

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

October 15, 2019

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 pm in the City Hall Council Chambers 500 Central Avenue, Coos Bay, Oregon.

Those Attending

Those present were Mayor Joe Benetti and Councilors Lucinda DiNovo, Stephanie Kilmer, Phil Marler, Carmen Matthews, and Rob Miles. Councilor Drew Farmer was absent. City staff present were City Manager Rodger Craddock, City Attorney Nate McClintock, Finance Director Nichole Rutherford, Public Works and Community Development Director Jim Hossley, Community Development Administrator Carolyn Johnson, Fire Battalion Chief Jeff Adkins, Police Chief Gary McCullough and Police Captain Chris Chapanar.

Flag Salute

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

Public Comments

Egyptian Theater Preservation Association (ETPA) president Bill Richardson shared the ETPA would be holding a fundraising event on Saturday, October 19, 2019, showing the film Kingpin, and those in attendance are encourage to wear a bowling shirt and enter for the chance to win the actual clear bowling ball used in the film. Funds raised will be used towards replacement of the theater roof. An additional fundraiser will be held in November with the band Captain Blue.

Consideration of Approval of Jordan Cove's Revised Land Use Application Schedule

Mayor Benetti stated the expectation for the review of revised land use application schedule submitted by Jordan Cove Energy Project and that council would not be taking public comments regarding either of the applications, the requested schedule change, or the project in general. Public written documentation could still be submitted through October 31, 2019. City Manager Rodger Craddock provided a review of the process to date, including the initial schedule and the requested revised schedule, the compilation and summary report Lane Council of Governments (LCOG) have been contracted to complete, and the expected process still to come.

Council discussed concerns with changing the previously approved schedule, including full disclosure to citizens to ensure opportunity in participation and ability of council members to have necessary time to review all the documents submitted for review. City Manager Rodger Craddock noted all submitted documents are being placed on the City's website, Community Development page, under Development Applications. LCOG's report would also be placed on the City's website.

Councilor Kilmer moved to adjust the timeline on the application from January 21, 2019 to January 7, 2019. Councilor Marler seconded the motion which carried. Ayes: Benetti, DiNovo, Kilmer, Marler, Miles. Nays: Matthews. Absent: Farmer.

Consent Calendar

Mayor Benetti reviewed the consent calendar which consisted of:

- 3a: Approval of minutes of October 1, 2019
- 3b: Approval of minutes of October 8, 2019
- 3c: Acceptance of September 2019 Check Registers
- 3d: Acceptance of September 2019 Financial Reports
- 3e: Approval of the Fire Department's Acceptance of a 2019 FEMA Grant

Councilor Miles moved to approve the consent calendar as presented. Councilor Marler seconded the motion which carried. Ayes: Benetti, DiNovo, Kilmer, Marler, Matthews, Miles. Absent: Farmer.

Report by Marshfield High School Key Club Members

Marshfield High School (MHS) Key Club representative Emerald Russell summarized upcoming Key Club activities, shared various ongoing fundraising activities and achievements by various MHS clubs, committees, and athletic teams.

Public Hearing to Consider Approval on a Proposed Ordinance Establishing a Franchise Agreement with Level 3 Communications – Approval Would Require Enactment of the Proposed Ordinance

Finance Director Nichole Rutherford stated City staff worked with Level 3 Communications, dba CenturyLink, for a franchise agreement which would allow CenturyLink use of the City's right-of-way (ROW) for installation of a telecommunications network. The proposed agreement provided for the greater of the standard seven percent (7%) of gross revenues earned for use of the ROW, or an annual payment of \$2.00 per lineal foot of line (cable, fiber, etc) installed in the ROW.

Mayor Benetti opened the public hearing. No comments were made and the public hearing was closed.

Councilor DiNovo moved to enact an ordinance establishing a franchise agreement with Level 3 Communications. Councilor Kilmer seconded the motion. Finance Director Nichole Rutherford read the ordinance by title only and Ordinance 519 was enacted by the following vote:

Aye: Benetti, DiNovo, Kilmer, Marler, Matthews, Miles.

Nay: None.

Absent: Farmer.

Public Hearing to Consider a Proposed Solid Waste Franchise Rate Adjustment - Approval Would Require Adoption of Resolution 19-21

Coos Bay Sanitary and Les' Sanitary Services representative Bill Richardson shared what services the company provided to citizens of Coos Bay, as well as, the methodology behind the rate increase requested which equaled 75% of last year's (2018) Consumer Price Index (CPI) which equated to a 2.30% rate increase. If approved, the adjustment would result in a \$0.51 per month increase for a basic 35 gallon residential cart service. The proposed rate increase, if approved by the Council, would take effect on or after November 1, 2019. Council discussed additional service options and relative rates.

Mayor Benetti opened the public hearing. No comments were made and the public hearing was closed.

Councilor Matthews moved to motion to adopt resolution 19-21 approving a solid waste franchise rate adjustment. Councilor Kilmer seconded the motion which carried. Ayes: Benetti, DiNovo, Kilmer, Marler, Matthews, Miles. Absent: Farmer.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Rodger Craddock shared an update on the Empire Urban Renewal District street project and ADA ramp upgrades. Mr. Craddock stated the Empire project was funded by recent bond sale, not the Transportation Utility Fee (TUF). TUF projects would pick back up in the spring. Additionally, staff would be bringing options related to 4th Street improvements for council review and recommendation at an early November work session. Councilor Kilmer asked Mr. Craddock to share the background on the 4th Street improvement project and clarify why it had been delayed. Mr. Craddock shared the evolution of the project from a simple overlay and restriping project to completing street improvements which would also include sidewalk improvements, ADA ramp, and traffic signal replacement, all as required by Oregon Department of Transportation. Mr. Craddock also shared the fire department recently held an open house with over 500 community members in attendance; it was a successful event. Additionally, Mr. Craddock shared Wednesday Farmer's Market has just a few weeks left for the season and the annual Halloween Downtown Trick or Treat and Trunk or Treat were coming up at the end of the month.

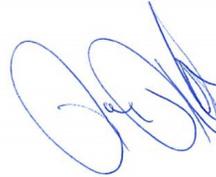
Council Comments

Councilor Kilmer shared more information on the upcoming Halloween festivities in downtown to be held on October 31, 2019 from 3:00-5:00 pm. The radio broadcast community supports the Trunk or Treat and the downtown businesses participating in Trick or Treat will display orange flyers in their windows. Councilor Matthews invited everyone to check our local community calendars to find out about all the activities that happen in our area this time of year, lots of fundraisers and events to enjoy; also thanked council for making entrance into politics an enjoyable one with great collaboration and respect. Mayor Benetti supported Councilor Matthews encouragement to participate in local events and also shared while council has intention to be as transparent as possible and has increased that transparency by recent addition of Facebook live streaming of council meetings, sometimes there are technical difficulties, as happened at the beginning of this meeting. Every effort

would be made to make sure the community has access to information in a timely manner, as well as, work to avoid future technology failure challenges. Mr. Benetti also asked about a process that used to be available to community members who wished to do small paving projects in their neighborhood. Mr. Craddock stated this was on the advanced agenda to discuss street standards and continuing this practice made sense in certain circumstances.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Benetti adjourned the meeting. The next regular Council meeting was scheduled for November 5, 2019 in the Council Chambers at City Hall.



Joe Benetti, Mayor

Attest: Nichole Rutherford
Nichole Rutherford, City Recorder