

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

October 7, 1997

The minutes of the proceedings of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Coos Bay, Coos County, Oregon, held in the Council Chambers at 7:30 p.m.

Those Present

Those present were Mayor Joanne Verger, Councilors Don Spangler, Kevin Stufflebean, Joe Benetti, Cindi Miller, Judy Weeks, and Jeff McKeown. City staff present were City Manager Bill Grile, City Attorney Randall Tosh, Community Services Director Bruce Meithof, Police Chief Marc Adams, and Acting Deputy Recorder Melanie Johnston.

COUNCIL MEETING

Flag Salute

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

Consent Calendar

Mayor Verger read the consent calendar which consisted of the following items:

- a) Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of September 16, 1997
- b) Adoption of Resolution 97-21 - AFSCME participation in PERS pick up
- c) Accepting 1997 ODOT Fund Exchange Program agreement
- d) Domestic Violence Awareness Month proclamation
- e) Approval of OLCC license change in partnership for Bob's Bistro, Inc.
- f) Oregon Tourism Grant Application

Councilor Miller moved to approve the consent calendar as presented. Councilor Benetti seconded. Councilor Weeks asked if it was a conflict of interest if she was handing out grant applications regarding the Oregon Tourism Grant? City Attorney Tosh said no. Councilor Spangler abstained as he was not present at the last meeting. The motion carried with the Mayor and remaining Councilors voting aye.

Award of Bid - Dike and Sludge Line Repairs

City Manager Bill Grile used the map in the back of the room to indicate the existing sludge line in Eastside leading to the lagoon. He stated that there is a temporary fix in place today and Community Service Director Bruce Meithof sent out bids to fix it permanently. Councilor Miller moved to award the bid to Bob Angel. Councilor Weeks seconded the motion which carried with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

Consideration of Alum Sludge Settlement and Treatment Agreement

City Manager Bill Grile reported about the negotiations with the Coos Bay/North Bend Waterboard to resolve some misunderstandings in regards to the billing for the treatment of the Waterboards alum waste. There are two agreements, the first one, Compromise and Settlement Agreement, which brings to closure any questions regarding the \$68,017.58 owed by the Waterboard to the City for treatment of alum sludge from 1991 thru December 1996. The second agreement, Agreement for Treatment of Alum Sludge, explains the rate the Waterboard will pay for the treatment of their alum sludge waste. The rate is subject to change as the rates are changed. This agreement also provides for minor arrearages. Mayor Verger moved to approve the Compromise and Settlement Agreement, and the Agreement for Treatment of Alum Sludge, and have staff execute them on behalf of the City. Councilor Spangler seconded the motion which carried with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

Designation of Voting Delegate and Alternate for the Annual League of Oregon Cities Business Meeting

City Manager Bill Grile explained that it has been the City's practice to appoint the Mayor as the voting delegate and the Council President as the alternate, for the League of Oregon Cities convention. Councilor Weeks moved to appoint Mayor Verger as the voting delegate, and Council President Joe Benetti as the alternate. Councilor Spangler seconded the motion which carried with all Councilors present voting aye.

Public Comments

Robin Woodlief, Coos Bay, speaking on behalf of the Bay Area Together For Youth, asked Mayor Verger to read the Red Ribbon Celebration Proclamation proclaiming October 23-31, 1997 as Red Ribbon Week for drug-free communities. Mayor Verger read the proclamation into record. Mayor Verger moved to declare October 23-31, 1997 as Red Ribbon Week. Councilor Miller seconded the motion which carried with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

City Attorney's Report

City Attorney Randall Tosh reported that the labor negotiations have been re-scheduled for next Tuesday.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Bill Grile presented the Mayor and Councilors with his report, see attached copy.

Mayor and Council Comments

Councilor McKeown complemented staff on the Waterboard project. He encouraged everyone to attend the Nucor meeting.

Councilor Weeks thanked the Mayor for the invitation to attend the meeting with Grace Crunican, it was a worthwhile meeting. Councilor Weeks stated she was unable to attend the Parks Commission meeting, however she spoke with Steve Doty and he reported the vandalism at the Empire Lakes Community Building.

Councilor Stufflebean thanked Bill Grile and Bruce Meithof for taking care of the water runoff problem on 10th Court. He also thanked Councilor Miller for selling ads for the City News.

Councilor Benetti reiterated encouragement for the Nucor meeting. Councilor Benetti attended the Downtown Association meeting and they are very interested in participating in renaming the downtown Mall Block areas, and being involved in the process. The Downtown Association is also interested in the traffic study. He would like staff to look into lighting the breezeway that accesses the parking lot behind the Egyptian Theater.

Mayor Verger also thanked Councilor Miller for selling ads for the City News and commented the ads did not take away from the context of the paper, and shows support from the community for the paper. Mayor Verger received numerous comments from citizens who felt there was more information in the October issue. Mayor Verger attended the Eastside Fire Station open house, and commented on the appearance and stated that the citizens of Eastside should be pleased when they see the Fire Station. She reported on the walk around at the Library with Public Access T.V. Mayor Verger would like to show her support in renaming the downtown Mall Block areas, stating she likes the idea of using names of historic families, or the name Marshfield.

Executive Session

Mayor Verger moved to meet in executive session pursuant to ORS 192.660 (1) (d) and (h) for the purpose of discussing labor negotiations, and potential litigation. The motion was seconded by Councilor Benetti and passed with all members present voting aye. The City Council discussed the Police and Fire grievances. The Council reconvened into regular session.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Verger adjourned the meeting to October 21, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

Joanne Verger, Mayor

ATTEST:

Joyce Jansen, Deputy Recorder