

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

May 16, 2006

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 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, Jeff McKeown, John Muenchrath, and Kevin Stufflebean. Councilors Roger Gould and Cindi Miller were absent. City staff present were Deputy Recorder Joyce Jansen, City Attorney Nate McClintock, Community Services Director Jim Hossley, Finance Director Janell Howard, Fire Chief Stan Gibson, Library Director Carol Ventgen, and Police Capt. Rodger Craddock.

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 OLCC license renewals for Bassett Hyland, Bayway Market, Benetti's Italian Restaurant, Bi-Mart, Coos Bay Grocery Outlet, Eagles Lodge, McKay's Market, Silver Dollar Tavern, TNT Market, and Timber Inn; setting a public hearing on the proposed vacation of the west 150 feet of the alley for Block 6, Bayview addition (ZON2006-00037); and approval of the minutes of March 21, 2006 meeting. Mayor Benetti declared conflict of interest. Councilor Stufflebean moved to approve the consent calendar as presented. Councilor Eck seconded the motion which passed with all Councilors present voting aye.

Approval of Proclamations

Proclaiming May 19th and 20th as Poppy Days. Krisann Owens read the proclamation to the assembly which is attached and hereby made a part of the record, and poppies were presented to Council. Proclaiming May as Mental Health Awareness Month. Debra Babb read the proclamation to the assembly which is attached and hereby made a part of the record. Cathy Pennington reported 23% adults from a diagnosed mental illness each year and briefly explained the services provided by SHAMA House. Ken Hutchinson invited the Council and citizens to the open house on the 24th. Proclaiming May 14th through 20th as Emergency Medical Services Week. Steve Humphrey explained the proclamation recognizes everyone who serves in emergency services. He read the proclamation to the assembly which is attached and hereby made a part of the record. Proclaiming May 27, 2006 as a day to honor those who served the Union during the "War of the Rebellion 1861-1865". Karen Craig, President of Bay Area Kiwanis, reported they sponsor an action club which has put in over 500 hours on the Pioneer Cemetery. She read the proclamation to the assembly which is attached and hereby made a part of the record.

Councilor Stufflebean moved to approve the proclamations. Councilor Eck seconded the motion which passed with Mayor Benetti and all Councilors present voting aye.

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Award of Bid for the Replacement of Choshi Bridge in Mingus Park

Community Services Director Jim Hossley reported bids were received from Donald Thompson Construction for \$175,000; West Board Contractors for \$209,738; and Oregon Wood, Inc. for \$148,700. The bids also included alternate bids for metal handrails, rock veneer, and substituting Doug Fir for White Cedar decking. Funding for the bridge would come from Bike/Pedestrian Fund for \$30,000; State Parks grant for \$50,000; Coquille Tribe grant for \$25,000; and \$8,000 from donations. Staff is recommending Council award the bid to Oregon Woods, Inc. for \$148,700, plus 15% contingency.

Jay Mills, Crow/Clay Architects, reported consultants were used to refine design details and materials to the finest quality. There were three bids received; two local firms and one from Eugene. The Council expressed concern about quality and longevity of the bridge, and the high cost of the project. Mr. Mills commented with proper maintenance, the bridge should last over 100 years. Mayor Benetti commented the bid is much higher than expected. Mr. Mills reviewed the design, construction, and materials to be used in the bridge. Councilor Muenchrath suggested not building the bridge. Councilor Eck commented construction and materials costs have risen significantly recently and he supported proceeding with the project. If the City postpones construction, it is likely the cost will increase. Councilor McKeown commented the project has been put off and put off, and although he doesn't like the cost, he supported moving forward with the project and noted the funds for the bridge is not money that can be spent on salaries. Mayor Benetti also agreed to move forward, considering the funding source, and the likelihood the cost of construction and materials will increase.

Councilor McKeown moved to award the bid to Oregon Wood, Inc. in the amount of \$147,700 which includes the \$1,000 deduct for using Douglas Fir instead of White Cedar, and 15 percent contingency for \$22,155. Councilor Eck seconded the motion which carried with Mayor Benetti and Councilors Eck, McKeown, and Stufflebean voting aye, and Councilor Muenchrath abstaining.

Adoption of Resolution 06-12 Setting Sewer User Rates, Charges, and Fees

Community Services Director Jim Hossley reported the 2006/07 budget includes a 17% increase in sewer rates. Adoption of Resolution 06-12 at this time would allow the City to move forward with the billing process and give the Water Board time to change the computer billing program. Mr. Hossley noted the average home sewer bill will increase around \$3 to \$4 per month. It is estimated the increase will bring \$425,000 in revenue for next fiscal year. Councilor Stufflebean moved to adopt Resolution 06-12 setting sewer user rates, charges, and fees. Councilor Eck seconded the motion which passed with Mayor Benetti and all Councilors present voting aye.

Award of Design Contract for Wastewater Pump Station No. 10 and Accompanying Pressure Main

Community Services Director Jim Hossley reported three firms responded to the RFP for designing Wastewater Pump Station No. 10 and the pressure main. Bids were received from SHN Consulting Engineers & Geologists, Inc. for \$165,759; HBH Engineering for \$107,870; and

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HGE, Inc. for \$111,850. Staff's recommendation is to award the contract to HGE, Inc. HGE originally constructed the pump station in 1966, refurbished it in 1972, and is familiar with the City's wastewater system. Councilor Stufflebean moved to award the contract to HGE, Inc. in the amount of \$111,850. Councilor McKeown seconded the motion which passed with Mayor Benetti and Councilors Eck, McKeown, and Stufflebean voting aye. Councilor Muenchrath voted no.

City Attorney's Report

City Attorney Nate McClintock reported the agreement with the Egyptian Theater Preservation organization will be on the next Urban Renewal Agency agenda for approval.

City Manager's Report

Acting City Manager Janell Howard reported City Manager McClure is out of the office due to his mother passing away over the weekend. Ms. Howard briefly reviewed the status of the projects list and reported changes to the 2006/07 budget will be brought to the Council June 6th. Mayor Benetti suggested the Budget Committee be reconvened to discuss the changes.

Public Comments

Dr. Joseph Morgan, Coos Bay, read a proclamation signed by the governor for Toxic Injury Awareness and Education Month. Dr. Morgan expressed the importance of public awareness of toxic sensitivity.

Council Comments

Councilor McKeown expressed sympathy for the loss of City Manager Scott McClure's mother. Mayor Benetti reported the Heritage Conference Group will be in the Bay Area on Friday and they would like to meet at the Egyptian Theater. The conference will be held at The Mill and will be touring the downtown areas of Coos Bay and North Bend.

Executive Session

An executive session was held pursuant to ORS 192.660 (2) (e) for the purpose of discussing real property transactions. The Council reconvened into regular session.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Benetti adjourned the meeting to June 6, 2006 in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Joe Benetti, Mayor

Attest:

Joyce Jansen, Deputy Recorder