

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

December 21, 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, Roger Gould, Jeff McKeown, Cindi Miller, John Muenchrath, and Kevin Stufflebean. Councilor Jeff McKeown was absent. City staff present were City Manager Scott McClure, Deputy Recorder Joyce Jansen, City Attorney Nathan McClintock, Operations Administrator Steve Doty, Finance Director Janell Howard, Assistant Library Director Ellen Thompson, and Police Chief Eura Washburn.

Flag Salute

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

Consent Calendar

The consent calendar consisted of the approval of the December 7, 2004 minutes. Mayor Benetti reported on a correction to page 106 at the request of the Deputy Recorder. Councilor Miller moved to approve the consent calendar as corrected. Councilor Stufflebean seconded the motion which passed with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

Review and Appointment of City Council Representatives To Various Committees and Boards

Mayor Benetti briefly reviewed his recommendations for council representatives on the various committees and boards. Councilor Stufflebean requested his position on the Mingus Park Pool Management be as alternate and Councilor Miller as the representative. Mayor Benetti asked for someone to serve on the County Solid Waste Committee. Councilor Gould nominated Councilor McKeown and Councilor Miller seconded the nomination which passed with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye. There were no other changes made to the Mayor's recommendation. Councilor Miller moved to approve the appointments with the changes made by the Council. Councilor Eck seconded the motion which passed with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

Consideration of Award of Bid for the Bay Crossing Project

Operations Administrator Steve Doty reported the Bay Crossing project had been re-bid in the hope of receiving a lower bid. The new bid came in at \$2.3 million, and two bids were rejected due to modification of bid and non-responsive under unit pricing. Mr. Doty reviewed funding commitments for the project from other agencies, including a commitment from the Confederated Tribes, bringing the total to \$600,000. An additional \$200,000 is needed for the project. Mayor Benetti commented the pipeline would benefit the whole county by enabling industrial development on the North Spit.

There was further discussion regarding seeking additional funding from the Oregon Economic Development Department, Charleston Sanitary District, and Coos County, the use of urban renewal funds, and the possibility of using revenue bonds to fund the project. Councilor Gould inquired about funding from the City of North Bend. Mr. Doty reported North Bend had been approached and they declined participation in the project. Mr. Doty reported the bids are valid for 70 days and the waterway permit has been extended. Consensus of the Council was to continue to work on the project and to contact the City of North Bend, Charleston Sanitary, and Coos County for funding.

Presentation by the City Manager on the Status of the Fire Station Project

City Manager Scott McClure reported there is new information and a lot of things to consider regarding the fire station project, and he suggested the City Council have a work session to discuss the project. Consensus of the Council was to meet on January 11th. Councilor Stufflebean commented he would be out of town and not able to attend.

City Attorney's Report

City Attorney Nate McClintock commented his report will be in executive session and he wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Scott McClure reported there are positive proactive things that can be done in the city and requested the City Council consider holding a goal setting session in February. He suggested the Council and staff look for areas in need of improvement and also areas to place holiday lights and decorations. Chief Gibson reported the Fire Department has received a lot of good comments from the public on their decorations and staff is eager to decorate next year. Chief Gibson also reported notification of the final approval of a \$192,000 grant from Homeland Security has been received. The funds will be used to replace the department's self-contained breathing apparatus.

Public Comments

Gary Hanson, Executive Director of Belloni Ranch, Inc., briefly reviewed the development of the youth shelter and the services provided. Mr. Hanson reported on the decline of funding for the facility and noted the Board voted to cease operations of the shelter as of January 31st unless more stable funding is located. He suggested an annual donation of \$25,000 from the City of Coos Bay be considered by the Council. Mr. Hanson reported he would be making presentations to other City Councils in the county, as well as the Coos County Commissioners, and asking for funding. Mayor Benetti commented city grant applications are submitted to the city manager's office for the Budget Committee's consideration.

Council Comments

Councilor Muenchrath commented on his meeting with the city manager and commended the Council on their selection of a city manager. Councilor Stufflebean expressed appreciation for

the holiday lights at city hall and the fire station, and asked Councilor Miller to help with the annual tree lighting ceremony. Councilor Miller wished everyone a Merry Christmas and stated she would be happy to help with the tree lighting event. Councilor Eck reported the Kiwanis Club made progress on cleaning up Ed Lund Park, and he thanked the Fire Department for providing refreshments during the work party. Councilor Gould reported the Boys and Girls Club's annual fundraiser was very successful and the director recently received an invitation to participate in planning the annual conference. Councilor Gould commented Andrew Sirocchi's last meeting in Coos Bay was at the previous council meeting and he commended Mr. Sirocchi on his reporting abilities. Mayor Benetti expressed appreciation to the City Councilors, City Manager Scott McClure, City Attorney Nate McClintock, and staff for their work, and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Executive Session

An executive session was held pursuant to ORS 192.660 (2) (d) for the purpose of discussing labor negotiations.

The City Council reconvened into regular session. Councilor Miller moved to accept the Coos Bay Police Officers' Association's agreement to extend their contract for one year with a 3% cost of living adjustment. Councilor Eck seconded the motion which passed with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Benetti adjourned the meeting to January 4, 2005 in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Joe Benetti, Mayor

ATTEST:

Joyce Jansen, Deputy Recorder