Protective Services.

Mayor Verger reported the new location for the Farmer's Market has doubled the size of the event and she encouraged everyone to attend the game Friday night.

Executive Session

Mayor Verger moved to go into executive session pursuant to ORS 192.660 (1) (h) for the purpose of discussing potential litigation. Councilor Weeks seconded the motion which passed with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

The Council reconvened into regular session.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Verger adjourned the meeting to September 19, 2000 at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

Joanne Verger
Mayor of the City of Coos Bay
Coos County, Oregon

ATTEST:

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