

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

December 16, 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 Council President Jeff McKeown and Councilors Jon Eck, Roger Gould, Anna Marie Larson, Cindi Miller, and Kevin Stufflebean. Mayor Joe Benetti was absent. City Staff present were City Manager Chuck Knight, Deputy Recorder Joyce Jansen, City Attorney Nathan McClintock, Fire Chief Stan Gibson, Police Chief Eura Washburn, and Library Director Carol Ventgen.

Flag Salute

President McKeown opened the meeting and led the assembly in the salute to the flag.

Consent Calendar

President McKeown reviewed the consent calendar which consisted of approval of the November 4 and November 18, 2003 minutes. Councilor Miller moved to approve the consent calendar as presented. Councilor Stufflebean seconded the motion, which passed with all Councilors present voting aye.

Report by Bill Richardson on the Merger of Les' Sanitary Service Inc. with Waste Connections of Oregon

Mr. Richardson reported approval of the merger of Les' Sanitary with Waste Connections of Oregon would enable the corporation to file only one tax return. City Attorney McClintock commented it is the same corporation so there is no need to change the franchise. Councilor Gould suggested amending the franchise to Waste Connections of Oregon dba Les' Sanitary.

Appointments to the Planning Commission

President McKeown reported there were three positions open on the Planning Commission and applications had been submitted by Chris Christoffer, Chris Coles, Mark Daily, and Rex Miller. The appointments were made by ballot and Chris Coles, Mark Daily, and Rex Miller were appointed to four-year terms on the Planning Commission.

President McKeown expressed appreciation to Chris Christoffer for his interest in serving on the Planning Commission and for his years of service on the Budget Committee.

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Appointments to the Coos Bay-North Bend Tourism Promotions Committee

President McKeown reported Larry Werhan's position on the Coos Bay-North Bend Tourism Promotions Committee and the Chamber's representative, Tricia Benetti, would be expiring December 31, 2003. Mr. Werhan has expressed interest in being reappointed and the Chamber has reappointed Mrs. Benetti as their representative. Councilor Stufflebean moved to reappoint Larry Werhan as the city's representative and to ratify Tricia Benetti's appointment to the Tourism Promotions Committee. Councilor Miller seconded the motion which passed with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

City Attorney's Report

City Attorney Nate McClintock reported the original deadline for adopting a Transportation System Plan was 1997 and the date was extended to February 2004. Transportation funds could be withheld from the city if a plan is not adopted. Mr. McClintock commented the city's consultant for development of the plan was funded by the state and the consultant has recommended the city move ahead and adopt the plan.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Chuck Knight reported DEQ is currently conducting an audit of the wastewater system and will meet with staff to review the report. Mr. Knight met attended the Homebuilders Association meeting last week to swear in the new president and board members, and association members commended Joe McClay and city staff on their professionalism and service. Mr. Knight reported city hall will be closed December 25th and 26th and will close at 3 p.m. on the 24th.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Council Comments

Councilor Gould wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a good New Year. Councilor Eck also wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and reminded everyone the volunteer firefighters will be hosting at Shore Acres on December 28th. He reported the Marshfield High School Winter Concert will be held tomorrow evening.

Councilor Miller wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and reported the Commission on Children and Families Judge Barron Award was given to individuals in the community who have touched the lives of children. Recipients included Greg Young and his wife for their work with the Oregon Lab Band and Kevin Stufflebean and KDOC Radio for the Teen Idol Program. Councilor Miller thanked the community for their generous support of Bus Jam 2003.

Councilor Larson wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a healthy New Year, and encouraged everyone to visit the holiday light display at Shore Acres State Park. Councilor Stufflebean commented Bus Jam 2003 was very successful and will help many needy people in the

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community. Councilor Stufflebean expressed great concern regarding the governor's appointments to the Port Commission and the lack of communication with local people from the state level. He commended Denise Gould for her job of managing the Boys and Girls Club, and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

President McKeown commented the governor's office had contacted a number of people in the community regarding changes to the Port Commission. He would also like to see more communication with Salem from the local level. President McKeown briefly reported on Gary Rifkin's progress on fundraising for the replacement of Choshi Bridge. He encouraged everyone to attend the Winter Concert at the high school and also the Nutcracker performance on the 23rd. President McKeown also wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Council, Council President Jeff McKeown adjourned the meeting to January 6, 2004, in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Jeff McKeown, Council President

ATTEST:

Joyce Jansen, Deputy Recorder