

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

May 18, 2004

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, Anna Marie Larson, Jeff McKeown, and Kevin Stufflebean. Councilors Roger Gould and Cindi Miller were absent. City staff present were City Manager Chuck Knight, Deputy Recorder Joyce Jansen, City Attorney Nathan McClintock, Fire Chief Stan Gibson, Library Director Carol Ventgen, and Police Chief Eura Washburn.

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 renewal of the library contract, recommendation to approve annual OLCC license renewals for Sunset Pub, Kum Yon's Restaurant, 7-11 Store, Backstreet Saloon, Puerto Vallarta Restaurant, and BPOE #1160, and approval of the May 4, 2004 minutes. Councilor Eck moved to approve the consent calendar as presented. Councilor Larson seconded the motion which passed with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

Report from the Coos Bay- North Bend Water Board By General Manager Rob Schab

Rob Schab, Water Board General Manager, distributed copies of the Water Board's annual report to the City Council, reported on the water capacity of the new dam, and reviewed the Board's position on obtaining water rights from Ten Mile Creek. He further commented many Oregon communities will be watching the Board's progress through the court system regarding the final ruling on the water rights. The court ruled that municipalities are not exempt from the requirement that construction must be completed within five years after receipt of the permit. The water board is appealing the decision and if it is upheld, the ruling would seriously impede cities and water districts in planning for the future.

Mr. Schab reported the City Council had previously approved the Water Board's borrowing \$600,000 towards construction of a pipeline under the bay to the North spit. The Oregon Economic Community Development Department has released grant funds for this project and the Water Board is requesting the City Council authorize a reduction in the loan amount to \$450,000 and authorize staff to proceed with the paperwork and changes to the budget. Councilor McKeown moved to authorize modification of the approval to borrow funds from \$600,000 to \$450,000 and to authorize the Water Board to proceed with the necessary paperwork and changes to the budget. Councilor Stufflebean seconded the motion which passed with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

Presentation by Ed Langerveld – Ocean Air Float Plane

Mr. Langerveld explained he is the owner of the emergency airlift business operating from the North Bend Airport and he has opened another company to give air tours of the Bay Area. Mr. Langerveld reported on the type and number of aircraft used in his businesses and reviewed his operation plan for the bay tours. There was further discussion on the cost of the tours, use of the city dock, and when the tours would be given. Mr. McClintock commented on the need for a walkway from the dock and need for an agreement between the City and Mr. Langerveld. Consensus of the City Council was support of the business and use of the city dock. The city attorney will prepare the agreement for use of the dock.

Award bid for the Sun Building Siding and Window replacement

City Manager Chuck Knight reported the project was approved last May, however, there was a bid discrepancy and the wood siding was not delivered until after the deadline for installation. The project was rebid, and due to the discovery of dry rot, the cost of the project has increased. Councilor McKeown inquired about the type and quality of the siding to be used on the building. Mr. Lionel Youst reported the siding is Douglas Fir and has been pressure treated to extend the life of the product. The lumber is also vertical grain so the siding will not split and the grain will not show when painted. Mr. Youst also commented that Jay Farr, Farr's Hardware, has offered to furnish the paint for the building. Councilor Eck moved to increase the project budget by \$15,000 and award the bid to Steve Auer Construction for \$42,840. Councilor Stufflebean seconded the motion which passed with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye. Mr. McClintock advised that this matter should be approved by the Urban Renewal Agency.

Approval of the Needs and Issues Priority list

Councilor Stufflebean moved to approve the needs and issues priority list as presented. Councilor Eck seconded the motion which passed with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye. City Manager Knight commented the Council may change the priority of the projects in the future and submission of the list allows for the city's projects to be considered for funding by the state and federal agencies that require the projects to have been prioritized the city.

City Attorney's Report

City Attorney McClintock reported city staff has met with the Coos Bay-North Bend Water Board regarding the land swap and he anticipates bringing the item to the City Council for their approval in June.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Knight reminded everyone of the Memorial Day parade on the 29th and the election results will be shown on Channel 14 throughout the evening. The North Bend City Council has agreed to hold the Joint Convention on June 9th which is required after the consolidation vote. The Firefighters Association has signed the agreement approved by the City Council May 4th to extend their contract for one year.

Mr. Knight reported the Planning Commission has reviewed the plans for the Tug Irene display and are recommending the RV dump station on Front Street be removed due to the close proximity to the display and odor from the dump station. There is also concern the station does not meet DEQ requirements. Following a brief discussion regarding the location and the use of the dump station, consensus of the City Council was to have staff contact DEQ regarding the dump station and bring a report back to the Council.

Public Comments

No comments.

Council Comments

Council Eck reported the annual Chinook release at Blossom Creek was well attended and 200,000 salmon were released. Councilor Stufflebean reported the Fire Station Siting Committee meetings have been going well and they plan to report their findings at the June 15th Council meeting. Councilor Larson commented the fish release was a great event and the students receive a lot of joy participating in the project.

Councilor McKeown reported he and the mayor have met several times with representatives from the Fire Department and the meetings have been very positive; staff has a great attitude and presented themselves in a non-confrontational manner. Mayor Benetti stated it is important for the Council in the future to be involved and he recommended opening negotiations immediately for the next round. Councilor McKeown commented the meetings help staff to understand the Council's position and point of view.

Mayor Benetti reminded everyone of the Chamber Business After Hours event being held on Wednesday at the Red Lion. He reported the Empire Association meeting was informative and a number of issues were cleared up regarding urban renewal funding. Mayor Benetti commented it is important for the City Council to stay involved with local groups.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Benetti adjourned the meeting to June 1, 2004 in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Joe Benetti, Mayor

ATTEST:

Joyce Jansen, Deputy Recorder