

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

December 3, 2019

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 pm in the City Hall Council Chambers 500 Central Avenue, Coos Bay, Oregon.

Those Attending

Those present were Mayor Joe Benetti and Councilors Lucinda DiNovo, Drew Farmer, Stephanie Kilmer, Phil Marler, Carmen Matthews, and Rob Miles. City staff present were City Manager Rodger Craddock, City Attorney Nate McClintock, Finance Director Nichole Rutherford, Deputy Finance Director Melissa Olson, Public Works and Community Development Director Jim Hossley, Fire Chief Mark Anderson, and Police Chief Gary McCullough.

Flag Salute

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

Public Comments

Steve Schneiderman, Coos Bay stated the 18th Annual Bus Jam was scheduled for December 7, 2019. Historically, over 350,000 pounds of food have been delivered and over 7,900 children have received toys. City Manager Rodger Craddock stated city hall was also a drop-off location. Councilor Matthews stated there would be a concert December 7, 2019 at Sharkbites Theater, with proceeds going to support Bus Jam. Councilor Kilmer stated the community has embraced it, everyone has been involved, and it has become the largest collection and distribution effort within the county.

Consent Calendar

Mayor Benetti reviewed the consent calendar which consisted of:

3a: Approval of minutes of November 19, 2019

Councilor DiNovo moved to approve the consent calendar as presented. Councilor Marler seconded the motion which carried. Ayes: Benetti, DiNovo, Farmer, Kilmer, Marler, Matthews, Miles.

Report by Marshfield High School Key Club Member

Marshfield High School (MHS) Key Club representative Zachariah Sahli summarized upcoming Key Club activities, shared various ongoing fundraising activities and achievements by various MHS clubs, committees, and athletic teams.

Consideration of Approval of Emergency Procurement for the Repair of the Secondary Digester at Plant 1

Public Works and Community Development Director Jim Hossley stated the city must procure a contractor under Section 11(b) of Resolution 17-14 to enter into an emergency contract with to repair the secondary digester at Plant 1, located at 680 Ivy Avenue. The digesters at Plant 1 treat sludge from both Plant 1 and Plant 2. If the digesters are not repaired this year, the city stands to risk a permit violation and the inability to land apply next summer. Staff coordinated with Slayden Construction to perform an inspection and anticipated costs for the repair would not exceed \$150,000 with a 15% contingency for a total of \$172,500.

Councilor DiNovo moved to approve the emergency procurement to Slayden Construction on a time and material basis for the repair of the digester for an amount not to exceed of \$172,500. Councilor Kilmer seconded the motion which carried. Ayes: Benetti, DiNovo, Farmer, Kilmer, Marler, Matthews, Miles.

Discussion of Request to Initiate Vacating Right-of-Way near 289 N 11th Street

Public Works and Community Development Director Jim Hossley stated the property owner at 289 N 11th Street requested the city initiate vacation of right-of-way abutting the northeast property line. Local utility companies and city staff reported no comments or concerns. The applicant would be responsible for cost involved with the right-of-way vacation process. Councilor Matthews disclosed the property in question was his and abstained from voting due to the conflict of interest.

Councilor DiNovo moved to authorize staff to proceed with vacation proceedings at 289 N 11th Street. Councilor Miles seconded the motion which carried. Ayes: Benetti, DiNovo, Farmer, Kilmer, Marler, Miles. Abstain: Matthews.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Rodger Craddock stated due to some issues at city hall a new security system with the doors locking at night, but are open during business hours, and have had less incidences within city hall since installed last week. There are call boxes located at the front door off of 5th Street and by the elevator for dispatch to release the doors to allow individuals access to the police department after business hours. Mr. Craddock thanked the Coos Bay Downtown Association, Coos Bay North Bend Visitor & Convention Bureau, K-Dock, Farr's True Value, Councilor Kilmer and everyone who helped make the Christmas tree lighting on November 29, 2019 in downtown a success with over 250 people in attendance. League of Oregon Cities would be utilizing city hall on December 12, 2019 for Municipal Fundamentals Training; of all the sessions scheduled, the Coos Bay session has the highest expected attendance. The Annual Economic Outlook Forum was scheduled for December 13, 2019 with a presentation on the City of Coos Bay front street projects. Noted the committee application openings for budget committee and planning commission were ending on December 5, 2019, but the budget committee opening may be extended, and there would be interviews prior to next council meeting. The Jordan Cove permit hearing process was scheduled for council decision on January 7, 2020; intended to have all reports posted online December 3, 2019, the executive summary was posted with the full report to be posted December 4, 2019. Coos County was looking at a potential bond request to the voters to update their 911 safety radio system estimated to cost to replace at \$3,500,000

and would be going for a county wide vote. North Bend and Coos Bay have their own radio system and are not included; however, both systems are close to the end of their life span as well and we would ask inclusion in the request. The scrap yard purchase was in the final steps with just a few weeks expected until approval of the purchaser agreement adjustments by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and could close January 2020.

Council Comments

Councilor Miles stated Empire Christmas tree lighting and festivities were scheduled for December 7, 2019, in the empty lot by Star of Hope. Councilor Kilmer stated Bus Jam was scheduled for December 7, 2019; thanked the city for the beautiful Christmas tree at the Coos Bay Visitor Information Center; stated nearly 1,000 people attended the showing of Elf at the Egyptian Theatre the previous weekend and collected an estimated 3,000 pairs of socks to be distributed to Coos County schools and various shelters. Councilor DiNovo thanked city staff and city manager for the Christmas trees; they represent the community well. Councilor Marler stated he concurred with Councilor Farmer's Facebook posting of thank as it was an honor to work with everyone, and was thankful for all the thoughtful work that has been done. Councilor Matthews stated he echoed the gratitude; this time of year not everyone had the same opportunities or resources, and was thankful to be surrounded by a group of people willing to help; was excited to be apart of the Bus Jam; and thanked everyone for working with him on the right-of-way vacation. Councilor Farmer thanked the mayor, council, and city staff and stated he would be doing the welcome speech at the League of Oregon Cities training being held at City Hall on December 12, 2019 and would have a lot to talk about with completed projects, those underway, and those planned for the future. Mayor Benetti hoped everyone had a good Thanksgiving; stated the city was fortunate everyone participates and have a caring community; the Bus Jam has expanded; stated there are many things going on in Coos Bay which was a tribute to the council and staff; thanked everyone for filling in for him while he was gone; stated the Christmas tree and decorations were gorgeous; and stated the sock throw at the Egyptian Theatre was a must see.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the council, Mayor Benetti adjourned the meeting. The next regular council meeting was scheduled for December 17, 2019 in the council chambers at city hall.



Joe Benetti, Mayor

Attest: Nichole Rutherford
Nichole Rutherford, City Recorder