

## **MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

**April 15, 2003**

The minutes of the proceedings of a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Coos Bay held at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 500 Central Avenue, Coos Bay, Coos County, 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 Bill Grile, Deputy Recorder Joyce Jansen, City Attorney Nathan McClintock, Fire Chief Stan Gibson, Library Director Carol Ventgen, and Police Chief Chuck Knight.

### **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 April 1, 2003 minutes and approval to surplus city vehicles. Councilor Gould moved to approve the consent calendar as presented. Councilor Miller seconded the motion which passed with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

### **Report from Marshfield High School Representative Leslie Wall**

Leslie Wall reported on a number of activities at Marshfield High School including cheer team tryouts, election of class officers for next year, the band concert held this evening, the Junior prom next Saturday, and Spring Fling next week. Spring sports began this week and Ms. Wall invited everyone to attend the Coos County meet on Friday at Prefontaine Track. The participants in the Mr. MHS contest earned \$17,000 for the prenatal unit in Eugene and Ben Looney was selected as Mr. MHS. Ms. Wall reported April Girls of the Month were Amy Wall and Judy Solomon and Boys of the Month were Collin Barber and Will Woods. Graduation will be held on June 7<sup>th</sup>.

### **Presentation of the 'Back to School Week' Proclamation by Linda Clem**

Linda Clem explained Back to School Week activities will be held during the week of April 28<sup>th</sup> through May 2<sup>nd</sup>, and invited members of the City Council and public to attend a breakfast on May 2<sup>nd</sup> at the high school in appreciation for the community's support of students. Councilor Miller moved to adopt the Back to School Week proclamation. Councilor Stufflebean seconded the motion which passed with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

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### **Presentation by Jim Young, State Forestry Department, Of the Annual Tree City USA Award**

Jim Young congratulated the City of Coos Bay on receiving the 2002 Tree City USA award. He commented Coos Bay is one of 37 cities in Oregon to receive the award which recognizes communities for establishing a tree city program. Mr. Young presented Mayor Benetti with the Tree City USA flag.

### **Presentation from the Lions Club**

Councilor Jon Eck, representing the Lions Club, presented Fire Chief Stan Gibson with a donation for purchasing safety equipment for the Fire Department. Councilor Eck commented the club contributed a \$1,000 to the funds Bob Huggins collected for the purchase of the thermo imaging camera.

### **City Attorney's Report**

City Attorney Nathan McClintock reported the attorney representing Mr. Inskeep has filed a tort claim with the City for damages caused by the November 25, 2002 fire. The notice has been submitted to the City's insurance provider for handling. Mr. McClintock expressed condolences to the families of Dick Crow and Steve Clay for their loss.

### **City Manager's Report**

Bill also expressed condolences to the families of Steve Clay and Dick Crow, and noted that Mr. Clay had served on the Planning Commission since 1978. Mr. Grile reported a retirement agreement with Chief Knight has been negotiated, the groundbreaking ceremony for the Newmark project will be scheduled for the first week in May, and a proposal for enhancements to the city dock will be presented to the urban renewal agency in the near future.

### **Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

### **Council Comments**

Members of the Council expressed condolences to family and friends of Steve Clay and Dick Crow. Councilor Larson commented the Firefighters annual awards banquet was wonderful, and the Farmer's Market will open May 28<sup>th</sup>. Councilor Stufflebean reported he will be late to the Budget Committee meeting due to another commitment and missed the Firefighter's banquet due to an out of town meeting. Councilor Miller thanked everyone for their help during her recent illness. Mayor Benetti also expressed condolences to the Crow and Clay families for their loss and noted both men will be missed by the community. Mayor Benetti requested the Council consider dedicating the boardwalk to Steve Clay's memory. The first Budget Committee meeting will be held on Thursday at 7 p.m. Councilor McKeown supported dedicating the boardwalk dedication and encouraged the public to attend the budget meetings to learn more about the challenges the city is facing.

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**Adjourn**

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Benetti adjourned the meeting to May 6, 2003 in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

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Joe Benetti, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Joyce Jansen, Deputy Recorder