

# **MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

**September 2, 1997**

The minutes of the proceedings of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Coos Bay, Coos County, Oregon, beginning with a work session in the Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m. and proceeding to a regular session in the Council Chambers at 7:30 p.m.

## **Those Present**

Those present were Mayor Joanne Verger, Councilors Joe Benetti, Jeff McKeown, Cindi Miller, Don Spangler, and Kevin Stufflebean. Councilor Judy Weeks was absent. City staff present were City Manager Bill Grile, Deputy Recorder Joyce Jansen, Community Services Director Bruce Meithof, Police Chief Marc Adams, and Fire Chief Stan Gibson.

## **WORK SESSION**

Sgt Kevin Hedgepeth of the Police Department demonstrated the police mobile computer terminal. The terminal is mounted in the police vehicle and allows the police officer to access computer information without going through the dispatch center. Mayor Verger reviewed the items on the agenda. City Manager Bill Grile reviewed the Coos River Highway sewer re-route, and reported one bid had been received. He noted the bid was under the City's estimate for the project and \$17,235 would be paid by FEMA, for a total project cost of \$32,484.25.

## **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 August 19, 1997
- b) Approval to proceed with the Berry property lien
- c) Approval of OLCC license renewal for the Bank Brewing Company

Councilor Miller moved to approve the consent calendar as presented. Councilor Stufflebean seconded the motion which carried with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

### **Enactment of Ordinance No 244 - Renaming of Empire Lakes Park to John Topits Park**

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City Manager Bill Grile said the ordinance is a formality and will make the redesignation of the name on the City's records. Mayor Verger commented on receiving a number of phone calls from citizens expressing their pleasure that Mr. Topits was recognized by the City Council for his work on the park. Councilor Stufflebean moved to enact Ordinance No. 244. Councilor Miller seconded the motion. Deputy Recorder Joyce Jansen read the ordinance by title only and the Council was polled with the following results:

Voting Aye:	Mayor Verger, Councilors Benetti, McKeown, Miller, Spangler, and Stufflebean
Voting No:	None
Absent:	Councilor Weeks

### **Award of Bid for Coos River Highway Sewer Reroute**

City Manager Grile reported one bid had been received from Johnson Rock Products in the amount of \$28,684 and staff's recommendation to accept the bid. He further explained that combined with engineering services of \$3,800 the project comes in just under the budget estimate. Mayor Verger commented the damage was caused last winter and is very costly to repair. She noted that many counties in Oregon will be going out for a levy in November to help pay for this type of repair, however, Coos County will not be going out for such a levy. Councilor Miller moved to award the bid to Johnson Rock Products in the amount of \$28,684.25. Councilor Stufflebean seconded the motion which passed with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

### **Operations Management International, Inc. Presentation by Gary Young**

Mr. Young reported the partnership between OMI and the City of Coos Bay is now a year old and looking back over the year, a number of accomplishments have been made. Mr. Young reported the City will receive a rebate from OMI in the amount of \$4,861.72. He further noted that there would not be an increase in the contract fee. Mayor Verger commented the Council had given a lot of thought to contracting out wastewater treatment and she is pleased with the improvements made and OMI's expertise in handling the City's treatment plants. Mr. Young commented he has an excellent working relationship with Mr. Meithof and city staff.

### **City Manager's Report**

Bill Grile said the Council deserves credit for looking hard at the facts and making a difficult decision to contract out wastewater treatment, and in doing so have saved the citizens a lot of money.

Mr. Grile reviewed interim management of the Finance Department in the absence of Gail George. Mr. Grile reported the League of Oregon Cities will hold a legislative briefing at city hall on September 16<sup>th</sup>. He commended Councilor Miller for helping support the publication of the City News by selling advertising for the paper. Mr. Grile noted a work session with Phill Worth of Kittleson and Associates will be held at 7 p.m. on September 15<sup>th</sup>. The meeting is being held to

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discuss proposals for parking and traffic and no decisions will be made at the meeting. Mr. Grile reported the Design Review Board will hold a public meeting on Wednesday to consider the Empire urban renewal project proposal. Mr. Grile reported the notice of election for the library advisory vote has been filed with the Elections Department and staff will bring a fact sheet to the Council for their consideration. Mayor Verger noted the Library Board has discussed some of the things they would like to do. Mayor Verger commented she has received a number of positive comments about the expansion, and she will be doing a walk around the library tape for channel 14.

### **Mayor and Council Comments**

**Councilor McKeown** said he supports the library expansion and the use of a fact sheet to better inform the voters about the project.

**Councilor Miller** also supports the library expansion and the walk around the library tape for channel 14. She reported attending Meet the Pirates Night and was impressed with the number of students involved.

**Councilor Spangler** complimented Mr. Grile on his approach for management of the Finance Department.

**Councilor Stufflebean** complimented the Jaycees and Downtown Association on the success of the Blackberry Arts Festival. He also supports the library project and the use of a fact sheet.

**Councilor Benetti** also supports the library expansion and reported the no parking next to the skateboard park has helped relieve the traffic congestion. He asked if the City was saving money by not have a staff engineer. Mr. Grile responded the need for different kinds of specialty engineers makes contracting cost effective for the City.

**Mayor Verger** commended Gail George on her work as the City's Finance Director. Mayor Verger thanked Councilor Miller for volunteering to do the advertising for the City News. She commented the newspaper is a good way for the City to get information out to the citizens. Mayor Verger commented the Blackberry Arts Festival and the Air Fair were wonderful and were good opportunities for families to get together.

### **Executive Session**

Mayor moved to meet in executive session. The motion was seconded by Councilor Miller and passed with all members present voting aye. The City Council met in executive session pursuant to ORS 192.660 (1) (d) regarding labor matters.

The Council reconvened into regular session.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Verger adjourned the meeting to September 15, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

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Joanne Verger  
Mayor of the City of Coos Bay  
Coos County, Oregon

ATTEST:

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Joyce Jansen  
Deputy Recorder of the City of Coos Bay  
Coos County, Oregon