

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

April 20, 2004

The minutes of the proceedings of a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Coos Bay Coos County, Oregon, held at 6 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, and Kevin Stufflebean. Councilor Cindi Miller was absent. 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.

Council Interviews for Appointment to the Coos Bay-North Bend Water Board

The City Council interviewed Kenneth Johnson, Charlie Sharps, Tom Williscroft and Patty Scott for consideration of appointment to fulfill an unexpired term on the Coos Bay-North Bend Water Board. Mayor Benetti and Councilor Miller were not in attendance for the interviews.

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 a recommendation to approve the OLCC license change of ownership and renewal for the Stein Room, and approval of the April 6, 2004 minutes. Councilor Stufflebean moved to approve the consent calendar as presented. Councilor Eck seconded the motion which passed with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

Presentation of the Tree City USA Award

Jim Young, State Forestry Department, congratulated the city on their 10-year anniversary as Tree City USA and presented an award, Tree City USA street signs and flag to Mayor Benetti. Mr. Young commented there are 37 other cities in Oregon designated as Tree City USA communities.

Appointment to the Coos Bay-North Bend Water Board and Presentation of an Appreciation Plaque to Arnie Roblan, Outgoing Board Member

Mayor Benetti thanked the candidates for their interest in being considered for appointment to the Coos Bay-North Bend Water Board. The Council voted by ballot and Charlie Sharps was appointed to fulfill the remainder of the unexpired term.

Mayor Benetti expressed the city's appreciation to Arnie Roblan for serving on the Water Board since 1995 and presented Mr. Roblan with a plaque. Mr. Roblan thanked the Council for the opportunity to serve on the board.

City Attorney's Report

City Attorney Nate McClintock reported the Police Department followed up on Mr. Schniederman's complaint regarding the selling of burn barrels and the person is now aware he needs a business license.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Chuck Knight reported the Lady Washington will be arriving at the city dock in the afternoon of April 28th. Mr. Knight distributed a memo to the Council regarding the flooding issue on Dakota Street.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Council Comments

Councilor Larson congratulated Mr. Sharps on his appointment and thanked the applicants for their interest. Councilor Stufflebean encouraged the applicants to apply for other committee openings and congratulated Mr. Sharps on his appointment. He commended City Manager Chuck Knight and Finance Director Janell Howard for their work on preparing the budget for fiscal year 2004/05. Councilor Eck thanked Mr. Roblan for his service on the Water Board and congratulated Mr. Sharps on his appointment. He reported awards were given to the following firefighters at their annual banquet: Career Officer of the Year Randy Miles, Volunteer Officer of the Year Mike White, Career Firefighter of the Year Russ Thackery, Volunteer Firefighter of the Year Caleb Stewart, and Rookie of the Year Justin Foss.

Councilor Gould also thanked Mr. Roblan for his service and thanked everyone who applied for the position. He invited citizens to attend the city's budget committee meetings to learn about the community and participate in the process. Councilor Stufflebean reported the Charleston Visitor Center has requested to be included in the Tourism Promotions Committee. Consensus of the Council was to approve the request and have the city attorney contact the City of North Bend about amending the agreement to include Charleston on the committee. Councilor McKeown commented Mr. Roblan accomplished a lot during his tenure on the Water Board and thanked him for his service. Councilor McKeown reported SCDC has been pursuing a number of leads both small and large businesses, and congratulated the Progress Club on their 100th anniversary in the Bay Area.

Mayor Benetti reported the Water Board has requested a member from the City Council attend the board's budget meetings. Councilor Gould offered to represent the Council.

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Mayor Benetti commented on a letter from the City of Florence requesting Coos Bay submit a letter to the State Parks and Recreation Department in opposition to the beach closures. After a brief discussion, the Council requested the item be placed on the next council agenda.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Benetti adjourned the meeting to May 4, 2004 in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Joe Benetti, Mayor

ATTEST:

Joyce Jansen, Deputy Recorder