

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

November 4, 2003

The minutes of the proceedings of a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Coos Bay, Coos County, Oregon, held at 7:00 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, Anna Marie Larson, Jeff McKeown, Cindi Miller, and Kevin Stufflebean. City Staff present were City Manager Chuck Knight, Deputy Recorder Joyce Jansen, City Attorney Nathan McClintock, Finance Director Janell Howard, 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 adoption of Resolution 03-24 accepting and appropriating a Local Law Enforcement Block Grant, and approval of the Coos Bay Fire Department's Fire Prevention Safety Grant Program. Councilor Eck moved to approve the consent calendar as presented. Councilor Gould seconded the motion, which passed with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

Department Head Report by Fire Chief Stan Gibson

Fire Chief Stan Gibson reported 51 applications had been received for the firefighter position and staff has narrowed the applicants down to the top ten. Interviews will be held Friday and Monday, with an employment offer expected to be made December 15th. Chief Gibson reported Fire Department volunteers will be helping decorate Shore Acres for the annual Holiday Lights event and will host on Sunday, December 28th. The department also participated in the safe trick or treat program and the grant council approved this evening will allow Coos Bay and North Bend Police and Fire Departments to partner in providing the Safety Town program. The Firefighter's Memorial Committee will meet tomorrow evening.

Award of the Engineering Contract for Development of the Facilities Plans and Dechlorination Design for Plants 1 and 2 and for the Storm Water Master Plan

City Manager Chuck Knight reported the Council had previously authorized staff to proceed with RFPs for development of Wastewater Facilities Plans for Plant I and Plant II and a Storm Water Master Plan. The plans will be beneficial when doing pump station upgrades, dealing with storm water issues, and future development in the areas of town that frequently flood. The request for proposal was written to allow the contract for the storm water plan to be awarded separately from the facilities plan and de-chlorination design. Dyer Partnership submitted a bid for the

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storm water plan only, in the amount of \$36,500. Bids for the storm water plan and facilities plan were rec'd from CH2MHill and SHN for \$52,600 and \$236,400; HGE for \$80,000 and \$359,000; HBH and Carollo for \$77,000 and \$308,000; and West Yost for \$65,500 and \$212,500. Mr. Knight reported staff has reviewed the bids and recommends the storm water plan be awarded to the Dyer Partnership and the facilities plan and decoloration design be awarded to West Yost and Associates. Councilor Gould moved to award the contract for the storm water master plan to Dyer Partnership in the amount of \$36,500, and to award the contract for the facilities plan and decoloration design to West Yost and Associates in the amount of \$212,500; and to submit a recommendation to the Urban Renewal Agency for approval of funding for the projects. Councilor Eck seconded the motion which passed with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Chuck Knight reported the project identified for ODOT Exchange Program funding is a portion of South 4th Street between Elrod and Lockhart Avenues. Projected revenue for the building program shows it is paying for itself, with some funds for reserve; the Newmark Improvement Project is approximately three weeks behind due to unforeseen broken lines needing to be replaced; and Bayshore Enterprise has submitted a request to lease a city owned lot in the Front Street area. Consensus of the Council to authorize the city manager to proceed with the lease.

Public Comments

Joyce Tobiska, Coos Bay, representing many of the residents on 26th Street, read a list of concerns regarding temporary access onto 26th Street for the development of Pony Creek Estates. Among the concerns was significant increase in traffic, possible damage to the gravel street, and the possibility that the street would remain permanently open. City Attorney Nate McClintock commented the letter to Mr. Gallagher states the street can be only opened to allow equipment through and the approval was for temporary access only. There was further discussion on the whether to permanently close the street, how long would access be granted, and who would pay for repairs if the street is damaged.

Joel Holken, Coos Bay, inquired if the dates and times were stated in the letter and Mayor Benetti reported specific dates were not stated, but 24-hour notice is required to be given. Mayor Benetti recommended Community Service staff be on site when equipment is being moved. Charles Corliss, Coos Bay, expressed concern the permit for access is open ended and could be extended to allow Mr. Gallagher permanent use. Mayor Benetti commented the letter authorizes one time only and Mr. Gallagher would be required to request authorization for future use.

Council Comments

Councilor Larson reported the Alzheimer's support group held their first walk for fund raising recently and it was very successful. Councilor Larson then read the Alzheimer's prayer to the assembly. Councilor Eck thanked the Vietnam Veterans for donating a statue to the city and asked staff to think of a place to locate the statue. Councilor Gould reported the Firefighter's Memorial Committee is continuing to work on location and design of the memorial, and also on

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plans for the one-year anniversary of the fire. He commented it is important for the community and the council to be familiar with the Transportation System Plan, which will be adopted by the council in January. He suggested further review of the plan would be helpful. Councilor Eck reported he will be out of town and not available for the next meeting.

Mayor Benetti reported Millicoma School has requested a letter of support for their grant application for playground equipment to be submitted to the Coquille Indian Tribal Community Fund. A copy of the draft letter was distributed and consensus of the council to approve the letter for the mayor's signature. Mayor Benetti reminded everyone city hall and the library will be closed on Tuesday for Veteran's Day.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Benetti adjourned the meeting to November 18, 2003, in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Joe Benetti, Mayor

ATTEST:

Joyce Jansen, Deputy Recorder