

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

August 16, 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. Interviews with committee applicants were held at 6 p.m. in the Manager's Conference Room at City Hall.

Those Attending

Those present were Mayor Joe Benetti and Councilors Jon Eck, Roger Gould, John Muenchrath, and Kevin Stufflebean. Councilors Cindi Miller and Jeff McKeown were absent. City staff present was City Manager Scott McClure, Deputy Recorder Joyce Jansen, City Attorney Nathan McClintock, Finance Director Janell Howard, Fire Chief Stan Gibson, Police Captain Rodger Craddock and Planning Administrator Laura Barron.

Interviews of Committee Applicants

The City Council interviewed Hilary Baker, Donald Williams, and Don Laiche for the openings on the Building & Fire Code Board of Appeal.

In the absence of the Mayor and Council President, in accordance to Council rules, Deputy Recorder Joyce Jansen opened the meeting and the Council selected Councilor Eck to preside over the meeting.

Flag Salute

Councilor Eck led the assembly in the salute to the flag.

Consent Calendar

Councilor Eck reviewed the consent calendar which consisted of approval of the minutes of the June 21, June 28, and July 5, 2005 meetings. Councilor Stufflebean moved to accept the consent calendar as accepted. Councilor Gould seconded the motion which passed with all Councilors present voting aye.

Public Hearing on the Request to Vacation a Portion of 7th Terrace Between North 8th Street and Park Avenue

Mayor Benetti arrived and assumed his place as presiding officer. Planning Administrator Laura Barron read the public hearing disclosure to the assembly and reviewed the request to vacate a portion of 7th Terrace between North 8th Street and Park Avenue. The applicants are Mr. and Mrs. Dave Wilson and they are requesting the vacation to allow them to replace an existing garage and meet property setback requirements. Mayor Benetti opened the public hearing. Mrs. Wilson explained the old garage is not a standard size and they would like to replace it with a two car garage. There were no other comments and Mayor Benetti closed the public hearing. Councilor Gould moved to approve the request for the street vacation and adopt the Planning Commission's findings as the Council's findings. Councilor Stufflebean seconded the motion.

Deputy Recorder Joyce Jansen read the ordinance by title only and polled the Council. Ordinance No. 373 providing for the vacation of a portion of 7th Terrace located in the Perham Park Addition, Section 27DA, Township 25 South, Range 13 West of the Willamette Meridian, Coos County, Oregon was enacted by the following vote:

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

Consideration of Award of Contract for Wastewater Pump Station No. 3

Replacement of Pump Station 3 is part of the City's replacement schedule and will eliminate the liability of incidents involving overflows into adjacent streets and area businesses. Councilor Eck declared a conflict of interest as his employer will be performing work on the contract. Councilor Stufflebean moved to award the bid to Donald W. Thompson in the amount of \$652,000. Mayor Benetti seconded the motion which passed with Mayor Benetti and Councilors Gould, Muenchrath, and Stufflebean voting aye; Councilor Eck abstaining.

Appointment to the Building/Fire Code Board of Appeal

Appointments to the Building/Fire Code Board of Appeals was made by Council ballot and Hilary Baker and Don Laiche were appointed to the Board.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Scott McClure reviewed the status of the projects list. He reported the new Building Codes Administrator, Barry Hardman, started work today, and interviews for the Community Services Director position will be held on August 26th. Mr. McClure reported a petition has been received from some of the residents on 8th Street in opposition to the street closure. Mayor Benetti suggested staff analyze this matter in the future and no action be taken at this time. Council briefly discussed the safety concerns for closing the street and agreed with the Mayor's recommendation to wait before considering a change.

Public Comments

Lou Leberti, 1725 North 8th, commented the gate closing North 8th Street has been in place for approximately one month and is working well with no complaints.

June Est-Pundt, 787 Newmark, requested the Crowley Marine property be leveled and cleaned up so it could be used for parking. Mr. McClure commented staff is working on obtaining an estimate for the work. Ms. Pundt requested signage be placed on the property indicating it is the future home of the Hollering Place Project. Mr. McClure reported a draft of the sign has been prepared. Ms. Pundt reported the Concerned Citizens of Empire are interested in initiating changes to the Empire design standards. Mayor Benetti commented the proposed changes would need to be presented to the Planning Commission. Mr. McClure invited the Empire Citizens group meet with staff to discuss the proposed changes.

Council Comments

Councilor Stufflebean commented Ocean Blvd is looking good and the night time paving schedule worked well for citizens. Councilor Eck commented the Ocean Blvd project was handled very well and he suggested the Police Department set up the speed trailer to remind motorists of the speed limit. Councilor Gould commented the City partnered with the Boys and Girls Club for the National Kids Day event and it was very successful. It is estimated 800 kids participated and many food and beverage items were donated for the event. Mayor Benetti also commented on the Ocean Blvd project and encouraged citizens to visit Choshi Gardens in Mingus Park.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Benetti adjourned the meeting to September 6, 2005 in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Joe Benetti, Mayor

ATTEST:

Joyce Jansen, Deputy Recorder