

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

November 5, 2002

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

Those Attending

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

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 a recommendation for approval of an OLCC license for Gussie's Restaurant and Lounge, appointment of Bev Meyers to the Parks Commission, and approval of Resolution 02-30 accepting and appropriating a donation from the Wal-Mart Foundation. Councilor Eck moved to approve the consent calendar as presented. Councilor Miller seconded the motion which passed with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

Proclamations for Recognizing the 25th Anniversary of the Friends of the Library and Designating November as Coos County Library District Appreciation Month

Councilor Stufflebean moved to approve proclamations recognizing the 25th anniversary of the Friends of the Library and Designating November as Coos County Library District Appreciation Month. Councilor Miller seconded the motion which passed with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye. Library Board Chair Curt Benward reported the countywide district provides stable funding for libraries and the cities provide the facilities. Library Board Member Ralph Moore gave a brief history of the formation of the library district and explained the role the Friends play in supporting library programs. Mr. Moore read the proclamation recognizing the contributions of the Friends of the Library and thanked the City Council for their ongoing support. Mr. Benward read the proclamation designating library appreciation month and Mayor Benetti presented the proclamation to Connie Green, President of the Friends of the Library.

Department Head Report by Library Director Carol Ventgen

Library Director Carol Ventgen reported while attending the Oregon Public Libraries meeting last week she spoke on the success of the Coos Bay Friends and noted our group is one of the strongest and largest in the state. Ms. Ventgen also noted that the Coos Library District is used as a model for the state. A celebration of the tenth anniversary of the district will be held in Coquille on Thursday at 7 p.m. Each library in the district will be holding open house program and Coos Bay's will be November 18th. Part of

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the open house will be a demonstration of the new computers and an unveiling of the new county library web site.

Award of Bid for the City Hall Computer Upgrade 2002 Project

Community Services Director Shanda Shribbs reported implementation of the Technology Plan began in 2001/2002 fiscal year and completion of the cable is the next step. A total of six bids were received, two of which were received after bid closure time and not accepted, and one rejected because the bond security was not included. Three bids were considered for the upgrade project and the recommendation is to award to Valley Electrical. Councilor Miller moved to award the bid to Valley Electrical in the amount of \$37,410. Councilor Eck seconded the motion which passed with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

Public Comments

A representative from Cyber Rep, North Bend, commented they have completed their hiring and now have 400 employees.

City Attorney's Report

City Attorney Nathan McClintock reported moving residents out of the McAuley building is proceeding slowly and he has been keeping in contact with the owner.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Bill Grile reported work is proceeding on drafting a residency requirement for emergency response personnel; staff did an excellent job of resolving a traffic issue on North 16th, staff will be working on a fact sheet for the public safety levy; and he will be attending the League of Oregon Cities Conference this week. Mr. Grile revised the staff report format based on comments he received during his annual review and requested Council review the draft.

Council Comments

Councilor Larson inquired what the status was for installation of parking signs at the pedway. Ms. Shribbs commented she will bring options to the Council for their consideration. Councilor Stufflebean reported attending a meeting with Senator Fischer and the message was clear that the legislature will not be addressing tax reform in the coming year. Councilor Miller reported the Downtown Association Halloween safe trick or treating event was successful; the association is working with downtown merchants in preparation for the holidays; and a new recruitment committee is being formed. Councilor Eck reported Judy Weeks' recovery is going well, and the Parks Commission has approved expansion of the Frisbee golf course and work on the Timber Inn island will begin shortly. Councilor Gould congratulated everyone involved with libraries and commended Ms. Ventgen for her participation in helping get the district in place. He expressed disappointment in the legislature's lack of attention to tax reform and suggested everyone talk to their legislators.

Mayor Benetti reported he will be out of town for the League conference and will bring information back to the Council. OCZMA will have a public meeting at the college Wednesday evening to present coastal

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survey information. Mayor Benetti commented it has been a pleasure serving with the Council and he hoped to see them back after the election.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Benetti adjourned the meeting to November 19, 2002 in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Joe Benetti, Mayor

ATTEST:

Joyce Jansen, Deputy Recorder