

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

June 3, 2003

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, Jeff McKeown, and Kevin Stufflebean. Councilor Cindi Miller was absent. City staff present were City Manager Bill Grile, Deputy Recorder Joyce Jansen, City Attorney Nathan McClintock, 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 approval of the May 20, 2003 meeting minutes and adoption of Resolution 03-10 increasing sewer use fees. Councilor Stufflebean moved to approve the consent calendar as presented. Councilor McKeown seconded the motion which passed with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

Department Head Report by Fire Chief Stan Gibson

Chief Gibson reported the city has filed a letter of correction with OR OSHA and will be meeting with legal counsel regarding filing an appeal of the OSHA fines. The department requests the Council move forward with appointing a committee for the firefighter memorial. Chief Gibson reported the Relay for Life will begin June 21st in North Bend and Firefighter Bruce Ramberg will be the grand marshal of the event. Firefighter Dan Crutchfield, coordinator of the hazmat team, explained goals, objectives, training, and operation of the hazmat team. Mr. Crutchfield reported Coos Bay will host the state-wide training session next year and the department will be working with the state on the program.

Report by Marshfield High School Representative Leslie Wall

Leslie Wall reported the annual athletic banquet was held last week, and high school students from Coos and Curry Counties participated in the track meet held at Marshfield High School last week. Ms. Wall expressed appreciation for the opportunity to serve as liaison between the high school and the city council. Mayor Benetti presented Ms. Wall with a bouquet and graduation card from the City Council, and extended the City's best wishes for the future. Councilors also expressed appreciation to Ms. Wall for her representation during the past year.

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Report from Historic Rail Museum Representative Carl Siminow

Carl Siminow, President of the Oregon Coast Historical Railway Society, gave a progress report and reviewed future plans for the railway museum site. Project Director Dick Jamsguard gave a detailed report on the work remaining to be completed, local businesses that have contributed to the project, and the problem of no access to rail tracks due to insurance issues. Mr. Jamsguard commented on the need for a temporary museum facility and the challenges the society is facing in meeting building codes and city ordinances for the building.

Approval to Grant a Non-Exclusive Gas Utility Franchise to Northwest Natural Gas Company

City Attorney Nate McClintock reported the proposed ordinance establishes a franchise with Northwest Natural Gas and sets the franchise at five percent of the company's gross revenue. There was discussion regarding residential hook up fees and permits. Councilor Stufflebean moved to enact the ordinance and Councilor McKeown seconded the motion. Deputy Recorder Joyce Jansen read the ordinance by title only and the ordinance was enacted by the following vote:

Aye:	Mayor Benetti and Councilors Eck, Gould, Larson, McKeown and Stufflebean
No:	None
Absent:	Councilor Miller

City Attorney's Report

City Attorney McClintock reported he has been working through notes left by Randall Tosh and is currently working with the Finance Department regarding a few foreclosures.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Bill Grile reported the new boiler for the Mingus Park pool has been delivered and will be installed in the near future. The designer for the Tug Irene project has been selected and the design will be presented to the Council for a final decision. Mr. Grile commented a consultant from Eugene has been working with staff on renewing the wastewater permits. Renewing the permits is an intricate process and the consultant has done an excellent job. Mr. Grile reported he was not offered the position in Springfield and commented he has enjoyed the Council's support.

Public Comments

Dick Jamsguard, Coos Bay, expressed further concern about the need for a museum building and the need for a retail shop to provide income for the rail museum. Mr. Grile reported the building official has safety concerns with the building. Mayor Benetti commented the railway society should also contact the assessor's office regarding tax issues of operating a gift shop.

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Council Comments

Councilor Larson commented on the progress of the Newmark widening project, expressed concern about the need for more shops in Pony Village Mall, and wished Mr. Grile good luck with his future endeavors. Councilor Stufflebean commented the Empire Lakes camp host has a considerable amount of refuse, and the planters along Newmark are looking bad. Councilor Eck reminded everyone of the Lion's Club Pizza Day and extended congratulations to the Class of 2003. Councilor Gould commented he has learned a great deal about the internal operations of the Water Board through his attendance at their budget committee meetings. He reported the first Randall Carpenter Memorial Golf Tournament was held last weekend in Redmond. The event raised a considerable amount of money which will be used to provide funding to fire departments for training. Councilor McKeown extended congratulations to the area's graduating seniors, reported Bandon Dunes will host a major golf tournament in 2006, and commented on a boat show and festivities will be held June 21st in Agness.

Mayor Benetti reminded the Council of the joint work session with the Planning Commission next Tuesday at 6 p.m. and interviews with Planning Commission applicants will be held at 6 p.m. on June 17th. Rick Kenin has submitted his resignation from the Budget Committee due to a transfer to Texas. Mayor Benetti also expressed congratulations to graduating seniors in Coos Bay and North Bend.

Executive Session

An executive session was held pursuant to ORS 192.660 (1) (d) for the purpose of discussing labor negotiations.

The Council reconvened into regular session

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Benetti adjourned the meeting to June 17, 2003 in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Joe Benetti, Mayor

ATTEST:

Joyce Jansen, Deputy Recorder