

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

July 16, 2000

The minutes of the proceedings of a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Coos Bay, Coos County, Oregon, held at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 500 Central Avenue, Coos Bay, Oregon.

Those Attending

Those present were Mayor Joe Benetti and Councilors Jon Eck, Roger Gould, Anna Marie Larson, and Jeff McKeown. Councilors Cindi Miller and Kevin Stufflebean were absent. City staff present were City Manager Bill Grile, Deputy Recorder Joyce Jansen, City Attorney Nathan McClintock, Community Services Director Shanda Shribbs, Battalion Chief Mark Anderson, Finance Director Janell Howard, Library Director Carol Ventgen, and Police Chief Chuck Knight.

Flag Salute

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

Consent Calendar

Mayor Benetti reviewed the consent calendar which consisted of approval of a card room license for Mary Ann Milburn for the Backstreet Saloon, recommendation for approval of OLCC license renewals, approval of the agreement with PEG Broadcast Services, setting a public hearing for August 13, 2002 for vacation of a portion of Brule Street, and adoption of Resolution 02-24 suspending parking enforcement during the Farmer's Market. The card room license and PEG Broadcast Services agreement were removed from the consent calendar. Councilor McKeown moved to approve the consent calendar as amended. Councilor Eck seconded the motion which passed with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

Report from Marcia Hart Regarding the City Employee Survey

Marcia Hart reported the employee survey was developed with input from employee unions and non-represented employees, and was completed in a confidential manner. There was a 53% return of the surveys and the survey should be thought of as an information gathering tool, not a report card. The questions were developed in six areas: work effectiveness, team orientation, communication, leadership, employment satisfaction and training. The next step will be to hold informational meetings with employees which Ms. Hart will facilitate. Copies of the survey results were distributed to the Council and Mr. Grile thanked Ms. Hart for donation of services to perform the survey beyond the scope of services bargained.

Approval of a Card Room License for Mary Ann Milburn for the Backstreet Saloon

Councilor Larson requested the card room license not be approved because the establishment has a bad reputation. Chief Knight reported a background check had been performed and the Backstreet Saloon met the criteria as established in the City ordinance. Councilor Gould declared a conflict of interest because he represents the applicant. Mayor Benetti moved to approve the cardroom license for Mary Ann Milburn for

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the Backstreet Saloon. Councilor McKeown seconded the motion which passed with Mayor Benetti and Councilors Eck and McKeown voting aye; Councilor Larson voting no; and Councilor Gould abstaining.

Approval of the Agreement with PEG Broadcasting Services

City Attorney Nathan McClintock explained a revision to the agreement was made to Section 4b regarding replacement of equipment by the City. Mayor Benetti moved to approve the revised agreement with PEG Broadcasting Services. Councilor McKeown seconded the motion which passed with Mayor Benetti and Councilors Eck, Larson, and McKeown voting aye; Councilor Gould abstained because he represents PEG Broadcasting Services.

Report from Beve Saukko – Tourism and Promotions

Beve Saukko reported the Tourism Promotions Committee will no longer use the billboard on I5 at Canyonville and plan to use the funds for other advertising. They have hired an agency to come up with an image for the area, the weather cam is being used by KCBY and KVAL, and staff is focusing on bringing conventions to the area.

South Coast Interagency Narcotic Team's Proposal for a Special District – Resolution 02-23

Chief Knight reported revenue for SCINT has been greatly reduced due to changes in search and seizure laws and to continue operating, they are proposing a special district be formed to provide stable funding. The County Commissioners have approved an order to move forward with the election. Chief Knight explained the tax rate would be 14 cents per thousand and although it would limit the City's ability to levy taxes, he recommended the Council support the special district. Councilor Eck moved to adopt Resolution 02-23 supporting a special district for SCINT. Councilor McKeown seconded the motion which passed with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

Award of bid for the 2002 Timber Sale

City Manager Bill Grile reported the high bidder on the timber sale was Menasha Corp. at \$285,000 which is \$100,000 more than anticipated. Mayor Benetti commented the extra funds would go into the carryover. Councilor Gould moved to award the bid to Menasha Corp. in the amount of \$285,000. Councilor Eck seconded the motion which passed with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

Acceptance of the Oregon State Parks and Recreation Grant for improvements to the Mingus Park ballfield by Adoption of Resolution 02-21

City Manager Bill Grile reported staff has evaluated the project and recommend replacing the light poles with metal poles. Consensus of the Council to proceed with the project because in the long run it is the best interest of the facility. Mayor Benetti moved to adopt Resolution 02-21. Councilor McKeown seconded the motion which passed with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

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Public Comments

Jerry Briggs, Coos Bay, reported the required signatures to place consolidation on the ballot have been gathered, and the proposed budget and economic feasibility statement have been prepared. It is estimated consolidation would net a savings of \$858,000. There was discussion regarding more public input on the issue and whether the vote should have been an advisory vote. Councilor Gould commented the committee has gone through the statutory procedure and there is three months to debate and discuss the issue before the election. Councilor McKeown commented the debate over the budget is perplexing because if there is consolidation, the new council would prepare and adopt a final budget. Mayor Benetti reported a joint meeting with North Bend has been set for July 24th for the purpose of examining the petition and determining if it is in property form and contains the number of qualified signatures, and if the consolidated city meets land use issues. City Manager Bill Grile noted the criteria does not require the joint convention to approve the budget. Councilor Gould further explained the governing bodies of each city shall approve the petition and appoint two residents to the charter commission.

Tim Bishop, North Bend, reported North Bend have appointed their members to the Charter Commission and requested Coos Bay make their appointments this evening and then officially make the appointments on July 24th. He explained there is a short time line to complete the charter in time for the general election in November. Mayor Benetti recommended appointing John Whitty and Roger Gould to the commission. Consensus of the Council to appoint John Whitty and Roger Gould as recommended by the Mayor.

City Attorney's Report

City Attorney Nathan McClintock reported a letter had been received from Mr. Evans regarding concerns about the tax exempt status of PEG Broadcasting Services. Mr. McClintock commented PEG Broadcasting has met the requirements of the RFP and they are in the process of obtaining the tax exempt status. He will follow up with a letter to Mr. Evans.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Bill Grile reported other cities in Oregon are also experiencing budget challenges and looking at other revenue sources. The Legislature may be looking at increasing the cap from \$10 to \$12. There is a serious problem with Libby dike and the City has sent a letter to the diking district inquiring how they plan to address the problem. Gordon Ross has experience in this matter and there may be opportunities to obtain permits to do some of the repairs. Battalion Chief Mark Anderson reported with fire season in full swing, the governor has declared a state of emergency which allows the sharing of resources throughout the county, and the cost of activation would be reimbursed.

Council Comments

Councilor Larson commented the July 4th celebration was well attended, and she has received complaints about the audio on Channel 14. Councilor McKeown reported Ron Ophus has been elected as the SCDC chair and their next meeting is on July 24th at 5 p.m. Councilor Eck commented Firefighter Dan Crutchfield handled the arrangements for the July 4th fishing derby and Capt. Randy Miles put the fireworks display together. He noted that both career and volunteers donate a lot of hours to the community and expressed his appreciation for their dedication. Councilor Gould commented SCDC is very active in recruiting small

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businesses to the area as well as retention of current businesses, and reported a convention of poets and writers from around the country were here and plan to return in three years.

Mayor Benetti commented the Bay Area has a lot to offer, we just have to let people know what is here. The July 4th celebration was a big success and he thanked everyone who worked on the event. He reported the Classic Chevy Car tour, Travel Oregon, arrived Sunday bringing 170 cars to town.

Executive Session

Councilor Gould moved to go into executive session pursuant to ORS 192.660 (1) (h) . Councilor McKeown seconded the motion which passed with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye. The Council reconvened into regular session.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Benetti adjourned the meeting to July 24, 2002 in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Joe Benetti, Mayor

ATTEST:

Joyce Jansen, Deputy Recorder