

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

December 2, 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, Cindi Miller, and Kevin Stufflebean. Councilor Jeff McKeown was absent. City staff present were City Manager Chuck Knight, City Attorney Nathan McClintock, Deputy Recorder Joyce Jansen, Fire Chief Stan Gibson, Police Chief Eura Washburn, Administrative Assistant Susanne Baker, 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 October 21, 2003 minutes and approval of the October 28, 2003 minutes of the joint City Council and Planning Commission work session. Councilor Stufflebean moved to approve the consent calendar as presented. Councilor Miller seconded the motion which passed with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

Adoption of Resolution 03-27 Adjusting the Rate for Alum Sludge Treatment

Administrative Assistant Susanne Baker reported this is the annual rate adjustment for treating alum sludge from the Coos Bay-North Bend Water Board. Councilor Stufflebean moved to adopt Resolution 03-27. Councilor Miller seconded the motion which passed with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

Department Head Report by Library Director Carol Ventgen

Library Director Carol Ventgen reported the libraries in the county library district use the same data system and the system is managed Data Base Specialist Nancy Price. Ms. Price reported the final software upgrade to the system will be completed December 11th and the new software will provide citizens with the ability to access reference data bases, magazine and newspaper data bases, and their own library records from their home computer. Ms. Price displayed the new library logo and library card.

Councilor Gould requested Ms. Ventgen report on the challenges and issues facing the library board and Ms. Ventgen presented a brief description of library fund distribution formula and the policy for information requests in conjunction with the Patriot Act.

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Report by Sergeant Rodger Craddock on the K-9 Program Fund Raising

Sgt. Rodger Craddock reported the Coos Bay Police Department has utilized police dogs for approximately 30 years and presented a brief history of the department's K9 officers. Sgt. Craddock explained the department is in the process of raising funds to support the K9 program and purchase and train new dogs. One of the fund raising events has been selling raffle tickets for a reconditioned police car. Mayor Benetti drew a ticket from the box and Mr. Rick Middleton was the winner. Sgt. Craddock reported approximately \$10,000 has been raised and several more fund raisers are being planned.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Chuck Knight reported the Parks Commission met regarding the veterans statue and has recommended placing the statue in the southern pavilion on the boardwalk. Consensus of the council was to approve the recommendation. Mr. Knight reported the wood for replacing the siding on the Marshfield Sun Building is being milled in Powers and it is anticipated the siding will be installed in the spring. The Newmark project is near completion; the Second and Anderson traffic light has been changed to full cycle; and as customary during the holiday season, staff will not enforce parking restrictions in the downtown core area, with the exception of disabled parking.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Council Comments

Councilor Larson expressed sympathy to Nancy Devereau for the loss of her husband Jack. Councilor Stufflebean commented the Newmark project is looking great and Bus Jam 2003 will be held at Bi-Mart on Saturday afternoon. Councilor Miller reported Bus Jam 2003 is supported by several local businesses and organizations and will be collecting food, clothing, blankets, toys and other items for families in need. Ms. Miller commented on the annual Commission on Children and Families program, and the League of Oregon Cities held several good workshops at their conference in November. Councilor Eck reported the Fire Department will be hosting at Shore Acres on the 28th and thanked everyone for attending the firefighters remembrance program last week. He asked if staff could work on converting Anderson Avenue back to one-way traffic. Mayor Benetti commented this is one of the issues being addressed by the Transportation System Plan.

Councilor Gould encouraged councilors and citizens to become familiar with the draft Transportation Plan and further noted there are 34 different changes being recommended in the plan. Councilor Gould suggested the council spend some time discussing the plan and inquired what the consequences of not adopting the plan would be to the city. Councilor Stufflebean commented the city would not have access for funding. Mayor Benetti reported meetings to discuss transportation issues have been held with the consultant, ODOT, and the Downtown Association.

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Councilor Gould commented the Carpenter family is very appreciative of the memorial events for the fallen firefighters, and with the civil and criminal charges being resolved prior to the remembrance, the memorial service helps provide closure for family and friends.

Mayor Benetti reported the annual tree lighting was well attended and thanked the Downtown Association and volunteers for their work on the event. The Holiday Basketball Tournament will be held in Coos Bay December 29th through 31st. This is a fundraiser sponsored by the Booster Club and 16 teams from around Oregon will be participating. Mayor Benetti inquired if the Councilors wished to interview the applicants for the Planning Commission and Councilor Gould recommended waiving the interviewing the candidates as all are known to the Council.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Benetti adjourned the meeting to December 16, 2003 in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Joe Benetti, Mayor

ATTEST:

Joyce Jansen, Deputy Recorder