

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

March 15, 2005

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. City staff present were City Manager Scott McClure, Finance Director Janell Howard, City Attorney Nathan McClintock, Fire Chief Stan Gibson, Police Chief Eura Washburn, Police Captain Gary McCullough, Library Director Carol Ventgen, and Assistant Library Director Ellen Thompson.

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 February 15, 2005 minutes and adoption of Resolution 05-03 adopting rules for public contracting. 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.

Appointment to the Coos Bay-North Bend Tourism Promotions Committee

Councilor Stufflebean moved to appoint Don Yost to the Coos Bay-North Bend Tourism Promotions Committee. Councilor Miller seconded the motion which passed with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

Report from South Coast Development Council by Ron Opitz

Ron Opitz gave the council an update on the South Coast Development Council. Mr. Opitz reported there is \$1 billion worth of projects "orbiting" in various stages at this time in our area. He also stated that not all potential projects will be successful, but some will. He discussed several projects including the historic museum, waterfront development, the airport improvements, and the liquid gas project. Mr. Opitz thanked the Council for continuing support of South Coast Development Council.

Tug Irene Project Update

Staff reported the bid came in \$93,000 over budget; however, ODOT will provide the additional money needed for the project from other funds. Councilor Stufflebean asked how the engineering costs could be so high and why the engineers estimate was so far off (62%). Ken Norton from ODOT explained why some fixed costs are a large percentage when you have this

small of a project. Originally the City was awarded \$100,000 of federal ODOT money, so the project was “federalized” which increased the costs. Mayor Benetti the Tug Irene display is a good project it is represents part of the history of our community. Councilor McKeown commented the tug will be a good addition to Front Street. Councilor Miller moved to award all bids for the Tug Irene project. Councilor Eck seconded the motion with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

Department Reports

Fire Chief Stan Gibson updated the Council on a Tsunami workshop he attended in Salem earlier in the month. The group put together a list of items they believe would better prepare communities for a Tsunami, and the list was forwarded to Senator Smith’s office. The cost of the request is approximately \$2.3 million. Library Director Carol Ventgen stated Brian Bond had recently passed away. He was the children’s librarian for Coos Bay Public Library for 12 years, retired a few years ago, worked part-time for Coos Bay and North Bend libraries for several years, and most recently had served as library director in Reedsport. Steve Doty reported a grant application for the Empire Boat Ramp has been submitted. The total project estimate is \$152,000 of which there will be a 10% match.

City Manager’s Report

City Manager McClure suggested an additional Council meeting be held on March 29th to hear presentations from the Empire Association regarding the Hollering Point project and from the Historic Museum on the future building project.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Council Comments

Councilor Miller reported the Blackberry Arts Festival dates of August 27th and 28th, and the Fun Festival will be held the third week of September. She reported the Choshi Bridge Committee met twice in the last week and is moving forward quickly on the replacement of the bridge. A conceptual drawing has been prepared and an estimate on the cost of the bridge is underway. Steve Doty will be submitting the grant application to Oregon Parks and Recreation by April 15th. Councilor Stufflebean said that 422 rooms have been booked for an upcoming Oregon Symphony event and there will be a wine and cheese tasting event at Pony Village in April. Mayor Benetti reported the Tourism Promotions Committee will be funding advertising for the Oregon Symphony event and the Wine and Cheese tasting event at Pony Village. He commented Sean Sullivan from Englewood School has offered to listen to our sound system and attempt to solve our sound problem on Channel 14.

Executive Session

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

Council Minutes – March 15, 2005

The Council reconvened into regular session.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Benetti adjourned the meeting to March 29, 2005.

Joe Benetti, Mayor

ATTEST:

Joyce Jansen, Deputy Recorder